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Rector's Message

On Friday afternoon the Michaelhouse community gathered in our magnificent chapel for a service for my institution as Rector of Michaelhouse. There was some debate as to whether the service was an institution or an installation or an investiture – but I have it on good account that it was a service of institution. By that I gather I have now been officially institutionalised! The Bishop of Natal, Nkosinathi Ndwandwe, led the service and his sermon was pertinent and thoughtful. One line resonated especially: “Leadership flourishes best within a community marked by trust, grace and shared purpose.” It elegantly articulates my thoughts on leadership, and it is my hope for Michaelhouse that this is indeed a community built on trust, grace and shared purpose.



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To that end, I had the opportunity to address all Michaelhouse staff – teaching and operational – last week before the boys returned to school. My message focused on one core belief: our purpose at Michaelhouse is first and foremost to help our boys to become good at learning. Everything else is secondary. If our boys become good at learning, everything else follows from that. Of course, learning is not restricted to the academic pursuit of knowledge – which has intrinsic value – but it includes learning of all kinds and in all places so that when our boys leave here as young men, they have the confidence and skills to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Taking a step back, it is essential that boys learn how to learn, and that they understand how they learn, so that they can take ownership of the process. In assembly, I asked the boys whether they could arrange the days of the week in alphabetical order, without collaborating or writing anything down. For the record, the sequence is Friday, Monday, Saturday, Sunday, Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It is hard work, but, given enough time, most of us can manage it. I then asked them to do the same with the twelve months of the year. Very quickly, our working memory becomes full and our brains begin to struggle. This is an example of ‘cognitive overload’ and a reminder that our working memory can process only so much information at any one time: it is a scarce and finite resource. Our long-term memory, by contrast, has an almost limitless capacity. If we were to commit the months in alphabetical order to long-term memory, we should be able to retrieve the sequence whenever we wished. The central challenge in learning, therefore, is how we transfer knowledge from our limited working memory into our long-term memory, from which it can be readily retrieved – like our times tables, if we were diligent enough back at Prep School!

This took me on to challenge the boys to be mindful of developing good habits. Research into habit formation suggests that it can take up to two months of daily repetition for something to become embedded in memory. At that point, we no longer need to do something intentionally, it just becomes part of our automatised routine. It is effortless – and importantly – it uses up no working memory and reduces the cognitive stress creating capacity for other things.

The example I used came on the back of having watched the British Open Golf Championship. I find it amazing how consistent the pros are in hitting their drivers off the tee. The biomechanics of a full-blooded drive are remarkably complex and for most beginners the number of technical things to remember causes us to be incapable of hitting the ball consistently straight. Yet through the repetition of hitting thousands of golf balls – intentionally and effortfully – the task becomes more and more natural and automatised. It means that the pros have available working memory to assess wind direction, lie of the ball, the placement, shape, spin, etc.

I will keep encouraging the effortful engagement with the development of good habits, whilst at the same time, helping our boys to understand what it takes to become good at learning.

As the week draws to a close, our A Block boys will be looking forward to the Matric Dance on Saturday. I am sure it will be a special occasion.

A Block Geography Excursion

The annual A Block Geography day trip to the Markets of Warwick and the Durban Point Precinct took place on Friday, 24 July, and it proved to be the highlight we always look forward to.

The learning started before we even hit the highway. The drive down gave us a front-row seat to atmospheric physics in action – from navigating radiation fog in Lidgetton to watching the temperature gauge climb as we dropped in altitude. Leaving a frosty -2°C in Balgowan and stepping out into a balmy 18°C in Durban was a practical lesson no textbook can match!

Our first major stop, the Markets of Warwick, felt noticeably quieter this year. It gave the boys a stark, real-world glimpse into how the recent migration of people back to their home countries has visibly altered local foot traffic and micro-economies. Yet, the vibrant spirit of the market sellers remains as resilient as ever.

