

# RECTOR'S eNEWS



MICHAELHOUSE

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## Rector's Message

We have just come through an incredibly busy few weeks, and as we look ahead, the pace is not set to slacken just yet. The next few days we will be showcasing the very best of what our school community has to offer, from academics and the arts to competitive sport and camaraderie.

Our boys have been working hard and the academic focus of the last few weeks culminates this Thursday as the examination period comes to an end. There will be little time for a breather, however, as Thursday evening shifts our focus to the arts. We are delighted to invite you to the **Two Schools in Concert** on Thursday night, hosted this year at Hilton College. This is always a spectacular evening that showcases the immense talent of our choir and musicians. I highly recommend attending what promises to be a wonderful celebration of music.

Friday is an important day for our Academic Departments. The E and A Block Open Days will take place and I strongly encourage all parents to use this valuable opportunity to meet with your son's teachers to discuss his progress, celebrate his achievements and address any areas of concern as we move into the second half of the year.

The sporting excitement begins on Friday afternoon with a few hockey fixtures, serving as the curtain-raiser for a big day on Saturday. This weekend, we play host to our traditional rivals for what promises to be a wonderful Derby Day of rugby and hockey.

As we anticipate fierce competition on the fields, let us cheer on our boys with enthusiasm, passion and pride. Let our support be a source of inspiration for them. I ask that all parents, Old Boys and supporters show the utmost respect to the coaches, umpires and referees. Without their dedication, these matches could not happen. We want a day full of highly competitive sport, played and watched with the highest regard for sportsmanship, integrity and mutual enjoyment.

While we welcome the opportunity to connect with friends and enjoy the atmosphere after the final whistle, please remember that Michaelhouse is a residential community where our staff and their families

live. We ask that our guests kindly respect their privacy and help us transition back to our quiet campus routines as the evening begins to draw in.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support of the school and the boys. I look forward to seeing many of you on the sidelines, in the concert hall and around the campus over the next few days.

On a sporting note, I would also like to extend my congratulations to the following staff members who completed the demanding, yet rewarding, Comrades Marathon this past week:  
Mr Paul Snyman in 08:41:28 and Mr Xavier Saunderson in 11:40:05.



Well done Paul and Xavier

The Michaelhouse Youth Day Celebration took place before a packed Chapel congregation, consisting not just of the boys but also our full staff. The service was led by four E Block history students, who have recently studied the events of 16 June 1976 in class. Coordinated by Mrs Lucy Ivins, the boys shared not just the history of the student-led Soweto uprising, but also challenged the Chapel gathering, both boys and adults, to honour the sacrifices made by a previous generation, by courageously using new opportunities to challenge the things that are not right in our own generation. The boys ended their message by pointing to the example of Jesus Himself, and the powerful service concluded with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem.



Thank you, Mrs Lucy Ivins, **Joshua Jeffrey**,  
**Malik Kitule (Brown)**, **Hlabangane Mtshali** and  
**Joshua Higgins**

## Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

### Squash

We would like to congratulate the nine Michaelhouse boys for making the following KZN squash teams. They will be representing their province from 27 June to 1 July at various IPT's across the country.

U19A: **Connor Hatfield**

U19B: **Harry Porter**

U17B: **Kai de Klerk, Graeme Higginson, Cameron Hatfield and James Moodley**

U15B: **Cayden Flockhart, Liam Muller and Ross Warburton**

Well done, too, to Mr Kean de Klerk who has been selected manager of U19B team.



**Connor Hatfield (left) and Harry Porter (right)**



**Liam Muller and Cayden Flockhart**  
(absent: Ross Warburton)



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

## Cross Country

We ran our final league race at Pietermaritzburg Girls' High on 3 June. Despite missing several senior runners due to exams and injuries, the team gave their all with some positive results:

Senior Boys: 37<sup>th</sup> **Zhengfei Li**

Junior Boys: 14<sup>th</sup> **Thato de Almeida**, 16<sup>th</sup> **Harry Christopher** and 20<sup>th</sup> **Londi Nkambule**

Final Overall Season Standings:

Michaelhouse A Seniors: 16<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams

Michaelhouse A Juniors: 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams

Huge congratulations to **Callum Baird**, who placed an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior Category for the season, competing against over 40 runners in each event.

