

MICHAELHOUSE
THE CHRONICLE

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Michaelhouse, the Anglican Diocesan College of Natal, was founded in 1896 and is a South African boarding school for senior boys, with an international reputation. Situated on a secure estate in the beautiful Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal, the school has a fully residential staff which facilitates a high level of pastoral care and interaction with the pupils. The distinctive architecture of interlinked quadrangles inspires a sense of belonging amongst the 567 boys.

VALUES

To live our lives according to the Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion and courage in service to our community and country.

MISSION

To provide a dynamic and progressive education for boys that respects individual needs and embraces diversity and change in pursuit of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, while providing social and leadership skills and nurturing spiritual growth.

VISION

â\200\234Our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but men; men of understanding, thought and culture.â\200\235

Canon James Cameron Todd, Founder Of Michaelhouse
(Speech Day 1897)

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

in the life of Michaelhouse. One more year woven into

the rich and intricate history of the School. This includes the boys, parents, Old Boys, staff and greater Michaelhouse community. The pictures and narratives show just the products of the interactions, relationships and hard work which take place mostly behind the scenes and which are often unsung, but which make Michaelhouse the unique and wonderful place that it is.

Te: 2018 edition of the Chronicle records another episode

This has been a year of massive development on many fronts. This brief time saw the opening of the new Science Building and the Heritage Centre; laying of foundation stones of Ralfe and McCormick Houses and planning for the second AstroTurf and significant upgrade of the gym. These developments herald a new era for boys: Fairfield and West Housemasters's homes are now attached to these Houses. The Sciences teaching facility is world-class with few equals around the globe. The Heritage Centre celebrates and displays the Michaelhouse journey since its origin in Loop Street in 1896 and provides a welcoming home for Old Boys and visitors. The second AstroTurf addresses the demand for hockey and the changing nature of the game which in competitive realms is no longer played on grass. The upgraded gym facilitates a programme to improve boys's wellness and physical conditioning in an era where screen-time and sedentary lifestyles are leading to reduced fitness and general health.

Transformation and inclusivity have been focal points this year, through themes, with learning programmes and guest speakers. The efforts of staff's academic and support's have been publicly noted and applauded at assemblies and similar occasions.

Systems and facilities for staff meals have been implemented to ensure equity across all departments. The chapters ahead report on a vast number of diverse highlights and the achievements of teams, clubs, societies and departments. Many of the boys's individual accomplishments relate to their personal goals. These will be recorded as the memories they created during the year; from completing the day's cycle or summiting Langalibalele Pass on the C Block Journey, being selected to that team or reaching that target in the exams to connecting with a child on an outreach programme, which are all part of the bouquets which comprise the year for 560-odd boys.

The staff of all departments are thanked for making 2018 a wonderful and successful year. To those who went the extra mile to ensure that clothes were clean, fields were pristine, food was excellent, gardens were beautiful, transport was provided at all hours of the day and night, the sick were cared for, dormitories cleaned, and facilities were maintained and lessons carefully prepared, your contributions to the outstanding team which is Michaelhouse are greatly appreciated.

The Matric results achieved by the class of 2018 are outstanding and reflect the efforts of the boys and the dedication of the teaching staff.

Members of the Board of Governors, too, are thanked for the time, wisdom and advice they have provided in service to the

School; for help with legal and financial matters and guidance with policies, all essential for schools, but remote from the core business of education. In particular I wish to acknowledge Ant Hewat and Thabo Dloti for their support during the year.

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boarding school for senior boys with an international reputation. The School is governed by a Board

made up of significant South Africans. At the heart of the School's academic, pastoral, spiritual

and cultural endeavours is a fully resident academic staff complement whose daily role it is to nurture, guide and encourage our boys.

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STAFF LEAVING

e said farewell to the following full-time members of
Wisers staff during the course of 2018. Mr Sizo
Chalufu leaves Balgovan after almost seven years as the
Head of the isiZulu Department. He departs for Johannesburg
where he will be taking up the position of Dean of Instruction at
Novus Pioneer School 200\224 Ormonde Campus. Mrs Sibu Chalufu

leaves after two years as the Community Partnership Manager-
ess. Their quiet, gentle leadership will be missed.

Janet Emanuel joined us eight years ago, having retired as a
headmistress, to provide academic support and individual tuition
to many of our boys. We wish her a happy second retirement.

Leon Roets left the academic staff after a year 200\231s stay to take up
an HoD position at Redhill.

Sr Hayley Woolridge left after four-and-a-half years as the
Nursing Services Manager in the Sanatorium. Jill Brewitt also
left the San team having also given invaluable medical support
to boys and staff on the C Block Journey.

Bongani Khumalo left after three years on the Intern Programme
with five other interns 200\224 Joshua Knipp, Mparama Msimang,
Sabelo Sithole, Lodewyk Vosloo, and Jason Wulfsohn 200\224
departing after two years on the programme. Gareth van Wyk

left after being a part of the Intern Programme for a year.

TRIBUTES TO STAFF LEAVING AFTER MORE THAN TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

George Ferreira

Written by Mr Tim Jarvis

time he left as an 18-year veteran of the School he had

been Head of Afrikaans, Housemaster of West, Head of Life Orientation, Master in Charge of Athletics, and Master in Charge of the the Agricultural Society.

George Ferreira arrived at Michaelhouse in 2000. By the

George was known by the staff as extremely diligent in all that he did. The annual Inter-House Sports Day always ran like clockwork, such was George's attention to detail. As a Life Orientation teacher I appreciated both his guidance and direction but also the freedom and support he gave to allow me to do things in my own way. George would always speak to other staff directly about issues so even if there was disagreement the way George

dealt with this was valued. He displayed great integrity as a result.

George placed great value on his faith, family and farm. A respected preacher in the Michaelhouse Chapel, George was known for his moral standpoint and concern to live his life according to his beliefs. He practised what he preached. Aside from being with his family there was nothing that he enjoyed more than escaping to his farm in the Free State. When life in boarding school got too much, George would try and retreat to his farm even if it was just for a night.

Anyone who has been a Housemaster, or who can understand what it is like to care for around 70 boys virtually 24/7, will appreciate the stress this can cause. You will imagine my concern then when one Saturday afternoon I came upon George sitting on one of School tractors parked outside the transport

department. Gripping the wheel and staring out vacantly in front of him George gave no indication that he was aware of my approach. I thought that he had finally cracked and gone to his happy place. Just as I was about to phone for help, his young son, and motor enthusiast, popped up and I realised with

relief that this was just some father and son bonding time. I will always keep that image of George with me as it reminds me of his love for both family and farming. With his new job in Gauteng I am sure he will be getting back to the farm as often as he can. Hamba kahle George.

Pushpa Govender

Written by Mrs Pushpa Ramharack

ushpa Govender was a true friend, a pillar of strength in > good times and bad times, someone with whom you could

share your problems and who could relate to any situation you were in. She would always encourage you should you encounter a bad situation at home or at work. Pushpa is a very religious person and when I was faced with a problem that I could not deal with she would always say, "Leave it to God and he will sort it out, everything happens for a reason."

Pushpa started at Michaelhouse in 1989 as the photocopy, post and DRO clerk and on her first day of pinning up the DRO she was amazed by the size of the School; the distance she walked became her exercise each day. During her time at Michaelhouse, she served under five Rectors.

Upon my arrival at the School as the transport and mail clerk, our relationship immediately grew to that of friend, confidant, colleague and mentor. No job was too big or small for Pushpa.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pushpa and Poobie for being there for my family during the tragic death of my dad. For the assistance with meals and the organisation of the memorial service, for the funeral and the monthly prayers. Also for checking on my mum during these difficult times.

Pushpa's hobbies are gardening " I am going to miss the large calabash and other vegetables we used to get from her garden " playing musical instruments, chess, scrabble and baking. Her creative projects are painting of landscapes, crocheting and knitting.

When asked how does she feel about retirement after 30 years of service at Michaelhouse, her answer was: "It will be sad to say goodbye to this beautiful estate after 30 years of entering the Michaelhouse gates every morning; something which always brought me peace and tranquillity passing down Warriors' Walk with its beautiful trees and neatly kept lawns, plants and flowers. I am also very excited to enjoy the next era of my life with family, friends, hobbies, travel and other activities." Pushpa's pride and joy is her grandson Aryan.

On behalf of all my working colleagues and myself we wish Pushpa all the best in her retirement. I would like to end with this saying: "You can be taken out of the workforce, but the work can never be taken out of you. I am confident you'll never stop working on things you love to do." God Bless.

Written by Mr Simon Zondi

Iâ\200\231ve known Pushpa since she came to Michaelhouse, when the photocopy room was still in the quad and AV was where the English Department is now. She is a good lady and a hard worker. She always has a smile on her face and during her years at Michaelhouse we always worked well together. She is areal team player. May god bless her and her family.

Written by Mrs Sally Berriman

Pushpa is a true lady and makes up part of the unique fabric that is Michaelhouse. Her warmth and caring has been so appreciated by all who interacted with her. Her smile and kindness made working with her a joy and a privilege, and there was no task which she would not help with. We hope she will enjoy her family and her home in this next chapter of her life. Go well, special lady and friend.

Msizi Mchunu

Written by Mr Ernest Rindfleisch
rt Msizi Mchunu was a highly thought of and respected stalwart of the Economics Department. It was a well-

M known fact that the boys in his Economics classes performed phenomenally well in their final Matric examinations.

Msizi left us at the end of the third quarter to join the Economics Department at Hilton College. The news of his resignation saddened us in the department and we said goodbye to him with heavy hearts. Msizi will be remembered for his professionalism, his sense of humour and his entrepreneurial mind-set.

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Msizi is a Midlands local who was educated in _ the Pietermaritzburg area and joined the Michaelhouse staff as a young teacher from Howick High School 11 years ago. Mrs de Wet initially mentored him and helped to mould him into the accomplished and experienced Economics teacher that he is today. Outside of the classroom he was also involved on the sports field coaching basketball, soccer, hockey and rugby and he also had a stint as the Master in Charge of basketball.