As always, the Bovine Head Market stole the show. Watching the vendors expertly carve and simmer the meat in massive cauldrons is a sensory overload. Actually sampling the delicacy remains a true rite of passage (strictly for the brave). Over at the Impepho and Lime Market, the boys received an eye-opening lesson in Zulu cultural traditions and the humbling reality of the daily lives of the women who trade there. To round off the market visit, the colourful Bead Market was a huge hit, with plenty of boys picking up handcrafted gifts for parents and girlfriends. Our reflection session at the end tied all these sights and sounds directly back to our classroom curriculum.

We wrapped up the day down at the Durban Point Precinct for a look at settlement patterns and urban gentrification. Walking through what was once a neglected corner of the city highlighted the incredible history, investment and transformation that turned this precinct into a safe, thriving modern hub. It was a brilliant day out – full of deep learning, great laughs and a memorable taste of KZN culture.



SARB Challenge

We are thrilled to report that the Michaelhouse team, consisting of **Brent Tayengwa**, **Thomas Wayne**, **Rendani Nonge** and **Khashane Maenetje** has been selected to the top 10 finalists, out of 184 school's submissions.

This is Michaelhouse's third year in a row, being chosen as finalists, which is an unprecedented achievement. In 2025, the Michaelhouse team, led by Reily Elliot placed third and in 2024, the inaugural team to achieve top 10 status, led by Luke Kaufmann placed second.

The 2026 team spent Tuesday, 28 July in a workshop with Mr Nimrod Lidovho, a senior official at the SARB, to prepare them for the next stage of the competition. They will be travelling to the SARB

headquarters in Pretoria on Tuesday, 4 August for the Monetary Policy Committee schools' challenge finalists judging session. Here they will present their monetary policy statement to a group of Reserve Bank economists, after which they are required to defend their research by answering questions posed to them by the panel.

We congratulate them on this fine achievement, and we wish them well as they prepare for the rigorous next stage of the competition. The winner's announcement will be live streamed via the Reserve Bank YouTube channel on 18 August. Good luck to them!



Brent Tayengwa, Rendani Nonge, Mr Nimrod Lidovho, Thomas Wayne, Khashane Maenetje

Next Biosciences Entrepreneurial Week in Biotech



Raif Jinnah and Luneziwe Mshengu pitching their concept to the panel

Next Biosciences ("NextBio") was delighted to host two boys from Michaelhouse, **Luneziwe Mshengu** and **Raif Jinnah**, at the *Next Biosciences Entrepreneurial Week in Biotech*, held in Johannesburg during the first week of July.

Luneziwe and Raif were the youngest participants in an exceptionally strong cohort, with 17 university students (all female) studying science at undergraduate, honours, and master's levels. Despite their age, both boys impressed facilitators and their peers with their maturity, curiosity and sharp thinking.

Throughout the week, participants were immersed in the many different aspects of building and operating a biotechnology business. They experienced hands-on lab work in stem cell processing and genetic testing, explored the science of making ice-cream with liquid nitrogen and met *Mitochondria*, the AI-powered robodog.

The boys presented a compelling and innovative concept for a human health dashboard that would use biomarkers to display the biological age of a person's different organs. The aim would be to identify potential dysfunction at an early stage, allowing individuals to take proactive steps to improve their health and ultimately add more life to their years. Their company was called Beacon with the tagline: "See Tomorrow. Today". Their outstanding presentation won them the award for *Best Pitch Pair*.

Kim Hulett, Founder and CEO of Next Biosciences, said: "We loved having Luneziwe and Raif on the programme. They represented Michaelhouse with distinction and earned the respect of both the facilitators and the university students. Both boys have incredibly bright futures ahead of them. I look forward to watching their journeys unfold as Luneziwe pursues his ambition of becoming a medical doctor and Raif continues to explore his passion for science."