Maritzburg College travelled up to Michaelhouse to compete in both rugby and hockey, with some hockey games played on Friday night. It was a tough fixture, however our boys, once again, showed grit and determination. We played 34 games overall, winning 11, losing 19 and drawing 4.

## Hockey

U14A won 1-0, U14B lost 0-7 and U14C lost 0-5

U16A lost 2-5, U16B lost 0-4, U16C drew 2-2, U16D won 1-0, U16E lost 1-3 and U16F lost 1-4

1st XI won 4-1, 2nd XI drew 1-1, 3rd XI drew 2-2 and 4th XI drew 0-0



1<sup>st</sup> XI winning their game 4-1



Well done to **Ben Heuer** and **Thandanani Zuma** on their 50<sup>th</sup> game, with their coaches Mr Lui Saunders and Mr Nick Berichon



U14D winning their game 1-0 under beautiful winter skies



U16D after their win against College

# Rugby

U14A lost 15-24, U14B lost 0-29, U14C lost 7-40 and U14D lost 12-49

U15A lost 7-20, U15B won 17-15, U15C lost 12-17 and U15D lost 0-59

U16A won 34-26, U16B won 45-13, U16C won 19-15 and U16D lost 7-20

1st XV won 24-17, 2nd XV lost 13-17, 3rd XV won 31-29, 4th XV lost 7-17, 5th XV won 17-7, 6th XV lost 5-14, 7th XV won 28-11, 8th XV lost 4-41 and 9th XV lost 15-30



### *Team of the Week – Mr Ryan Ravenscraft: Head of Sport*

We asked the school to stand up and be counted this weekend and the response from our boys was outstanding. While not every team finished on the winning side of the scoreboard, the grit, determination and willingness to fight for one another were evident throughout the day. One 5<sup>th</sup> team rugby player summed it up perfectly when he said, "This is why we do the 'Dubz fitness' – so we can win at the end." That attitude speaks volumes about the character of our boys.

As always, selecting a Team of the Week is an incredibly difficult task, particularly when there were 11 winning teams across the school. The U14A hockey team produced a superb performance to secure a deserved victory on Friday. The 7<sup>th</sup> rugby team continued their remarkable season and remained unbeaten, a truly special achievement. The defensive effort from the U15B rugby team was exceptional, while the attacking rugby played by the U16B team was a pleasure to watch. The U16 age group as a whole enjoyed a dominant day, with the U16C team also recording an excellent win. The U16A rugby team were deserved victors, and our 1st Teams led the school with pride through their performances and commitment.

With so many deserving candidates, the decision was not easy. However, for their outstanding performance, attacking intent and quality of rugby, this week's Team of the Week is the U16B rugby team. Congratulations.

## Societies

Last Wednesday, the M.E.N Society hosted Mr Lolo Ndlovu, founder of The Sneaker Shack, for a podcast interview and entrepreneurship workshop. The podcast was led by **Harry Steyn** and **Connor McMurray**. Mr Ndlovu shared the story of growing The Sneaker Shack from a single store in Johannesburg in 2017 to a national business with 15 stores, over 50,000 sneakers cleaned annually and 113 employees.

He also reflected on his time studying in Switzerland, where exposure to different systems and thinking helped shape his approach to business and innovation. A strong theme from this experience was the importance of observing global trends and applying them locally to create new opportunities. Drawing on his journey, Mr Ndlovu explained how he identified a gap in the laundry industry, a sector that had seen little innovation for many years. He encouraged the boys to find a niche, solve a real problem and look for changing consumer behaviours that create opportunities for a "new normal".

Mr Ndlovu emphasised the importance of thorough market research while acknowledging that entrepreneurs can never be 100% certain of success. Instead, they need enough conviction to test ideas, take calculated risks and learn along the way. The Sneaker Shack itself began as a small trial in a shipping container before growing into a fully-fledged national business.

He also shared how being the company's first and only employee meant learning every part of the business firsthand. He encouraged the boys to do the same - understanding operations deeply before scaling. Key themes included product-market fit, convenience, opportunity cost and the importance of partnerships and value creation. He also highlighted unique collaborations with companies such as Discovery Limited and MINI.