He thoroughly enjoyed interacting with Michaelhouse boys in general and Farfield boys in particular, and he simply wanted what was best for them. He will be missed by both the boys and the staff alike and we wish him well in his new teaching post.

Rose Mlotshwa
Written by Mrs Shakila Moola

life. Her father worked in the kitchen and her mother in the laundry. She had always lived in the Farm Village before it became known as Zenzane Village, and she lives there

R:: has been associated with Michaelhouse her whole

to this day with her two children and three grand children. Rose began her career at Michaelhouse with a five-year stint as the Assistant Librarian in 1983. She left after five years to work at the Toll Concession but returned to Michaelhouse in 1998 to work in the dormitories until 2000. Rose then became the co-switchboard operator, doing the early morning and late evening shifts. Rose is looking forward to staying at home and looking after her family.

Bongani Patrick Mlotshwa
Written by Mr Tiaan Wilken

Known to most as Mlotshwa, Bongani started his career at Michaelhouse in 2008 and a long career followed, sadly brought

ongani Patrick Mlotshwa has always been known and will be remembered around campus as a friendly, able and willing member of the Michaelhouse family.

to a premature end following a long period of illness in 2017.

Bongani never had a bad word to say about anyone, be it a stranger or a colleague. Always willing to assist where needed, he never let a challenge get him down. A truly valued member of the Maintenance Department who dedicated 11 years of his life to his work here at Michaelhouse in which he took pride. Sorely missed around campus for his sparkling and friendly personality.

Joseph Nxele

Written by Mr Gunther Heyneke

oseph Mpezeni Nxele â\200\224 the respected one. Joseph was Je in 1956 and started working at Michaelhouse in

2005. He was initially a brush cutter but later joined the recycling team. Joseph loves the environment and reduce, re-use and recycle became his motto. He always performed his duties with such precision, dedication and passion and was a respected member of the estate team. He loved what he did to

such extent that he never missed a dayâ\200\231s work; we can all salute him for that.

Joseph unfortunately lost his wife in 2016 but has four beautiful daughters to share his retirement with.

Thank you for setting such a good example to everyone here Joseph, you will be dearly missed.

Wishing you well on your retirement journey. Hamba kahle.

Fred Pitout
Written by Mr Ross Armstrong

Father Fred, has had a long, valuable, and fruitful histo-

C= Fred Pitout, more affectionately known to many as
ry with Michaelhouse.

It all started when Fred attended the School as a boy in 1962, leaving in 1965. He was a member of Baines, which still holds a special place in his heart. I am told that Fred and his mates used to hide cigarettes in old encyclopedias in the library; a tradition I trust has faded over time.

Fred then returned to Michaelhouse as Chaplain at the School in 1986. He served faithfully in this role for six years until 1992. Fred made his mark on the life of the School early and quickly became synonymous with his Morris Minor and his XR500. When told that the alter in the Chapel could not

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be moved, it shouldnâ\200\231t have been a surprise to anybody to discover that Fred had moved the altar himself! Fred quickly became recognised as a confidant and spent a great deal of time with boys who were in trouble. One, who was prone to running away, was talked into an arrangement where he would stop in for tea with Fred and Anne on his way home. This would give Fred time to warn both the boyâ\200\231s Housemaster and parents. A testimony to his ministry is evident in the following comment from an Old Boy: â\200\234The strategic conversations we had, embedded in his deep and profound faith and his overriding commitment to do what is best for Michaelhouse, ensured that the line of sight was kept intact. He was never one to push himself forward and I mention this only because he was always sensitive about being asked to deliver a sermon as he didnâ\200\231t want to tread on anybodyâ\200\231s toes. Of course, that is a good thing, but the other positive out of it was that listening to him was an event to be cherished.â\200\235

Fred then returned to Michaelhouse again in 2009 in the role of

Old Boysâ\200\231 Club Secretary and after nine years of service, will retire at the end of this year. His service to both the School and the OBC has been immense and we are all the better for it.

Fredâ\200\231s institutional memory is second to none. How he recalls the faces, names and events that he does I will never know, but it is a rare talent that will be missed. When there were Eskom power cuts and the OM database were down, we could rely on Fred to be the living, walking database that we could fall back on. Another attribute that stands out is Fredâ\200\231s ability to communicate across generations. Whether he is engaging a young OM at a function or having lunch with the 1952 leavers, Fred seems comfortable in either situation.

Fred has been an incredible asset to the OBC and his passion for the values of the School will be deeply missed. During times of

change, the need for people who are directed by the core values of an institution is incredibly important. Through his guidance we have continually focused on people and maintained an unwavering determination to connect and keep in contact with OMs across the globe.

It would be remiss for me not to mention his amazing wife Anne, who has been his loyal support over the years. Thank you, Anne, for allowing Fred to give so much of his time to Michaelhouse and for allowing us to share him with you over these years.

Thank you, Fred, for your tireless efforts, and for the difference youâ\200\231ve made to so many of us, first as a co-learner, then as a friend, pastor and secretary to the OBC, and finally as a great example of what it means to be a part of Michaelhouse.

Jaap van der Vegte

Written by Mr Richard Snowden

e descended into the Balgowan Valley from north of HH: Jukskei in 1994 at the age of 39. In tow were his

two children, Matthew aged three and Kirsty aged seven, and enigmatically competent wife, Lynne. And in this valley he has remained for 24 years imposing his eccentric nature on all he came into contact with. His children have settled into adult life and his wife anxiously awaits his arrival in the winelands of Stellenbosch as 2018 marks the retirement of Jaap van der Vegte.

He joined, what he describes as, the â\200\234eclecticâ\200\235 Michaelhouse community from Pretoria Boys High where he had served as Head of the Science Department for seven years. This, coupled with his impressive academic credentials (a BSc Honours degree in chemistry) as well as his various provincial sporting representations, poised him to leave his mark on Michaelhouse. And an indelible mark is indeed his legacy.

Jaap remains a passionate scientist. He arrived in the days of chalkboards, overhead projectors, the NED, and colleagues who questioned the value of these â\200\234new-fangled floppy disc thingsâ\200\235. He leaves amidst a world of e-beams, solar panels, the IEB, and internet-connected iPads. Despite the ravaging advances of technology, Jaap continues to prioritise the facts of Science, which must be memorised and understood before any discussions can take place. Paradoxically Jaap purports that

one should not take life too seriously. Science, however, must, he goes on to say, be taken seriously.

Jaap has spent many an hour confusing boys regarding the intricacies of negative acceleration and he proudly drank his morning coffee from a mug given to him by a rather insubordinate past pupil that bears the inscription: "Time flies when you don't know what you're doing". In appearance, he

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always looked the part of the eccentric scientist or indeed of Methuselah! He was no doubt a daunting figure for small boys as he loomed over them, but his heart was always in the right place and he remained a caring, gentle giant.

Jaap cites two headmasters as having had an impact on his career. The first being Bill Schroder from his days in Pretoria and the second being Guy Pearson. He describes the former as having a fundamental grasp of the balance required with equating function and structure and the latter as being in sync with the musical flow of Michaelhouse. Brian Tarr made an indelible mark, particularly in his early years, as Jaap adjusted to the nuances of the Michaelhouse boy.

The J Factor certainly cannot be accused of simply sticking to the classroom. He completed four Comrades Marathons (before his hips gave in), knocked off a couple of Amashovas, Midmar Miles, and cites completing the 2017 Dusi Canoe Marathon (his first attempt, and at the age of 60 no less) as a highlight. I am not sure which the greater miracle is: the fact that he completed this race in his first attempt at the age of 60 or the fact that he and his partner, Iain Guthrie, are still talking to each other.

Jaap was a lover of all sports or even found time to support Liverpool until the manager displeased him and had extensive knowledge of school sports such as water polo, rugby and hockey. It sometimes seemed that his coaching of complex scissor movements was wasted on some of the lower rugby teams he managed, but Jaap was always enthusiastic and positive, and his teams believed they could take on the world. He also loved his golf and spent many hours taking groups of boys to Boschoek. He showed great calmness at a hockey dinner when he saw pot-plants, that he had bought for his wife and was about to present to her, being given away to other hockey coaches and wives by the coach of the first XI.

The departure of Jaap means that Michaelhouse is safe at last

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from explosions from the Science Block. He is a great listener; he always showed interest in what you were saying. He was a connoisseur of both whisky and whiskey and remains the most (self-proclaimed I must add) widely read member of staff. When asked how he endured Michaelhouse for so long

he commented that his cup was full at Michaelhouse and so he didn't leave. The Michaelhouse cup will be a touch emptier once Jaap departs down Warriors' Walk: all schools need at least one teacher who is renowned or infamous for his individuality; Jaap fulfilled that role and we will miss him.

André van Wyk

Written by Mr Sam Mofokeng

he van Wyks arrived at Michaelhouse in 2007 after Ante was appointed as a teacher in the Mathematics De-

partment. He came with a reputation as an all-rounder from Carter High School in Pietermaritzburg and was keen to contribute to all aspects of Michaelhouse life. This attitude was immediately evident when as a former South African Springbok Amateur rugby team head coach (having won the Africa Cup), and former Sharks XV (Wildebeest) head coach, André accepted the unenviable task of coaching the Michaelhouse U14A team for his first three years (2007-2009) at Michaelhouse. This allowed the boys in those teams to gain an impeccable grounding that saw them perform to their potential when they reached first XV level as seniors. André also mentored many young coaches at the School who went on to become excellent coaches in their own right at Michaelhouse. André would eventually be involved with the first XV as an assistant coach for five years then as the head coach for two years.

While contributing immensely in the classroom as a dedicated Mathematics teacher, André somehow also managed to obtain

his master's degree in Mathematical Education and coach rugby, soccer, water polo and swimming, whilst serving as executive committee member of the KwaZulu-Natal Rugby Schools Committee.