Academic Achievements

Top Ten

Based on the 2nd 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
Graydon Leslie	3	Founders
Rhys Watson	4	McCormick
Rendani Nonge	5	West
Matthew Hunter	6	McCormick
Jake McDonald	7	West
Nate Ross-Kent	8	Founders
Tyron Kaufmann	9	East
Otto von Claer	10	Farfield

Name	Position	House
B BLOCK		
Oliver Thompson	1	McCormick
Luneziwe Mshengu	2	Pascoe
Raif Jinnah	3	Pascoe
Zhengfei Li	4	McCormick
Griffon Erasmus	5	Founders
Connor Wilson	6	East
William Wadman	7	Pascoe
Matthew Cassidy	8	Pascoe
William Aylward	9	East
Mvelo Zondo	10	Pascoe

Name	Position	House
C BLOCK		
Leonardo Van de Dronker Derbynew	1	Pascoe
Sam Porter	2	Farfield
Calvin Purdy	3	Mackenzie
Kayur Jagadasan	4	Mackenzie
Connor McMurray	5	West
Matthew Gerber	6	West
Owen Pelser	7	Farfield
Matthew Godbold	8	Founders
Nishay Sudhoowa	9	Mackenzie
Oliver Pluke	10	Tatham

Name	Position	House
D BLOCK		
Charlie Parham	1	Baines
Joshua Gruitjers	2	McCormick
Rohan Erasmus	3	Founders
Mitchell Guy	4	Tatham
Charlie Porter	5	Farfield
Moagi Mbhele	6	Ralfe
Samuel Strachan	7	McCormick
Teddy Harvey	8	Farfield
Likhonkcolomzi Filtane	9	East
Isaac O'Brien	10	Ralfe

Name	Position	House
E BLOCK		
Cole Cotton	1	Mackenzie
Kiran Hattingh	2	Pascoe
Oliver Bell	3 (tied)	West
Xavi Smith	3 (tied)	Founders
Dirk Arno Pretorius	5	McCormick
Oliver Harvey	6	Founders
Barnaby Webb	7	Ralfe
Jack Denbury	8	Farfield
Luke Ross	9	Baines
Robert Stafford	10	Baines

TARPS – June to November 2026

This programme is designed to reward a limited number of boys in each Block who achieve academic excellence, as well as to extend them. It complements the extension work conducted in Academic Departments but does so typically in a broader fashion beyond the curriculum. To qualify, boys must be in the top five in their Block. In the second half of the year, the group is reconstituted based on the mid-year results and the E Block join the group at this point.

Name	Surname	House	Block
Thomas	Wayne	Ralfe	A
Etienne	Weyers	Pascoe	A
Graydon	Leslie	Founders	A
Rhys	Watson	McCormick	A
Matthew	Hunter	McCormick	A
Oliver	Thompson	McCormick	B
Luneziwe	Mshengu	Pascoe	B
Raif	Jinnah	Pascoe	B
Zhengfei	Li	McCormick	B
Griffon	Erasmus	Founders	B
Connor	Wilson	East	B
Leonardo	Van De Dronker Derbynew	Pascoe	C
Sam	Porter	Farfield	C
Kayur	Jagadasan	Mackenzie	C
Calvin	Purdy	Mackenzie	C
Bright	Matchaya	Baines	C
Matthew	Gerber	West	C
Charlie	Parham	Baines	D
Joshua	Gruijters	McCormick	D
Rohan	Erasmus	Founders	D
Mitchell	Guy	Tatham	D
Charlie	Porter	Farfield	D

Cole	Cotton	Mackenzie	E
Dirk Arno	Pretorius	McCormick	E
Kiran	Hattingh	Pascoe	E
Xavi	Smith	Founders	E
Oliver	Bell	West	E
MIC : Mrs Tanith von Mayer			

Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

Debating and Public Speaking

This past holiday, **Oliver Thompson** participated in the pre-Worlds Schools Debating Tournament in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as part of the South African Senior Debating Team. Oliver qualifies for pre-Worlds, as opposed to the Worlds Tournament, by virtue only of the fact that he is still in Grade 11. His team was one of 32 others, coming from over nine different countries and they won the non-Worlds schools division in the final, beating a strong Kenyan team. Oliver has, once again, done his school, and his country, proud.



Oliver Thompson with his winning SA team

Last weekend, **Tanaka Chinyoka, Connor McMurray, Oliver Thompson, Rhys Watson, Charlie Parham, Mutale Sunkutu, Katlego Ramusi** and **Joshua Higgins** travelled to Durban to participate in the KZN Provincial Debating tournament, having been selected for the PMB team following an excellent debating season.