The session provided valuable insight into entrepreneurship, innovation and the realities of building a successful South African business from the ground up.



M.E.N Society with Mr Lolo Ndlovu

2026 House Challenge Week



**THE 2026 HOUSE CHALLENGE**  
*Main Character Energy*

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

22 - 25 June 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p><b>ACADEMIC LESSONS 22</b></p> <p>07:30 LESSON 1 08:15 LESSON 2 09:00 LESSON 3 09:45 TEA 10:15 LESSON 4 11:00 LESSON 5 11:45 LESSON 6 (A, C, D) LUNCH (B &amp; E) 12:30 LESSON 6 (B, E) LUNCH (A, C, D) 13:30 LESSON 7 (A BLOCK ONLY)</p> <p>13:30 JUNIOR DEBATING SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS 14:45 SENIOR INTERHOUSE HOCKEY 18:30 in the IC</p> <p><b>BRAINWAVE</b> THE CULTURE QUIZ</p>	<p><b>ACADEMIC LESSONS 23</b></p> <p>07:30 LESSON 1 08:15 LESSON 2 09:00 LESSON 3 09:45 TEA 10:15 LESSON 4 11:00 LESSON 5 11:45 LESSON 6 (A, C, D) LUNCH (B &amp; E) 12:30 LESSON 6 (B, E) LUNCH (A, C, D) 13:30 LESSON 7 (A BLOCK ONLY)</p> <p>13:30 SENIOR DEBATING SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS 14:45 JUNIOR INTERHOUSE HOCKEY 18:30 in the IC</p> <p><b>SPOTLIGHT</b> HOUSE ON STAGE</p>	<p><b>ACADEMIC LESSONS 24</b></p> <p>07:30 LESSON 1 08:15 LESSON 2 09:00 FULL SCHOOL EUCHARIST 10:00 TEA 10:15 LESSON 4 11:00 LESSON 5 11:45 LESSON 6 (A, C, D) LUNCH (B &amp; E) 12:30 LESSON 6 (B, E) LUNCH (A, C, D) 13:30 LESSON 7 (A BLOCK ONLY)</p> <p>13:30 JUNIOR DEBATING FINALS (in IC) 14:45 INTERHOUSE HOCKEY FINALS 18:30 in the IC</p> <p><b>NIRVANA</b> — HEADLINE — — TRIBUTE —</p>	<p><b>ACADEMIC LESSONS 25</b></p> <p>07:30 LESSON 1 08:15 LESSON 2 09:00 LESSON 3</p> <p>10:00 SENIOR DEBATING FINALS (in IC) 11:30 SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY 12:00 JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY 12:30 LUNCH (A, B, C) 13:00 LUNCH (D, E) 14:00 ASSEMBLY &amp; CHAPEL</p> <p><b>THE ARENA</b> HOUSE DEBATING</p>

End of Term Arrangements

The second quarter ends next Friday, 26 June 2026. Please note that the final week of term remains an important academic period, including Cultural and Inter-House Challenge Week. **School attendance is compulsory throughout this time.** The end of term Chapel Service is scheduled to start at 14h30 on Thursday 25 June. Boys may depart with their parents after the Chapel service or the following morning.

Bus departures to airports will depart at the stipulated times. Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Durban busses will depart on Friday morning at 07h30.

Please use the Transport Portal to book all your son's transport requirements. Kindly note that bookings for the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will close on **Monday 22 June**.

For any transport queries please contact **Mrs Nirvana Naicker**, the School's Transport Co-ordinator on [nivnai@michaelhouse.org](mailto:nivnai@michaelhouse.org)

## BravHer -Pupil Initiative

For those unfamiliar, BravHer is a Michaelhouse student initiative dedicated to empowering young women across KwaZulu-Natal by ensuring access to basic dignities, starting with menstrual hygiene products. The initiative was originally founded in 2024 by three Michaelhouse A Block boys and has been reinvigorated this year by **Nkanyezi Ndlovu, Sihle Ludonga, Michael Ngorima** and **Leruo Sento**, a new team of students committed to carrying that mission forward.