André was appointed to the position of Housemaster of East House in 2009; a position he went on to excel in for ten years until his departure in 2018. This was a seminal appointment in many ways but more significantly as André became the first non-white Housemaster in the School's history, a feat he would repeat by being the first non-white first XV head coach. A pioneer indeed as after his appointment the School continues to see other leaders of diverse origins ascend to positions that were paved by André's trailblazing achievements. The boys often described him as firm but fair with a reassuring fatherly disposition. Perhaps one of the last of a disappearing breed of quintessential schoolmasters.

We wish André, his wife Cillia, and son Gareth well as he stays true to his pioneering spirit and leaves Michaelhouse to become the founding headmaster of a school in Johannesburg. Michaelhouse's loss is a gain for school leadership in the country.

Cillia van Wyk

Written by Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield

illia van Wyk worked at Michaelhouse as the aca-

demic secretary from | April 2008, initially working

with Deputy Rector Paul Fleischack until 2013, then with Deputy Rector Alan Adlington-Corfield. Cillia moved to Michaelhouse when her husband André was appointed as a Mathematics teacher. Her son, Gareth subsequently attended Michaelhouse and returned for a short period as an intern teacher. Cillia worked as personal assistant to the Deputy Rector and Senior Master and also managed all the administration associated with the running of the academic programme at Michaelhouse, including the learning support department.

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Her responsibilities were many and varied and she took great pride in operating with great efficiency and conducting herself with integrity.

Cillia performed her role here at Michaelhouse with distinction. She was highly organized, focused and dedicated to any task. Cillia was a natural self-starter, often teaching herself new skills that enhanced her efficiencies. Cillia's most valuable skill was without a doubt her superb long-term planning and her ability to manage workflow accordingly. She always ensured that she (and her managers!) were on top of the demands of the academic programme well ahead of time, even if it meant she had to put in many extra hours outside of the working day. Cillia had a highly professional approach to communication with staff and parents. She was an integral part of academics at Michaelhouse and will be missed.

NEW STAFF

e welcomed the following new staff members to Michaelhouse during the course of 2018:

Mr Andrew Bretherton (Operations Manager)
Mr Ryan Strudwick (Senior Master: Sport)

Mr James Fleming (Head of Sports Medicine and Master in Charge of rugby)

Mr Gerhard Erasmus (Life Sciences)

Mr Paul McKay (Geography)

Mrs Riette White (Economics)

Mr Sibonelo Khanyile (Maths)

Mrs Londiwe Hearthstones (HR and Payroll)
Mrs Wendy Kelly (Academic Administrator)

Mrs Mary-Anne Kendon (Nursing Services Manageress)

Miss Ngobile Zuma (isiZulu â\200\224 part-time)
Miss Tracelle Caine (Sanatorium â\200\224 relief sister)

Mrs Rachel Forword (Part-time academic accommodations administrator)

Ms Thandeka Madlala (Housekeeping)
Mr Liam Boshoff (Intern)

Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane (Intern)
Mr Mduduze Mthembu (/ntern)

Mr Khulekani Mkhize (Intern)

Mr Siphesihle Mdladla (/ntern)

Mr Matthew Stringer (/ntern)

Mr Colin White (Intern)

Gareth van Wyk (Intern)

INTERN PROGRAMME

Person in Charge: Mrs Win de Wet

grow the next generation of great teachers for our School

and country. The programme presents a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a teacher, offering both on-the-job training and mentoring as well as a development plan for each intern who is assigned a mentor from the full-time academic staff to guide and nurture him, to look for opportunities and to further his growth. Our interns are treated like professionals and are given opportunities to become involved in all aspects of growing boys, from teaching in classes, tutoring in Houses, coaching sport, assisting with clubs and societies, to being actively involved in our community outreach programme.

T= vision of our Intern Programme at Michaelhouse is to

Eight new interns joined us in 2018:

Mr Mduduzi Mthembu (BEd),
Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane (BEd),
Mr Siphesihle Mdladla (BEd),

Mr Liam Boshoff (BEd),

Mr Emmanuel Mkhize (BEd),

Mr Gareth van Wyk (PGCE),

Mr Matt Stringer (PGCE) and
Mr Colin White (PGCE).

We continue to afford the interns the opportunity to grow professionally and personally by offering them the opportunity to attend both internally and externally run courses. During the course of the year Mrs Katherine Cass, who is in charge of our Learning Support unit, ran a course for the interns on how to go about tutoring boys that require extra support. The new interns attended an internally run seminar on boarding. Three of the interns attended a three-day Global Teachers Institute Conference in Johannesburg during the June/July holidays and two of our interns attended an iPad summit that was hosted by Michaelhouse. Some of the interns attended the IEB National User Group subject-specific conferences while others attended first-aid courses and sports courses.

During the course of the year Mr Sibonelo Khanyile graduated (BEd) and was subsequently offered a permanent full-time position in the Mathematics Department from the start of the fourth quarter. The following interns will graduate at the end of the year and we wish them well in their teaching careers: Mr Lodewyk Vosloo (PGCE), Mr Simphiwe Xulu (PGCE) and Mr Mparama Msimang (Maths Education Honours). The following interns will also be leaving at the end of the year and we thank them for their contribution to Michaelhouse and wish them well in their future endeavours: Mr Bongani Khumalo, Mr Gareth van Wyk, Mr Sabelo Sithole (Environmental Intern), Mr Jason Wulfsohn (Sports Science Intern) and Mr Joshua Knipp (Sports Science Intern).

We will start 2019 with 15 interns on the programme and by the start of 2020 we hope to have 20 interns with us. This will mean that we will have two interns for each of our ten boarding Houses.

PRIZE-GIVING

During the course of each year, two events are traditionally held to recognise academic endeavour and to celebrate excellence. Prize-Giving, which takes place in the first quarter,

acknowledges academic performances by boys during the latter half of the preceding year ; while

Speech Day, now held annually in the Indoor Centre during the fourth quarter, acknowledges academic, cultural and sporting contributions by boys at Michaelhouse.

ADDRESS BY THE RECTOR, MR PAUL FLEISCHACK

adies and gentlemen, our special guest Mrs Rose Norton, staff and boys. I add my welcome to you to this our 2018 prize-giving ceremony

Thank you for taking time to join us for this celebration of academic endeavour.

This is the occasion where we applaud the efforts as well as achievements of our boys in 2017. On this occasion every boy contributes through his academic undertaking, to the award of the Ralfe Cup for effort and the Fleischer Shield for achievement. Whether or not you are a prize winner, your contribution counts.

Michaelhouse, as you know, is a holistic school. We are relatively small compared to our competitors and boys have to do everything from academics, sport, and culture, to leadership, outdoor expeditions, and reaching spiritual milestones. As a holistic school we have to strive for excellence in all aspects and not settle for mediocrity because our boys do everything. The cornerstone of this busy school curriculum is, of course, the academic programme, which is designed around the IEB syllabus, planned and delivered by the staff.

A snapshot of our Matric results for 2017 shows that 107 boys wrote the exam, 105 received degree entry passes and two achieved diploma entry passes. There were no failures.

Twelve subject marks were in the top 1% in the country and 28% of all subject marks were A symbols, 58% were A or B

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symbols and 85% were A, B or C symbols.

Twenty-five boys scored A aggregates and the Block average aggregate was 72%. The class of 2017 earned 2,1 A symbols per boy.

These are quite remarkable results given that this class in C Block scored an aggregate of only 65%, with just 16 A aggregates, and achieved only 1,8 A symbols per boy in the Trial Exams.

Bongi Fleischer and Nic Foster each earned eight distinctions: Bongi with an aggregate of 93% and Nic with 89%. Bongi scored 99% for Maths and Nic 98%. This on top of their very

busy lives. Both were good examples of the adage "if you want a job done well, give it to a busy person!"

William Norton and the 2018 School Prefects, Bongani and Nic have set the benchmark for you. No pressure!

To the class of 2018, some history for you: in 2007 we first recorded the number of A symbols per boy as one measure of the Matrics' performance, and also as a comparison with other schools. I hasten to add that we compare our performance with other boys' schools; we are a little scared of this comparison with the girls' schools.

At that time we set our sights on two A symbols per boy and the class of 2012 was the first to achieve this benchmark. For the past six years this score has remained above two, with the highest being 2,9 in 2013.

A Block: your challenge is to bring home a score closer to three
A symbols per boy.

It is my pleasure to announce recipients of the internal
scholarships for 2018 and it is wonderful to record some
repeat awards.

The Sir Henry Strakosch Scholarship is for one year, it is
awarded to the top boy in the Block with the best combined
mark for academic performance in Mathematics and Science in
their previous year.

B Block 2017: Murray Finlay (2015)

C Block 2017: Luke van Rooyen (2016)

D Block 2017: Tapiwa Chikwanda

E Block 2017: Mitchell Flanagan

The John W Hamilton Scholarship is awarded for one year to
the boy with the top aggregate in his Block and who is not a
recipient of another academic scholarship.

B Block 2017: Bailey Green

C Block 2017: Cyle Wilson

D Block 2017: Nikhil Iyer

E Block 2017: Ntumbuluko Mdluli

Ladies and gentlemen, any visitor to the School could not but
be impressed by the warm, nurturing atmosphere in classrooms,
the sense of purpose in lessons and the time which teachers
devote to providing academic support for boys after-hours.
Along with this goes the ongoing development and learning
of the staff themselves, through conferences, workshops and
conversations with peers. Behind me on the stage is a really
special team of dedicated men and women whose lives revolve
around educating your boys in the fullest sense; from the
classroom to the Chapel, from the Houses to the sports-fields
and even from mountain-tops to river valleys. Please would
you join me in acknowledging their dedication.

Thank you.