The tournament runs over 3 days and involves up to 9 rounds of debating and debating prep, mostly across 12 hour days and finishing at 19h00 on Sunday. It is a huge undertaking for all of them, and they worked incredibly hard and never ran out of energy. Their feedback was positive across the board. Of the 8 boys involved, 7 of them progressed to the quarter-finals along with their teams, 6 to the semi-finals (including **Josh Higgins**, and **Katlego Ramusi**, our two E Block debaters) and both Katlego's team and Oliver's team made it all the way to the finals of their divisions.

Oliver's team ultimately won the tournament, following an outstanding outlining of the case and final reply speech by Oliver. Oliver was ranked 3rd best reply speaker for the tournament and 3rd best senior debater

overall. Charlie won the award for 5th best reply speaker and was ranked 10th best junior speaker overall.

Oliver, Charlie and Mutale were then selected for the KZN debating squads. These are exceptional achievements and we are so proud of our Michaelhouse debaters. The KZN boys will now begin rigorous training in preparation for possible selection to participate in the National tournament in December.



The provincial debating participants, with their coaches, Mr Kean de Klerk and Mrs Sally Cahill

Marimbas

The marimba programme at Michaelhouse is unique in many ways. Built on a tradition that is rooted in indigenous philosophy, Michaelhouse specializes in teaching important skills through the use of the African marimbas. While traditional Western musical training often prioritizes solo technical mastery, rigorous individual performance, and competitive perfectionism, African music-making is rooted in a philosophy that emphasizes group participation, collective performance and inclusivity.

Michaelhouse hosted the first **South African National Schools Marimba Competition in 2025**. A year later the competition doubled in size with a staggering total of 41 bands converging on the campus, with participating teams traveling from seven of South Africa's nine provinces. These included bands from St John's College, King Edward VII Boys School, Grey College, Eunice Girls High School, Jeppe, Northwood, St Mary's Kloof, St Benedict's, De la Salle, St Peter's, Merrifield, Queen's College, Curro Hillcrest, Beaulieu, and many more.

Now officially established as the largest school marimba competition in South Africa, this event was structured into three distinct divisions: primary, development and high school sections. In the high school section of the competition, the bands competed in male, female and mixed categories, allowing the different kinds of bands to retain their unique way of performing. To challenge the participating bands and showcase versatility, performances were adjudicated across five different musical categories – requiring the bands to present music of a variety of origins and styles.

As the hosts, Michaelhouse entered three separate bands: both our junior and second team bands in the development section, whilst the competition marimba band featured prominently in the premier band section where they placed second overall, losing only to Northwood's competition band in the finals. The

competition was adjudicated by 6 professional musicians from across the country – all being performers in their own right.

Beyond the competitive rounds, the competition featured an extraordinary headline concert by celebrated maskandi duo, Qadasi & Maqhingana, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

What truly sets this national gathering apart from other inter-school competitions is its deep commitment to fostering collaboration, mutual respect and healthy sportsmanship. In the absence of any other school-specific African marimba tournaments of this scale, the competition stands as a vital cultural anchor and a true testament to the power of shared music-making.



Snapshots from the 2nd SA National Schools Marimba Competition

Over the past weekend, the Competition Marimba Band travelled to Johannesburg to represent the school at the prestigious Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Festival. Competing against premier bands from across South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, and as far afield as the USA and South America, our boys delivered a performance for the history books. Whilst the competition was hosted by St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls in Boksburg, there were certain categories which allowed schools in remote areas to compete online. The festival features school and community ensembles competing across multiple age groups and technical categories, designed to be fully inclusive, it features performances from public, independent, and special needs schools, as well as teams of all abilities.

The 18-man Michaelhouse squad competed across all four available categories and achieved a clean sweep, taking home Gold in every single category - a historic first for a Michaelhouse band (or any other band) at this competition. On top of this remarkable feat, they were officially crowned the best high school band at the festival after winning the Proudly South African/African category.

Beyond the trophies, the boys distinguished themselves as consummate professionals both on and off the stage. Their tenacity and grit perfectly captured our new motto, "Live to be heard." Festival attendees continuously praised the boys for their exceptional manners, stage presence and professionalism. In fact, Michaelhouse became the must-see act of the weekend, with crowds leaving workshops and gathering from all over the venue just to catch their performances. They were not only the undisputed winners, but the clear crowd favourites.