We will be hosting a donation drive at the Michaelhouse-Hilton Derby, one of the most celebrated occasions in our school calendar. We will be accepting donations in the form of money or women's hygiene products, sanitary pads in particular.

Everything collected will go directly toward community outreach later in the year, reaching girls and women in schools and communities that need it most.

We ask that you come ready to give. Your support, however small, makes a real difference.

**Michaelhouse BravHER Organisation**  
Boys Building Bravery: Empowering HER Through Unity and Support

BravHER is a community partnership organisation driven to empower young women from childhood to womanhood, fostering a community where they are ensured the dignity to navigate life's challenges and pursue their dreams.

"Boys Building Bravery: Empowering HER through Unity and Support."

**DONATE VIA ZAPPER**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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**Michaelhouse BravHER Organisation**  
Boys Building Bravery: Empowering HER Through Unity and Support

**ORGANISATION**

- Empowering young women
- Restoring dignity
- Raising awareness

**IMPACT THROUGH**

- Charity Events
- Sanitary Equipment Drives
- Community Empowerment
- Fostering Support Systems

**PLAN OF ACTION**  
Joining Michaelhouse's Community partnership and prestigious schools of South Africa through:

- Charities
- Social Events
- Competitions
- Drop Box Donations
- Social media partnerships
- Donations

**Supporting Underfunded Schools**

Junior Schools with 1000 kids:

- Ikussalethu Primary
- Ndlelenhle Primary
- Katlehong Primary
- Zimele Primary
- Manzini Primary

Senior Schools with 1000 kids:

- Winnie Secondary
- Ponego Secondary
- Palm Ridge Ext 6
- DR tambo Secondary
- Zonkizizwe Secondary

www.bravherza.com

Social Media Platform: Instagram: [www.instagram.com/bravher.saj](https://www.instagram.com/bravher.saj)

**EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN**

**RESTORING DIGNITY**

**RAISING AWARENESS**

Effective fundraising is based on relationships —Jeffrey Deitch

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Sihle Ludonga, Nkanyezi Ndlovu, Michael Ngorima, Leruo Sento

## Michaelhouse-Hilton Derby Day – 20 June

Please click on the image below to read more about the Michaelhouse-Hilton Derby Day.



Kindly take note of the following important information:

- No ticket sales at the gate
- Collect your stickers at the various pick-up points – **no sticker no entry**
- No dogs allowed on campus
- No outside caterers
- No open fires

## Two Schools in Concert – 18 June

Please click on the image below to book your tickets



## Parents who Pray

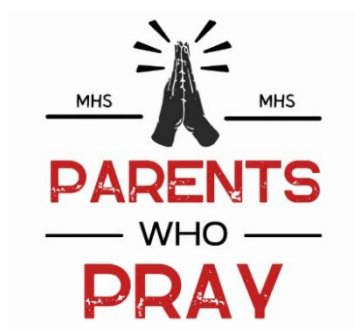
During Derby Day, we warmly invite you to visit the Chapel and spend a few quiet moments at the prayer and reflection stations created by Parents Who Pray. Amidst the excitement of the day, the Chapel will offer a peaceful space to pause, pray, reflect and be encouraged. The stations explore themes of humility, self-control, courage, gratitude and faith and are open to all throughout the day.

Whether you stay for a few minutes or a little longer, we would love for you to join us.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

We look forward to welcoming you.



An open invitation to E and A Block  
parents  
to pray for our boys

**19 June 13:00 - 13:30**

*In the Chapel look out for signage  
Parents that Pray*



All are warmly invited to visit the Chapel  
on Derby Day for a moment of prayer,  
reflection and encouragement through  
our interactive prayer stations.

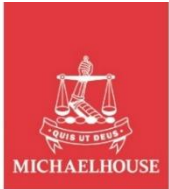
**20 June All day event**



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## Michaelhouse Science Winter School

# SCIENCE WINTER SCHOOL



Get help from expert teachers who know what it takes. Enjoy a week of study and fun on the amazing Michaelhouse campus – bring your padel racket!

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** – this week counts towards the Gold Residential Project!