E BLOCK

GABRIELLE MASSEY AWARD

Pierre van der Westhuyzen

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Jaden van der Merwe

Diligence: Mitchell Flanagan,
Matthew Gibson, Ross Keep, Kyle
McCoy

ECONOMICS MANAGEMENT
SCIENCES

First in Subject: Gustave de Villiers

Diligence: Kwande Dhlomo, Matthew
Marx, Ntumbuluko Mdluli, Kyle
McCoy, Alexander Vermeulen

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Gustave de Villiers
Diligence: Gustave de Villiers,
Kwande Dhlomo, Jadin Jordaan,
Dominic le Sueur, Kyle McCoy,
Anthony Turner

FRENCH

First in Subject: Kameran Jinnah
Diligence: Tyler West

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: David Ferguson,
Jaden van der Merwe

SUBJECT PRIZES

Diligence: Gustave de Villiers,
Kameran Jinnah, Jadin Jordaan,
Kyle McCoy, Keemal Ramnath,

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Ayanda Cele
Diligence: Kwande Dhlomo

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Mitchell Flanegan,
Callum Porrill

Diligence: Callum Porrill, Joseph
Price, Dylan Roberts, Phillipus van
der Hoven, Thomas Walters, Murray
Williams

NATURAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: Gustave de Villiers,
Mitchell Flanegan

Diligence: David Ferguson, Mitchell
Flanegan, Kameran Jinnah, Aiken
Olivier, Anthony Turner

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Ryan Baker, Danilo Ceronio, Gustave
de Villiers, Kwande Dhlomo, David
Ferguson, Mitchell Flanegan,
Kameran Jinnah, Jadin Jordaan,
Ntumbuluko Mdluli, Aiken Olivier,
Callum Porrill, Keemal Ramnath,
Connor Sesink Clee, Jaden van der
Merwe, Alexander Vermeulen, Pierre

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van der Westhuyzen

Third in Block: Jaden van der Merwe
Second in Block: Kameran Jinnah
First in Block: Gustave de Villiers

D BLOCK

GABRIELLE MASSEY AWARD
Hussain Mohamed

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Tapiwa Chikwanda
Diligence: Sean Fitzsimmons,
Michael Gurney, Xhanti Gqweta,
Mogomotsi Nteta

Most Improved Mark: Guy van der Bijl

ECONOMICS MANAGEMENT
SCIENCES

First in Subject: Tapiwa Chikwanda
Diligence: Joshua Baillie, Thomas
Hill, Siyabonga Ndlovu, Kiyan Singh,
Timothy Whitaker

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Michael Gurney
Diligence: Jordan Dobson, Luke
de Heer, Matthew Henderson,
Lehlohonolo Mapetla

Most Improved Mark: Luke de Heer

FRENCH

First in Subject: Nikhil Lyer
Diligence: Warwick Yorke Smith
Most Improved Mark: Kebonang
Letlotlo

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: Michael Gurney
Diligence: Richard Esipisu, Sean
Fitzsimmons, Michael Gurney,
Hussain Mohamed, Gary Pitt

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Hubo Khumalo,
Kwanele Khumalo

Diligence: Takwana Shava

Most Improved Mark: Takwana Shava

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Tapiwa Chikwanda
Diligence: Christian Brand, Aidan
Browne, Michael Gurney, Xhanti
Gqweta, Thomas Hill, Murray Odell
Most Improved Mark: Mkhululi
Magugu, Takwana Shava

NATURAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: Tapiwa Chikwanda
Diligence: Joshua Baillie, Matthew
Baines, Guy Cocksedge, Matthew
Henderson, Thomas Hill, Michael
Ross

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Joshua Baillie, Aidan Browne, Tapiwa
Chikwanda, James Fleming, Sam
Frost, Michael Gurney, Timothy
Harding, Lloyd Howell, Nikhil

Iyer, Hubo Khumalo, Lehlohonolo
Mapetla, Hussain Mohamed, James
Murray, Tristan Naidoo, Michael
Ross, Timothy Whitaker, Matthew
Winn, Warwick Yorke Smith

Most Improved Aggregate: Luke de
Heer

Third in Block: Hubo Khumalo
Second in Block: Michael Gurney
First in Block: Tapiwa Chikwanda

C BLOCK

GABRIELLE MASSEY AWARD
Cyle Wilson

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: Finn Elliot, Luke van

Rooyen

Diligence: Michael Buxton-Tetteh,
Thamsanqa Zakwe

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Barend Bierman, Niel
Bierman

Diligence: Barend Bierman, Ellis
Dougall, Molate Mahowa, Gareth
Warburton

Most Improved Mark: Ruben Mitchell

COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Luke van Rooyen
Diligence: Gavin Veenstra

DRAMATIC ARTS
First in Subject: Jamie Deeble
Diligence: Jamie Deeble

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: Luke van Rooyen
Diligence: James Armstrong, Leruri
Sealetsa, Ryan Stringer

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

First in Subject: Cyle Wilson
Diligence: Oliver Cradock

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Tyler Grant, Richard
Taylor

Diligence: Michael Buxton-Tetteh,
Matthew Craigie Stevenson, Finn
Elliot, Liam Fourie, James Moodie
Most Improved Mark: Duncan le Roux

FRENCH

First in Subject: Albert Wahl
Diligence: Michael Buxton-Tetteh
Most Improved Mark: Duncan le Roux

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: Matthew Chettle
Diligence: Michael Buxton-Tetteh,
Sonwabo Gigaba, Thomas Roberts,
Luc van der Westhuyzen

HISTORY

First in Subject: Sebastian Langebrink
Diligence: James Moodie

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
First in Subject: Ruben Mitchell,

Gareth Warburton

Diligence: Robert Officer, Richard Taylor

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ISIZULU

First in Subject: Thamsanqa Zakwe
Diligence: Matthew Chettle

Most Improved Mark: Gomolemo Mangena

LIFE ORIENTATION

First in Subject: James Dawson, Luke van Rooyen

LIFE SCIENCES

First in Subject: Harry Nel
Diligence: Guy Daugherty, Sonwabo Gigaba, Oliver Morgan

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Luke van Rooyen
Diligence: Cyle Wilson

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Cyle Wilson
Diligence: Michael Daffy, Tom Harper, Austin Karan, Ryan Stringer, Thomas van der Hoven

Most Improved Mark: Simon Browse

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

First in Subject: James Lycett
Diligence: James Lycett

MUSIC

First in Subject: Luc Delaporte

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: Luke van Rooyen
Diligence: Oliver Cradock, Sebastian Langebrink, Gavin Veenstra, Thamsanqa Zakwe

VISUAL ARTS

First in Subject: Richard Taylor
Diligence: James Dawson, Tom Harper

MERIT CERTIFICATES

James Armstrong, Barend Bierman, Niel Bierman, Michael Buxton-Tetteh, Oliver Cradock, Neil du Toit, Finn Elliot, Tyler Grant, James Gush, Hamish Henderson, Sebastian

Langebrink, Ruben Mitchell, Harry
Nel, Ryan Stringer, Richard Taylor,
Luke van Rooyen, Albert Wahl,
Gareth Warburton, Cyle Wilson,
Joshua Witherspoon

Most Improved Aggregate: Bevan
Albertyn

Third in Block: Joshua Witherspoon
Second in Block: Cyle Wilson

First in Block: Luke van Rooyen

B BLOCK

GABRIELLE MASSEY AWARD
Bernard van der Berg

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: Murray Finlay
Diligence: Andrew Britton,
Qaqambile Mehlwana

Most Improved Mark: Andrew
Cameron

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Diligence: Bradley Boulle, Benjamin
Connolly, Liam Laidlaw, Bernard van
der Berg

Most Improved Mark: Jan Peter van de
Velde

COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Qaqambile Mehlwana
Diligence: Andrew Cameron, Lucas
Makhubela

Most Improved Mark: Dane Fisher

DRAMATIC ARTS

First in Subject: Mpho Mthethwa,
Bernard van der Berg

Diligence: Bradley Boulle,

Thomas Bradford, Liam England,
Christopher Hardie, William
Marshall, Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi,
Mpho Mthethwa, Rogan Muirhead,
Bernard van der Berg

Most Improved Mark: Paul McLellan

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: Samuel Kasher
Diligence: Sebastian Huggins,
Qaqambile Mehlwana, William
Norton, Warren Yoko

Most Improved Mark: Rogan
Muirhead, Kyle Oâ\200\231Brien, Takalani
Tshivhase

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

First in Subject: Craig Pitt
Diligence: Cameron Williams

Most Improved Mark: Cameron
Williams

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Diligence: Christopher Hardie, Lucas
Makhubela, Thomas Quin, Johann
Steyn, Luke Taylor, Bernard van der
Berg

Most Improved Mark: Liam Laidlaw

FRENCH

First in Subject: Levin Kamau
Diligence: Paul McLellan

Most Improved Mark: Paul McLellan,
Oyintari Okah

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: Murray Finlay
Diligence: Alan Buttle, Ben Chance,
James Kiln, Kyle Oâ\200\231Brien, William
Norton

Most Improved Mark: Thomas Gibson

HISTORY

First in Subject: William Norton,
Nicolas Rhodes-Jones, Bernard van
der Berg

Diligence: Juno Griffin, Dominic
Leslie

Most Improved Mark: Takalani
Tshivhase

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Bailey Green
Diligence: Benjamin Connolly
Most Improved Mark: Benjamin
Connolly

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Mpho Mthethwa
Diligence: Lucas Makhubela
Most Improved Mark: Lucas
Makhubela

LIFE ORIENTATION

First in Subject: Murray Finlay
Most Improved Mark: Garin Phillips

LIFE SCIENCES

First in Subject: Andrew Holt
Diligence: Justin Fyvie, Matthew
Holt, Jan Peter van de Velde

Most Improved Mark: Thomas Gibson

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Bailey Green,
Dominic Leslie

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Diligence: David Blore
Most Improved Mark: Thomas Quin