Special mention must be made of the captain, **Michael Ngorima**, who has maintained his motivation, composure and belief in his teams' ability to win. Together with **Ben Viljoen**, and **Nate Ross-Kent**, the band and showed unbelievable tenacity and strength of character. The team consisted of **Michael Ngorima** (captain), **Ben Viljoen**, **Harry Steyn**, **Nathi Radebe**, **Likho Filtane**, **Jabulani Nyenwa**, **Mvelo Zondo**, **Hlumisa Mphulwana**, **Valentino Zedde**, **Mikahael Geemooi**, **Simpfiwe Kona**, **Luthando Mxego**, **Caleb Lennert**, **Thembekile Ntuli**, **Thabiso Nthoba**, **Katleho Ramosunya**, **Powers Motsileng**, and **Lwandle Dube**.



The Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band at the 2026 International Competition

Congratulations to the pupils below who received their awards at assembly on Monday:

Sports Awards

Half Colours

Rugby - **Reece Cole**, **Barend de Bruyn**, **Reese Hill**, **Reece Malga**, **James Mallett**, **Kyan Mokgwatsane**, **Langa Mthethwa**, **Mitchel Rodgers**, **Henco van Loggerenberg**, **Logan van Wyk** and **Oliver Vickery**

Hockey - **Jack Campbell**, **Preston Greene**, **James-Patrick Hayward-Butt**, **Matthew Hunter**, **Henry Love**, **Thibedi Mogoba**, **Hayden Ravenscroft**, **Elliot Springate**, **Matthew Southwood** and **Christopher van Rooyen**

Fly Fishing - **Heath Turner**

Colours

Rugby - **Kumkani Dwenga**, **Fabiano Fierro**, **Laird Hamilton-Brown**, **Trezeguet Hawkins**, **Ben Hughes**, **Sphelo Mfazwe** and **Jed Reilly**

Squash – **Harry Porter**

Hockey – **William Aylward**, **Tom Perkins**, **Daniel Pieterse** and **Charles Purdon**

Honours

Rugby - **Aphelele Chamane**, **Alex Jankowitz** and **Nicola Salamousas**

Squash - **Connor Hatfield**

Hockey - **Graydon Leslie**, **Rourque van Rooyen** and **Henry Yeadon**

Soccer

A big morning of soccer against Westville Boys' High School saw our teams play 28 games, with the following results:

U14A lost 3-1, U14B lost 2-1, U14C lost 2-1, U14D won 3-1, U14E lost 0-5 and U14F lost 6-1

U15A lost 3-1, U15B lost 6-0, U15C lost 0-1, U15D lost 5-1, U15E lost 5-2 and U15F lost 4-1

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

1st XI lost 3-2, 2nd XI drew 1-1, 3rd XI won 3-2, 4th XI won 4-0, 5th XI won 6-1, 6th XI won 2-1, 7th XI won 3-0, 8th XI lost 5-0, 9th XI vs U16G won 3-1 and 10th XI vs U16H won 3-0



Hockey

Friday 24 July saw the annual 1st team hockey dinner take place at the Centenary Centre. The dinner aims to celebrate staff who influenced the club over the season, the boys who represented Michaelhouse with aplomb and of course the parents who have supported us over the years. **Thandanani Zuma** and **Ben Heuer** were presented with their Blocks commemorating their 51 caps each.

Congratulations to the following boys who received on the night:

Butcher Stick - most improved player in his 1st season in the 1st XI: **Thomas Perkins**

McDonald Trophy – voted for by the players: **Thandanani Zuma**

Coaches Trophy – Team Spirit and Sportsmanship: **Graydon Leslie**

Dowie Family Trophy – for skill, sportsmanship, service and humility: **Ben Heuer**

Scott Fraser Trophy for the Player of the Season - is decided by the coaches and was awarded to **Thandanani Zuma**

Coaches of the Year - Messrs Nicholas Berichon and Lwando Saunders

The Thimble Award - Mr Jeremy Cahill

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

To put out 28 teams of soccer including trials and practices, is unbelievable. Based on this time constraint I thought we competed exceptionally throughout. Many of the results were extremely close, and matches could have gone either way.