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- The programme will cover the whole IEB curriculum
- (7 Physics and 7 Chemistry topics).
- IEB and NSC Learners in Grade 11 and 12 welcome.
- Accommodation and meals at Michaelhouse included.
- Transport to and from Michaelhouse available at a nominal extra fee.
- Limited spaces available.

Secure your space by completing the form




**SIGN UP HERE**

**COST:**  
R5500 per person (for the week)

## Feeling nervous about Trials and Finals?

Need some help to achieve your A for Science?

**29 JUNE - 3 JULY 2026**



For more information on the curriculum covered please click [here](#) or email Mr Clint Sliedricht on [ClSli@michaelhouse.org](mailto:ClSli@michaelhouse.org).



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It has been a wonderfully busy few days for Old Boys across the globe, with our community making its presence felt on multiple fronts.

Sunday was a particularly busy sporting day with Old Boys Geoff Brink (Founders 2015), Kurt Martin (West 2015), Rob Pearse (Farfield 2001), Joshua Moon (West 2012), David Geard (Pascoe 2015), Grant Kennedy (Founders 1999), Tim Walwy (Mackenzie 1999) and Doug Osler (West 1999) lacing up for the Comrades Marathon.



Kurt Martin, with his siblings, at the finish



Rob Pearse (left) completing his first Comrades in 08:13:45



Luc Maitre supporting his friend, Geoff Brink in his first Comrades

Meanwhile, across the globe in London, at Wimbledon Cricket Club, Michaelhouse Old Boys' Cricket Club took on St Andrew's College Old Boys' Cricket Club. The match went down to the final ball and MHS OBs held their nerve to claim victory, the first in the history of the Old Boys' Cricket Club. The game was live-streamed, drawing supporters from back home and as far afield as Hong Kong.



Representing a spread of years, from the Class of 2013 through to 2023:

Top row (L to R): Luc Pousson (2019), Connor Grealy (2013), Declan Newton (2018),  
Dan Kramer (2013), Jono Thurling (2013) and Brandon Tattam (2014)

Bottom row (L to R): William Norton (2018), Murray Judge (2017)(c), Nic van der Bos  
(2013), James Gush (2019) and Liam Furniss (2015)

With my best wishes

**WIN DE WET**  
**ACTING RECTOR**

## RUGBY vs HILTON COLLEGE

Saturday 20 June 2026 (Home)



TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
	*SPELLING	Meadows	14:15
1st	Hilton College	Meadows	14:45
2nd	Hilton College	Meadows	13:00
3rd	Hilton College	Meadows	10:30
4th	Hilton College	Meadows	09:30
5th	Hilton College	Meadows	08:30
6th	Hilton College	Far Meadows	10:30
7th	Hilton College	Far Meadows	09:30
8th	Wembley College	Holleys	10:00
U16A	Hilton College	Meadows	11:45
U16B	Hilton College	Tarpeys	09:30
U16C	Hilton College	Tarpeys	08:30
U16D	Hilton College	Tarpeys	10:30
U15A	Hilton College	Baileys	10:30
U15B	Hilton College	Baileys	08:30
U15C	Hilton College	Far Meadows	11:30
U15D	Wembley College	Holleys	09:00
U14A	Hilton College	Baileys	09:30
U14B	Hilton College	Baileys	11:30
U14C	Hilton College	Far Meadows	08:30

\*Denotes away games

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## HOCKEY vs HILTON COLLEGE

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June 2026 (Home)



DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
19 June	U16C	Hilton College	Punchbowl	17:00
19 June	U16E	Hilton College	Aitkens	16:00
19 June	U16F	Hilton College	Punchbowl	15:00
19 June	U14B	Hilton College	Punchbowl	16:00
19 June	U14C	Hilton College	Aitkens	15:00
20 June	1st	Hilton College	Punchbowl	11:30
20 June	2nd	Hilton College	Punchbowl	10:15
20 June	3rd	Hilton College	Aitkens	10:00
20 June	4th	Hilton College	Aitkens	09:00
20 June	5th	Hilton College	Aitkens	08:00
20 June	U16A	Hilton College	Punchbowl	09:00
20 June	U16B	Hilton College	Aitkens	12:45
20 June	U16D	Hilton College	Punchbowl	12:45
20 June	U14A	Hilton College	Punchbowl	08:00

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