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Murray Finlay
Diligence: Jago Fiore, Dane Fisher,
Grant Hiscock, Jack Parsons

Most Improved Mark: Jago Fiore,
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MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Diligence: Lance Reynolds, Lance
Tratschler

Most Improved Mark: Jan Peter van de
Velde

MUSIC

First in Subject: Lesedi Letebele
Diligence: Takudzwa Madombwe,
Thomas Usher

Most Improved Mark: Thomas Usher

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: Murray Finlay, Bailey
Green

Diligence: Oluwaseun Afolayan, Alan

Buttle, Dominic Leslie

Most Improved Mark: Thomas Gibson,
Lesedi Letebele

VISUAL ARTS

First in Subject: Bailey Green
Diligence: Bailey Green, Michael
Kimber

Most Improved Mark: Takudzwa
Tongoona

MERIT CERTIFICATES

David Blore, Andrew Britton, Alan
Buttle, Benjamin Connolly, Murray

Finlay, Bailey Green, Andrew

Holt, Callum Houston, Samuel
Kasher, James Kiln, Dominic Leslie,
Lesedi Letebele, Mubeezi Lubinga,
Qaqambile Mehlwana, Mpho
Mthethwa, William Norton, Christian
Opperman, Jack Parsons, Thomas
Quin, Nicolas Rhodes-Jones, Luke
Taylor, Bernard van der Berg

Most Improved Aggregate: Thomas
Gibson

Third in Block: Bailey Green

Second in Block: Bernard van der
Berg

First in Block: Murray Finlay

SPEECH DAY

ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR ANTHONY HEWAT

octor Imtiaz Sooliman, Rector Paul Fleischack, mem-
D:: of the Executive Committee, Housemasters, our

wonderful staff, parents, Messrs Will Norton and Mi-
chael Herbert and your Men of Michaelhouse.

This is again an honour for me to address you, but the greatest service I can give you is to be brief and true to my word of being briefer than last year. You have not come to hear me but those who will follow. If each of us gathered here could be inspired to give just a tenth of what our next speaker has given, then this world, this country and this School would be in a substantially better place. Giving is really about offering of self for the benefit of others, and today it is sadly so rare.

Michaelhouse is in great shape. I am astonished that anyone could think otherwise. Just look around you, not just at the beauty and the buildings when you leave, but feel the togetherness and the excellence today in this room. We are not here to make comparisons, for that is for me, our board, the Rector and this amazing team to benchmark not only against others but against ourselves, our goals and potential. Let me assure you parents that this continues to be a truly world-class institution.

That may sound arrogant and I have received some â\200\234heatâ\200\235 for suggesting that we want to be the best school. Some may feel that it sounds competitive, performance-driven, outcome based. To those people let me assure you: yes it is. That is why we are here, at least in part. To be the best that we can be. But if anyone thinks that is all that Michaelhouse is they have never really heard Ben Parham or James Cameron Todd, or felt Stars in their spine and in every pore of their skin. Or know what Themba Dloti meant to us.

Let me tell you quickly of six special people that do understand it. Firstly, I want to congratulate our dux and head boy of last year Bongi Fleischer. The fact that he recorded the highest Matric aggregate since results were published is one of the least of his contributions. Sadly he is at college in the USA and cannot be with us.

Secondly, to Will Norton your speech later will cap your year (unless you are secretly planning to beat Bongi) but I want to thank you for everything that you have done in leading the Michaelhouse boys this year and bridging the gaps between Blocks, with the staff and for what your prefect team brought up to the board.

The third I wish to thank is your deputy Michael Herbert; with Will, your moral fibre and bravery are extraordinary and rare.

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The fourth who increasingly truly understands Michaelhouse is Bishop Dino Gabriel who sadly cannot be with us today â\200\224 the fervour and enthusiasm he showed when he received his Old Boysâ\200\231 tie last month was palpable and he brings guidance and passion that brings this School ever closer to the church of this province.

Bishop Dino joined six board colleagues in March in the final

interviews for our new Rector. I am often reminded that the key job of any chairman is to select and support a great chief executive; many would say that is the only job. So my tenure as chairman was given its greatest lift when I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Antony Clark. He was our unanimous choice, and this confidence has been borne out by all parents and staff who have subsequently met him. An even greater pleasure was receiving his confirmation that he had no hesitation in accepting the position as Rector.

I have written to you all to describe the process followed and our happiness with its outcome, and from | April 2019 Antony will be captain of this great team. He is the fifth person who truly understands all that Michaelhouse is for he is on record as saying he would lead no other school or return to South Africa for no other opportunity than Michaelhouse. We cannot wait for Antony and Brigitte to join us. What a team they are and what a team they will lead.

But looking forward to April next year does a disservice to the sixth man who truly understands Michaelhouse. For 33 years, one Paul Fleischack has loved this place and given to many generations of boys he helped turn into men. I will not recount his time here for there are still many chapters for Paul to write in his contribution to Michaelhouse. Save to say just this: the Board of Michaelhouse and our incoming Rector Antony Clark would like nothing more than for you Paul to stay on and help lead this school for years to come.

Which brings me to an omission of mine, something that is long overdue and I know will be endorsed by the management, staff, parents, boys and Old Boys of this School. For too long we have allowed Paul Fleischack to sometimes be referred to as being an acting or interim Rector. That is incorrect. Paul, I want you to know that your portrait will hang in the Dining Hall for years to come in honour of the leadership you have shown us all. Your place is secure alongside great educators who have like you been Rector here. Everywhere Paul has been this year he has been hailed with honour and gratitude from the board, staff, parents and Old Boys. The boys too have respected his knowledge and refocus on good, old-school disciplines.

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Paul truly understands Michaelhouse perhaps better than anyone. He is straightforward, principled and effective, he listens and gets things done right, and this year we also know that he leads. And like each of the other five men I have highlighted, he gives so much and takes very little in return. I spoke last month about our heritage and what it means to us. Paul, thank you for living that heritage with us, for leading us through this critical time to an even better place.

To the rest of my board colleagues and especially to Thabo, you stood by me through some momentous days, your School and its strategy, and Paul as its leader. The work you do is matched only by the values you live out in doing it. I welcome and thank our new board members Dr Andrew Schaefer, Dr Zuko Kubukeli and Mr Mike Gammie, who have already made a marked impact, and Mr Phiway Mbuyazi, who has joined our Stakeholders subcommittee. Our reward is to see the mutual, balanced and holistic success on days like these.

The least important part of this School is its buildings but it would be a mistake for me to let this speech go into the Chronicle without marking the historic progress on_ this campus. It would be a disservice too to Nick Grice and Gordon Bruins, who have overseen to perfection what I believe is the greatest capital investment of any year in our history, which will only be surpassed by next year. The Sciences Block, two new Housemastersâ\200\231 apartments and the extraordinary Heritage Centre have all opened since this time last year. We have started work and laid the foundation stones for Ralfe and McCormick Houses, to be filled from 2020 but to temporarily house Baines boys from Easter 2019. And last month we gave the in-principle go ahead for the building of a second AstroTurf on Punchbowl, and a mezzanine floor and rework of our gym.

Of course, you may think that the gym is needed for us to produce bigger and better rugby players. For after all being Chairman and Rector is easy if we have a winning first XV. No, these are not the key measures on my scoreboard. I will take pride in gracious and steadfast defeat over the distortions of anyone who believes two rugby scores a year define this school.

Our gym investment matches what we started last year in appointing James Fleming and Ryan Strudwick. Conditioning enables the all-round development and studies of every boy in this School. And I will go one step further and hope it is so for every staff member too. And if itâ\200\231s good for the staff I see no reason why this mission should not be good for the board, and especially its chairman. One man, one programme.

While it may not always be the most popular of goals, we at Michaelhouse need to tackle some of our demons too. Have we allowed â\200\234slothingâ\200\235 to become part of our heritage? Let us agree to change that. Paul Fleischack has started to lead some of these back-to-basics principles. Letâ\200\231s all get off our beds, and tackle the addiction to our devices. And whether itâ\200\231s movies or series or social media or worse, letâ\200\231s face it, these are addictions if we are honest with ourselves. Get fitter and happier, and free your thumbs and corneas for cameraderie, efficient work, sport, outdoor activity and better sleep. If not, why then come to such a beautiful place? Rather stay in cyberspace.

I said I would be short. Next year I will be thinner, briefer and with fewer iPhone hours.

Thank you all for all you have given to Michaelhouse this year. I look forward to the gift of hearing these great givers this afternoon. Dr Sooliman, thank you for everything you are

giving. And Mr Fleischack, likewise.

ADDRESS BY THE RECTOR, MR PAUL FLEISCHACK

embers of the Board of Governors, invited guests, parents, staff and boys. I add my welcome to those made

M before me and thank you all for being with us on this special occasion.

Avery warm welcome to our guest of honour, Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, and his daughter, Sameeâ\200\231a. It is indeed an honour to have you with us today and we look forward to hearing your message.

There have been a number of staff changes this year and I would like to pay tribute to those who have left or are leaving at the end of the year.

At the end of last quarter Msizi Mchunu left after ten years teaching in the Economics and Accounting Departments to take up a teaching post at Hilton College.

AndrÃ© and Cillia van Wyk, Housemaster of East and Academic

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Administrator respectively, left after 11 years. AndrÃ© to head a new Curro School in Waverly and Cillia to a secretarial post at the school.

George Ferreira, Head of Life Orientation and previously Housemaster of West and teacher of Afrikaans, and Liezel, who also taught Afrikaans, leave after 19 years as George has accepted a deputy head post at Cornwall Hill College in Centurion.

Sizo Chalufu, Head of isiZulu for the past six years, and Mrs Siby Chalufu, the Community Partnership Manager for two years, also head to Johannesburg. Sizo will take up a deputy head post at Nova Pioneer school in Ormonde.

Leon Roets leaves to take up the Head of Science position at Redhill College, Johannesburg.