Notable wins this week were the U16A who were the only A team to win and deserve a special mention and the U14D team managed, by a remarkable resemblance to a Pep Guardiola team, to be the junior team to see green on the scoreboard.

However, the accolade of Team of the Week goes to the 5th XI, for their convincing win of 6-1. Well done, boys!



Team of the Week – 5th soccer team, with their coach, Mr Chris van der Berg

Click on the relevant links below to access the sports fixtures for this weekend:

[Soccer](#)

[Rugby Sevens](#)

Christian Focus Week 2-5 August



SUNDAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

Traditionally hosted every 4–5 years, Christian Focus Week has always been a significant, standout event in the life of the school. Following the incredibly positive feedback from boys, staff and parents last year, we are pleased to introduce a smaller, yet equally meaningful programme for the years in between. This year's CFW will run from **Sunday 2 August to Wednesday 5 August**.

We look forward to welcoming back, among others, Batebang Mapetla (East 2013) and James Kiln (Farfield 2013) to campus for the week

Michaelhouse Community Partnership News

The Michaelhouse Community Partnership Outreach (MCPT) project in our 16 under-resourced community schools is based on the five core pillars of school functionality:

- 1) Principal Leadership Development
- 2) Teacher Support
- 3) Infrastructural Dignity
- 4) Education Technology
- 5) Learning Outcomes

The focus on what we are doing to improve the infrastructural dignity of our schools, is primarily on *hygiene, security and classroom dignity*. We have engaged a local building contractor to assess each school to evaluate its critical needs in this regard. As the pictures below show, the needs are significant. It is well documented that a clean, hygienic and safe school environment plays a vital role in supporting learners' health, wellbeing and ability to succeed.

We are now proud to share the beginnings of a successful upgrade of the existing ablution facilities and classrooms at Bruntville Primary School with 1400 learners aged between 6 and 13.



Existing kitchen washing-up facility



State of the toilets before the upgrade

The project focused on refurbishing and modernising the school's sanitation facilities, 4 toilets blocks, 32 toilets, security doors as well as fixing broken windows – 40 of them – in the classrooms and repairing the perimeter fence. The toilet upgrade included the refurbishment of cubicles, improvements to the boys' urinal area, installation of stainless-steel handwashing stations, interior painting, floor tiling and general repairs. The classroom upgrade included door, ceiling and window repair.

There are three challenges associated with this project:

1. The significant lack of infrastructure spends and maintenance by the Department of Basic Education, many of our schools have 30-year-old equipment and facilities
2. Kitchens were not built or equipped when “free” lunches were provided in 2001
3. There is understandably a lack of school wherewithal and consequent accountability for maintenance and repair, with little or no budget provided in this regard

Commencing this year, MCPT will be requiring principals to sign a ‘pledge’ based on ‘fair exchange’ to improve responsibility and accountability for maintaining the repaired infrastructure. This project reflects MCPT's ongoing commitment to strengthening education through practical and sustainable infrastructural dignity.

Phase 1 at Bruntville Primary School involved ablution facility refurbishment, classroom upgrade and security repair. Phase 2 will involve the upgrade of the kitchen facility. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the successful completion of this project. Together, we are building stronger schools, healthier communities, and brighter futures - one project at a time.



New drinking/hand washing fountain



Refurbished cisterns



Repaired basins



The poster features a photograph of the Michaelhouse building, a large brick structure with a central entrance and a clock tower. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, 'WINTER' is in large, bold, black capital letters, followed by 'Morning' in a gold script font, and 'CONCERT' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, 'FEATURING' is in small capital letters, followed by 'MICHAELHOUSE' in large, bold, black capital letters, and 'ORCHESTRA' in smaller, bold, black capital letters. A tagline 'A morning of music and brunch' is in a gold script font. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular badge that says 'ORDER A BOTTLE OF Bubbles FOR THE TABLE'. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text '10AM | SUNDAY | 2 AUGUST', 'R180PP INCLUDES A DELICIOUS BRUNCH OPTION AND COFFEE OR TEA', 'HIGHGATE WINE ESTATE', 'BOOK 0664492620', and 'RESERVATIONS REQUIRED'. There are also logos for Highgate Wine Estate and Michaelhouse.