Jaap van der Vegte will be retiring after 25 years along with Canon Fred Pitout, who was Chaplain for eight years and more recently Old Boysâ\200\231 Secretary for the past ten years. Puspha

Govender, the Photocopy Clerk, retires after 29 years and Joseph Nxele retires from the Estates Department after 13 years.

In August we also mourned the death of Patrick Mlotshwa, who had worked in the maintenance department for ten years.

Lodewyk Vosloo, Bongani Khumalo, Gareth van Wyk, and Mparama Msimang will be leaving the Intern Programme at the end of the year, some to start their careers as teachers. Joshua Knipp and Jason Wulfsohn will be leaving the Sports Department and Sabelo Sithole leaves the Nature Reserve.

These men and women have served the School for a combined total of 161 years and we thank them for their many contributions during their time here.

Sibonelo Khanyile has graduated from the Intern Programme and has been appointed a full-time teacher in the Mathematics Department.

We are excited by the contribution which this programme makes in providing well-qualified and experienced young teachers for Michaelhouse and, indeed, South Africa.

It was dull and grey, that early morning when I entered the Rector's office, opening it for the first time with the key left for me by Greg Theron. The drawn curtains and stuffiness of the Christmas holiday added to the gloom. As I paused to take in the atmosphere and the magnitude of the task ahead, I sensed the presence of the previous Rectors under whom I have served, standing behind me. There they were, Theron, Pearson, Forde, Pluke and Jardine.

And no, Michael, I definitely did not see James Cameron Todd, but I was very conscious of the spirits of those present, their raised eyebrows querying whether the Bio Guy could do the job.

With a real sense of trepidation I opened the cupboards to see for the first time the secrets, or perhaps skeletons, they concealed, only to be greeted by the stacks of old books, files, notes and the usual office paraphernalia, and not a whiskey bottle in sight.

This year has certainly been very busy since that first day. Mondays seldom follow the diarised schedule. The challenges have even included speed bumps, dogs and street lights. I have been very effectively put in my place on occasion and I will always recall with a smile one Saturday morning when hosting a visiting headmaster and his staff to watch the sports matches. A number of people had occupied the Rector's bench and as they noticed the group wearing jackets, ties and smart hats approaching, they vacated their seats, with the exception of an older couple. Just as I was about to invite them to stay and join us, the man folded his hands over the top of his walking cane, and with a determined set to his jaw, looked me in the eye and said, "I'm 83 and I'm not moving!"

Various staff work-groups have devoted time and energy to developing programmes and processes this year, which will be built on next year, including Transformation and Diversity,

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Performance Management, Character Education, the IQAA school evaluation and risk assessment.

These work groups have been supported by members of the board and I thank staff and board members for their many hours

of dedication and hard work here.

We have investigated the best times for boys to have access to their cellphones and are looking for the ideal device for classroom use.

The masters in charge of Sport and Sport Medicine have developed good ideas about wellness, diet, physical exercise and fitness, conditioning and sport-specific training for the programme to be implemented next year.

The year has been a time of growth and success in so many spheres. The dedicated staff who give of themselves in so many areas beyond the classroom are truly remarkable. Coaches who take boys to sports and cultural competitions during the holidays, staff men and women, who forgo their home comforts to camp with and care for boys 24/7 on outdoor education expeditions; the subject departments which are abuzz with extra support classes in the evenings; tutors who do late -night duties; the laundry workers, cleaners, drivers, estate and maintenance staff and caterers who go the extra mile to ensure the high standards of service we enjoy here. What a privilege it is to work for a team of this calibre and commitment and I thank and commend them all.

School Prefects and House Prefects have learned about the inordinate amount of time it takes to adequately mentor a new boy and to deal with issues in their Houses. They have all reported on the value of the relationships they have forged with boys in their Houses and across the School. I would like to pay special tribute here to William Norton and Michael Herbert and their team. They have risen to the challenge of leading by the example of Michaelhouse Way. They have worked hard to create a warm and caring atmosphere in the School, one which is commented on by prospective new boys and parents during their admissions interviews, and they have laid solid foundations on which the student leaders of 2019 can build.

To the class of 2018, you have made significant and important contributions to the School.

Nzuzo and the War-Cry Committee have created an atmosphere which inspires boys to support games and they have revived the lively and energetic spirit in the stands. They have also been diligent in remaining behind after the last game to ensure that the stands are left clean and tidy. It hasn't gone unnoticed.

The boys whose politeness and manners prompt so many strangers to write me letters of appreciation. You young men have indeed been a wonderful example to those who will fill your shoes in the years ahead. It has been a pleasure to work with you this year.

Craig Gerald in his paper: Defining a 21st Century Education states that defining what the term actually means can be daunting.

He goes on to say that for all of the talk about 21st century skills, trying to figure out what they really are is not easy. The term is everywhere and used to describe pretty much every imaginable skill or attribute: soft skills, life skills, key skills, interpersonal skills, workforce skills, non-cognitive skills ... the list of skills goes on and on. One framework lists 22 separate sub-skills deemed necessary to succeed in the 21st century.

Expert thinking and complex communication are expected to rise in demand while routine cognitive and manual work will be lost to automation. Critical thinking and problem solving, applying information technology, and teamwork and collaboration, along with creativity and innovation, appear to be the essential skillset for coping with the changes and challenges of the world you A Block boys will enter in just a few short months.

It is interesting that the only tenuous link to values may be contained in the teamwork collaboration skill. Can one work effectively in a team or collaborate meaningfully without well-developed character traits of integrity, humility, courage or compassion? I doubt it.

Where in this list is the respect and empathy for others, on which Dr Sooliman will shortly expand?

Where is the ability to cope in a rapidly deteriorating environment which is struggling to provide essential ecosystem services of clean air, pollution-free water, healthy food and unspoiled places necessary and essential for our psychological and emotional well-being?

We need to look no further than the vision of our founder, James Cameron Todd himself, who aimed to develop men of thought, culture and understanding.

Almost a century and a quarter later these qualities are even more appropriate for a 21st century education. Add to those the Christian values of the school and the character strengths you have developed in your years here: in the classrooms, sports fields, on

the stage, in the Chapel, on your C Block Journey and the like. Each one of you is adequately prepared for life beyond the gates and particularly to fix at least some of the problems which beset the planet. You have all the skills and knowledge to go out into the world and to be the shining lights in whichever communities you find yourselves, by living the values which we hold dear.

It is my sincere hope that in the years to come the Michaelhouse Code, which has been developed largely by the senior boys, will become part of our DNA. That integrity, courage, compassion and humility will become the hallmarks of all boys and Old Boys.

Above all I hope that every boy will continue to have that lively sparkle in his eye, a can-do outlook, and to have that touch of mischief, free of malice. That there will always be that boy who, during a tense time earlier this year walked into his Maths class singing My Boy Lollipop!

In this busy and challenging year I am particularly grateful to Anthony Hewat, Thabo Dloti and the members of the Board of Governors for their support, and also to two of those Rectors past, Dudley Forde and Guy Pearson, who joined me in spirit on that first day. Their wise counsel has been invaluable.

And then there is the lovely lady who has borne with grace and patience both my absences and preoccupied mind. Her

support, along with her sensible insights and sound feminine intuition have been an amazing help. Yes, that is my wife. Thank you so much, Laura.

In closing, Antony Clark will arrive in April to a warm welcome and exceptional School with outstanding staff and a crew of wonderful young men full of character and promise who will continue to do us all proud. It is an honour and a privilege to serve the School and the community from the Rector's desk and my short time at the helm so far has certainly been one hell of a ride!

Thank you.

ADDRESS BY THE SENIOR PREFECT, WILL NORTON

what it is that makes Michaelhouse, Michaelhouse.

What is that defining factor? What is that defining thing? I was recently speaking to a past member of staff, who has had the opportunity to teach at various boys' boarding schools and, thus, the opportunity to experience their distinct cultures. He said something that resonated with me. He said, "There is something here; something that is just different." He smiled, and although he couldn't put his finger on it, it was clear to me that he and I shared the same question. What is it? What makes Michaelhouse what it is?

Ten my five years I have constantly wondered

I thought back over our five years here...

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It's those shivers that go down your spine when we sing Stars for the first time each year.

It's those tears of joy as we beat Kearsney in the last minute of the match on our Old Boys' Day.

It's those embraces which showed indescribable unity within the red bricks when the tragic bus accident occurred last year.

It's those unforgettable and heart-wrenching war cries at the 200th Hilton / Michaelhouse fixture which showed the raw and intense passion we have for our School.

It's those smiles when you finish C Block Journey and you

begin to understand how much this place has done for you.

Michaelhouse is infectious in the way that it infiltrates your body and creates a burning desire and love for this School. Through all the different endeavours, you manage to find yourself and grow into the man you are meant to be. You learn immense amounts about yourself and this leads to self-development and increased knowledge about society around you. It enables you to take on the world with an ethereal army behind you.

Nothing would be possible without the dedicated and hard-working staff. Throughout your Michaelhouse career, you become closer with members of our community and I know that many boys treasure their relationships with coaches and teachers who have now become our friends. It is a relationship which revolves around respect, and with that respect comes great care for one another. You have given us our grounding and given us the beginnings of a life filled with endless opportunities. Thank you all for the time, the effort, and the life lessons which you have given and taught us. Thanks especially to Mr Stevens, whose determination and tenacity knew no bounds, as for two years he worked tirelessly in trying to figure out the source of his projector problems, which curiously only occurred when he had set one for Maths in grades 9 and 10. I think it is a good time to tell you that those trips to the IT Department were futile and the constant banging on the plugs in the wall could have only caused more damage as it wasn't Parsons but rather Raymond's remote app on his phone which caused you all the hassle. You epitomise Winston Churchill's speech where he said "never, ever, ever give up!"

Thank you deeply to all the parents who have afforded their sons the opportunity to come to Michaelhouse. The all-round education sets you up to be a man of understanding, thought and culture. These are the qualities which men need when they change the world and I know there are plenty of those world-changers in the room today.