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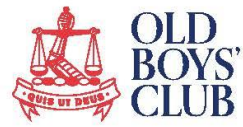
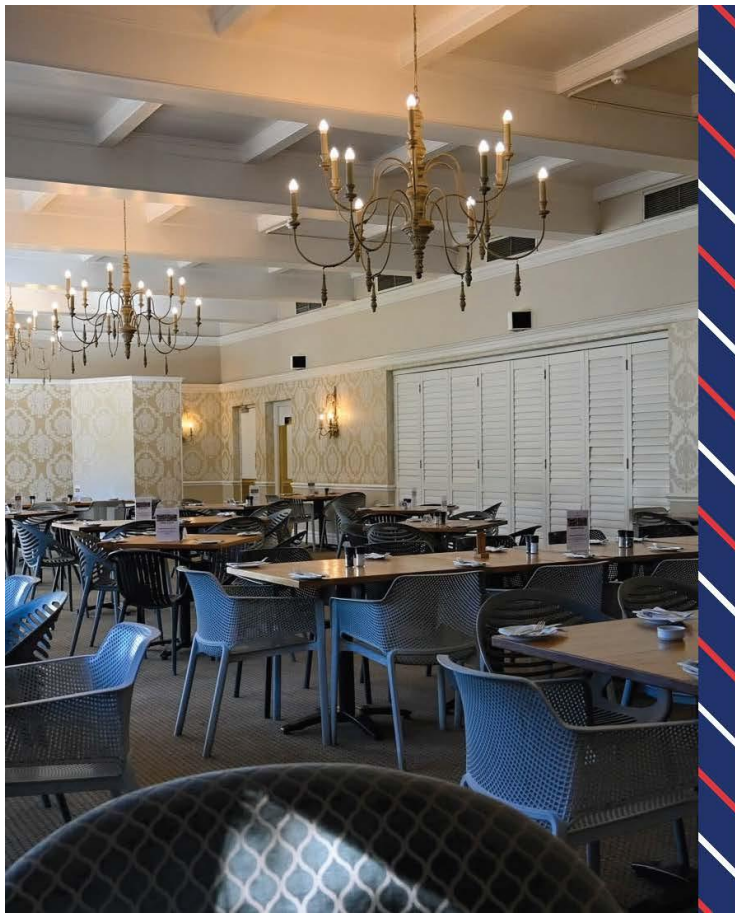
Michaelhouse Bank Confirmation Letter 2026

Please click [here](#) for the Bank Confirmation Letter from our Financial Director.

Old Boys' News

Michaelhouse parent Mr Ivan Muir has dedicated a great deal of energy and time to a very important project: compiling a full picture of the lives and personalities of the 127 young Michaelhouse Old Boys who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Second World War. If you are the descendant of any of these brave men or who happen to know anyone who knows absolutely anything about any of them, please contact Ivan on ivan@afzeliazambia.com with anecdotes, diaries, photographs or anything else which might help us to remember their lives more respectfully.

Click [here](#) for the list of the 127 Michaelhouse Old Boys



The Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club Johannesburg
Branch invite you to join us for our

ANNUAL DINNER

6pm for 6.30pm

on 20 August 2026

**at The Terrace Room, Johannesburg
Country Club, Auckland Park**

Dress Code: Formal (Suit/Jacket & Tie)

Cost: R600



CLICK TO RSVP

This year we celebrate Dr Basil Hersov's 100th birthday and warmly welcome our new Rector, Bart Wielenga. Join us as we honour Dr Hersov's remarkable milestone and the extraordinary contribution he has made to Michaelhouse over so many years. We also look forward to welcoming Bart and hearing his vision and plans for the future of the School as he begins this exciting new chapter. A truly memorable evening awaits.

With my best wishes

**MR BART WIELENGA
RECTOR**



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