To the management staff and in particular Mr Fleishack, you have steered the ship and led the School through many tough waters this year and although a couple of icebergs have crossed our path, you have managed to keep our vessel on a steady course. Contrary to popular belief, your skill in this regard was not gained upon the Titanic, which sank in 1912. Thank you for your contribution and love of Michaelhouse and for always putting the boys first. I have learnt huge amounts from you and many life lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my life. We have been extremely lucky and privileged to have had you as our Rector for our final year here.

Without the boys, there would be no Michaelhouse and a massive thank you needs to be given to the Class of 2018. This year we have taken the School to new heights and every one of you has played a part in doing this. The legacy you are leaving behind is one that will be remembered for a long time because of the empathy and compassion which you showed. The memories we've made here will remain with us for all of our days and I couldn't be happier to be leaving with such an amazing bunch of young men.

The Class of 2018 is an incredibly diverse range of boys and every boy contributes to making us what we are. We are a group built of music artists, South African sportsmen, social activists, programmers, pilots and we even have a boy who owns his own home in Hermanus at the young age of only

19. This particular boy has come close to breaking the land speed record on his bike and has also rollerbladed from here to the Pavilion. Now as we all know, actions speak louder than words and his undying service and dedication to Michaelhouse is something that will be admired for many years to come. He has added immense colour and flavour to our time here. Each person has taken their own path through their five-year journey and this has created a group of thinkers and dreamers. I believe that there is nothing we cannot achieve and our diversity and differences are essentially what bring us together.

As a grade, I feel we have enjoyed success in the School this year. Not specifically because of the academics or sport, although rugby and water polo did do particularly well, but more because the spirit of Michaelhouse has thrived and filled the Balgowan Valley. You can feel it when you walk through the corridors or through the dorms, the School feels alive. You have made that change.

Michaelhouse has moulded and developed you into the men you are today and it has enabled you to have the chance to go out there and change the world. As the Matriculants of 2018, you have the opportunity to do great things with your life and I am sure that through our actions we will make a positive and influential difference to everyone around us. With the Red Brick Fortress behind you, you can achieve anything. You have that potential.

By being educated here, you did not only receive some of the best teaching in the country, but you were also allowed to grow within yourself and learn more about the person you are and about the person you wish to become. This education is the grounding of your life. The influence you now have is something others could only dream of. You have the power to create and you have the ability to influence. Influence people in the best way possible. It doesn't take much. A smile or a friendly greeting has the ability to impact someone's day and the smallest change can lead to endless possibilities. Maya Angelou once said that "at the end of the day, people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember the way you made them feel". By influencing people in a positive way wherever you can, you are building the foundations for a more united South Africa and a more united world. You have that power.

Each person who enters through the humble, yet beautiful gates contributes to making Michaelhouse what it is. It isn't about the individuals or certain groups. The red walls embrace each person for who they are and their unique characteristics are used in creating the indescribable feeling which Michaelhouse gives. The combined effort and amalgamation of everyone's passions is what creates the unity and brotherhood which runs through the veins of this School.

Could you all please close your eyes, and breathe deeply. I think I have found the answer to my question, and I'd like to share it with you. You can feel your heartbeat. That heartbeat, is what it is.

The teachers are the heartbeat of our institution, the Old Boys are the heartbeat of our development, the grounds staff are the heartbeat of our beauty, the kitchen staff are the heartbeat of our growth, management are the heartbeat of our functionality, and the boys are the heartbeat of our passion.

I have come to realise that it isn't the facilities or the grounds that makes Michaelhouse what it is, it's the people and it's their spirit, and THAT is the heart of Michaelhouse!

ADDRESS BY GUEST OF HONOUR, DR IMTIAZ SOOLIMAN

staff, management, parents, students and guests. Thank

you very much for inviting me to speak at Michaelhouse.
I thought I was not going to make it because of the procedure,
so if I can't turn left or right, please bear with me. Anyway, you
guys when we shake hands you might be shaking my whole
spine. I'm not a rugby player or cricket player!

Ts you, Michael, Paul Fleischack, Board of Governors,

Let me tell you, you have to know how you stand, before I
begin, students here, you are very privileged. All those who
have won awards, I congratulate you. Those who have not
won awards, it doesn't really matter. What matters is that you
do your best. Not everyone can get an A. All that really matters
is your passion, your endeavours, your reputation, your skills,
your heart, your love and finally what your life holds. And if
you do that to the best of your ability, the symbols don't really
matter. As long as you give a full 100%, that's going to be all
that matters in life. The second important point is gratitude.
You are not here because of your own being. You are here
because your parents have stood behind you, your family
members, those who are close to you, friends, the staff. Don't
ever forget that you are here because of others, not because
of your own prevalence. Prevalence and gifts come from God
almighty. There is no place for arrogance. Everything is a gift
from God almighty and you need to understand that, here,
and especially when you go out into the world. But this will
become clear as I start speaking.

The story starts in August 1991. I went and spoke to a teacher
in Istanbul. He had been in Nazareth while I was in Nazareth in
1986. And we started having, spiritual discussions. And he told
me one day how he came to be in Nazareth. He told me I should
go to meet a spiritual teacher in Istanbul. He said that there was
a teacher before him in America, but that teacher passed on in
1985. He said if you want anything in Istanbul, you should go
and see that spiritual teacher. I laughed; I said mister, it's 1986, I
still haven't seen Cape Town! When am I going to see Istanbul?
He said something very pertinent then. He said there's a time
and place for everything. What God wants, happens. It took
about five years, but it happened in 1991. My wife and I got to
Istanbul and it's a long story. But the guy who passed on before
we met the master was a Jewish guy. Now remember, it's a very
uncomfortable time for the Muslim world in 1991. First of all,
we had come from the marvel of South Africa where we were
organised in terms of colour, race and religion.

And then we have the Gulf War on 16 January 1991. With the
belief that this will all be East and West with Christianity and
Judaism on one side and Islam on the other side. It wasn't a very
good time in that part of history. Why would I go to Istanbul,
sent there by a white Afrikaner Jew? I met an American Jew
there. He took me around to a place that was for Muslims and
all people in this little holy place. My wife looked at me and
said, I think we came to the wrong place. Because what people
don't understand is how Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus
and those who don't believe in any religion could be part of

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a greater world of understanding, of decency, of no conflict,
of harmony and feeling loved. What is this to Michaelhouse?
It's about spirituality. It's about love. It's about passion. A
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we went inside there, and the spiritual teacher looked me in the eye, and although Iâ\200\231m meeting him for the first time, he said whatâ\200\231s wrong? What do you see? He said, what do you see, my son? Iâ\200\231ve never met him before but he called me â\200\234my sonâ\200\235. Straight away I responded, Iâ\200\231m confused, Teacher. He wasnâ\200\231t my teacher, I didnâ\200\231t know him very well, it just came out: Teacher. Something I couldnâ\200\231t control. I went on, I see the confusion of different religions and cultures that are in a Muslim Holy Place. He said, my son, what you see is right. Mankind is one single nation. The whole of mankind is one, we just know it by different names. Any teacher, Imam, Sheik, Rabbi, Priest, no man is external in here. If it promotes violence, extremism, terrorism, the taking of life, conflict and disorder, he is not a man of God. Donâ\200\231t follow him. Any person who preaches love, kindness, compassion and mercy, he is a man of God â\200\224 follow him. The connection was made. I fell in love with what I saw.

Six August 1992, I was back. It was a Thursday night, in Islamic culture â\200\224 Islamic Sufism. On Thursday night in a Sufi place, a Muslim holy place, we do what is called zikr. Zikr is a chanting or celebration of the attributes of God almighty. So, we'll say, one who leads, is kind, compassionate, delivering, eternal, trusting, nourishing, charitable, a whole lot of different names. That Thursday night, the names were chanted, I was sitting in the corner of the room and suddenly from the front of the room, that teacher looks me in the eye. Heâ\200\231s looking at me but heâ\200\231s looking at the world also at the same time. So, heâ\200\231s looking at me and heâ\200\231s not looking at me. Thereâ\200\231s two types of connections. In fluent Turkish, he says, my son, Iâ\200\231m not asking you, Iâ\200\231m instructing you to form an organisation. The name in Arabic means, â\200\234gift of the givers.â\200\235 You will serve all people of all races, of all religions, of all classes, of all colours, of all countries and of any geographical location and of any political affiliation. But you will serve them unconditionally. You will not expect anything in return, not even a thank you. In fact, in what youâ\200\231re going to be doing for the rest of your life, expect to get a kick up your back. If you donâ\200\231t get a kick up your back, regard it as bonus. Serve people with love, kindness, compassion and mercy and remember the dignity of man. The moral of the story, in whatever we do, remember the dignity of man, so if someone is down on the ground, donâ\200\231t push them down further, help them, educate them, lift them. Wipe the tear of a grieving child, caress his head, say words of good council over him, these are nothing, they donâ\200\231t cost anything. Clothe the naked, feed the hungry and provide water for the thirsty. And in everything that you do, this is where you guys come in, be the best at what you do. Not because of ego, but because you are dealing with human life, human emotion and human dignity. If you were on the other side, if you were down and out and in difficulty, how would you expect someone to respond to you? If you can fully understand how you would want somebody to respond to you, then you know how to respond to somebody in hardship and difficulty. He said to me, this is an instruction for the rest of your life. And then he said to me in Arabic, best of the people are those who benefit mankind. Kindness applies

to all religions, all colours, all classes, all races, very common to understand. Easy. Best of all people are those who benefit mankind. And the final thing he told me, my son, don't ever forget that whatever you do is done through you and not by you. It's a spiritual blessing that counts, that God gives, that is ingrained and enables us to do what we do best.

Now I told you in the beginning the preacher spoke to me in fluent Turkish. I don't understand a word of Turkish. But I understood every single word that he said. I asked him about it, I said teacher, how come when you speak Turkish, I understand? When everybody else speaks it, I don't understand anything that they say. He said, my son, when the hearts connect, and the souls connect, the words become understandable. I stay in this mission and I have to hang on for the rest of my life. What will I do, how will I know? He said the scripture will teach you, you will know what to do. Trust me, in 26 years, I do know what to do. Not because of it, it's because whatever comes, comes through us, and is not done by us. And instantly, the first project that came to me as I left that day, was the civil war in Bosnia. We responded in August with 31 containers of aid, with eight more in November. In 1993 we developed the world's first containerised mobile hospital. A product of South African engineering and South African technology. That's another problem. Africans don't believe in themselves, in their skills, in their capability. That's how South Africans feel. CNN reported in February 1994 that the South African containerised mobile hospital was comparable to any of the best hospitals in Europe.

Later, in 2005 the project contacted us to come to Bosnia to say thank you for what we have done. We didn't want the thank you but were afraid they'd be very offended if we didn't go. I went to where the hospitals were and the head of the hospital in 1993 was the same man in charge of the hospital in 2005. He said, do you know one of the reasons why you were called here? So, I said, why? He said, didn't we tell you that this hospital is a state care hospital where we can perform heart surgery? He brought a lady in front of me and said, see this lady, she had shrapnel in her heart. We removed the shrapnel in her heart in this theatre that you South Africans provided, and you see these four children? They were born to her after the shrapnel was removed in this theatre that you South Africans provided, and they were all four born in this containerised mobile hospital. What he was talking about was the spirit of Ubuntu. That is the greatest gift we as South Africans have but we don't even understand that. We're always at each other's throats in this country; we fight with each other with racism and religion. We have the greatest gift that is Ubuntu which the whole world recognises but we can't recognise it ourselves. We need to understand that much much better.

And the story carries on. In 2005, the same year, I'm not going to go into detail; I'll just give two examples of what you can do for the world. In response to the Pakistan earthquake, when we landed the Pakistani authorities came to greet us. They didn't know that we were from South Africa. And they said, do you mind not going to the earthquake? But I thought, what did I come for? So, I said okay, I don't mind not going to the earthquake. My team looked at me, shocked. I said, you don't understand what this man is saying. They asked, what is he talking about? I said, what this man is telling you, is that this earthquake has

wiped out everybody, in the mountains, everywhere. This is a horrid, a massive earthquake. It struck from the whole of India right up to the border and wiped out 400 villages so that the

houses sunk in the ground. So I said, the doctors, the hospitals, the equipment and all staff, everybody is gone. Then I said okay, I need helicopters to stabilise the patients in the mountains, but was told that all the helicopters were busy. So, as they say, a boer maak a plan and I went outside and saw some guys from America who had big Black Hawks. So, I go to them and say, my brother, where are you from? He said Iâ\200\231m from America. I said, you canâ\200\231t be from America, you are black? He said, yes brother, I am from Africa. I said me too Iâ\200\231m from Africa and we hug each other. I say, I need a small favour, I need that helicopter. In two minutes, I get two Black Hawks and a third helicopter. And our people were taken to the mountains and patients were stabilised. In the meantime, we were checking into every hospital throughout the region. We went inside a hospital, the smell of gangrene was in the air as we walked in; children were dying and couldnâ\200\231t use their hands and their feet. There were no parents, no family, no disinfectant, no nurses, no doctors, no drugs, no water for two or three days. And they were lying on the floor with nobody to take care of them. I walked in and I said, look at the state of the hospital, people are dying here. Thereâ\200\231s nothing wrong with this hospital but I needed to give the superintendent a shopping list; I said you bring this to me Iâ\200\231ll show you what South Africans can do. In less than 24 hours they delivered. A hospital that was closing down, a South African miracle team of all colours, of all races, all religions, converted it into a 400-bed emergency hospital. And we did 75 operations a day for which the President of Pakistan gave us the Presidential Award in 2006.

We can do one more story. I walked into my house (I had just arrived from Syria) in January 2010. I got a call from Prime Media, telling me they have a job they know I can do. At 6.15 in the morning: have you heard, thereâ\200\231s an earthquake in Haiti? I put the TV on, and looked at the pictures. I said, yes, in these pictures alone I can tell you 25 000 are already dead. Two hundred and fifty thousand people died overall from that earthquake. At half past six they called me back, are you ready? Are you going to respond? I said: yes, our search and rescue teams are ready, we are going to fly out today. How do you fly out, either France or America? We decided to go via France. I called international relations; I said call the French Embassy, the consulate, tell them we are coming for travel visas. The French government gave us Schengen visas in ten minutes. No passports opened, no forms, no big errors. That was not the important part. The important part was we got it for free! You know Indians, they like free things. I then phoned the Catholic Society in Johannesburg. I said, hello, you donâ\200\231t know me, I need the Pope. The guy didnâ\200\231t speak on the other side. What the hell does this guy need the Pope for? I said I need the Pope because I need the Catholic Society to come to Dominican Republic, to lead the South African team. They said, oh okay, we understand. The guy calls me three hours later to tell me that Catholic Religious Services CIS will meet my teams in the Dominican Republic.

We got through, there were gunshots, looting in the streets, the stench of gangrene, the strong stench of death everywhere. Eight days have passed since the catastrophe and the South

African team goes into the rubble and makes world history. Never before in the history of the world has any team from the African continent taken anybody alive from out of the rubble in an earthquake outside the African continent. The South African team extracted a 64-year old lady from the rubble of a collapsed Catholic Church after more than a week with no oxygen, no food, no water and with fractures. The first words she said: I love God! We were instilling hope into people from so many thousands of kilometers away; and second thing she said was, I love you! The paramedics and the doctors of the first team in stood behind, they went into a church, they scrubbed the walls, and scrubbed the floors. You know what I said about dignity, and Paul Fleischack spoke about ethics and behaviour and conduct and values... we went into a church, and what did we find? We found kids, and it looked like somebody had come to practise on them; amputations were not done properly. We had to re-amputate every single child, hundreds of children, but higher up the arms, the legs, because somebody didn't have the values, didn't have ethics, didn't have the morals, and probably from top institutions, with many resources but who had forgotten about the value and spirituality of life. Don't ever make that mistake. Because karma comes back, and it bites in different ways. Afterwards, the paramedics who are tough, started sobbing. Because after the arms and hands were cut from the children, and they could go home, they said, go

home, where? No house, no parents, no grandparents, no food. Nowhere to go to. Total destruction. And they looked at the state of these children and they broke down. I'd have to send the teams home, because they couldn't manage.

These are the types of things that we see all the time. You need to have the right temperament, and you have to be ever grateful. In Somalia in 2011, when we got there to set up a camp, kids walked 400km to come to the camp. And we asked them where's the rest of your family? Very flatly, as a matter-of-fact, my mother was too tired, my brother was too tired, we left them behind. Where are they now? They probably died. Five to six children died in every family. Ladies and gentlemen, I can go on and on and on. All I need you to understand is, be the best you can, get the eight A symbols, get the seven A symbols, if you don't get them, it doesn't matter. But in life remember, that in everything that you do, take care of those who don't have the skills, the opportunities, the chances and the lessons you have learnt, and the opportunities that you have. Yes you can make a lot of money, you can make a lot from this life, but the best goal you could have is simply to do something for somebody else. There's only one way to understand that - try it, practise it, live it. Give something and you will see what will happen to your soul, your spirit and your being.

Thank you very much.

SUBJECT PRIZES

A BLOCK

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: Murray Finlay

ECONOMICS

Diligence: Mpho Mthethwa

Trials 2018): Takudzwa Madombwe

Diligence: Ben Chance

FRENCH

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): David Blore

Diligence: David Blore, Qaqambile
Mehlwana

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Thomas Gibson
Diligence: Justin Fyvie, James Kiln,
Christian Kohrs, Luke Taylor

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Benjamin Connolly,
Qaqambile Mehlwana

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Benjamin Connolly
Diligence: Michael Kimber, Lance
Reynolds

DRAMATIC ARTS

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Joseph Jangulo

First in Subject: Qaqambile Mehlwana
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Jack Perkin

Diligence: Mpho Mthethwa, William
Norton, Owethu Phekani, Warren
Yoko

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Luke Taylor

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Owethu Phekani
Diligence: Bradley Boulle, Thomas
Gibson, Grant Hiscock, Dominic
Leslie, Qaqambile Mehlwana, Nzuzo
Tshili

ADVANCED PROGRAMME ENGLISH

First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Diligence: Bernard van der Berg

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

First in Subject: Craig Pitt

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224

First in Subject: Levin Kamau

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Kwanza Kukubo
Diligence: Paul McLellan

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: Luke Taylor

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Katlego-John Gaetsaloe
Diligence: Ben Chance, Grant
Hiscock, James Kiln, Thomas Quin,
Warren Yoko

HISTORY

First in Subject: Nicolas Rhodes-Jones
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Joseph Jangulo
Diligence: Bernard van der Berg

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: David Blore

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): David Blore

Diligence: Bailey Green

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Mpho Mthethwa
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Daniel Kariithi
Diligence: Oluwaseun Afolayan

LIFE ORIENTATION

First in Subject: Murray Finlay
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Levin Kamau

LIFE SCIENCES

First in Subject: Nicolas Rhodes-Jones
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Richard Bam

Diligence: Thomas Gibson, Michael
Kimber, Nicholas Stainbank

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Dominic Leslie
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Dominic Leslie
Diligence: Bailey Green

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Andrew Britton
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Kyle Oâ\200\231Brien
Diligence: Michael Brownlee,
Christian Kohrs, Cameron Leer,
Dominic Leslie

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY
First in Subject: Bernard van der Berg
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Kwanza Kukubo
Diligence: Lance Reynolds, Lance
Tratschler

MUSIC

First in Subject: Lesedi Letebele
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Thomas Usher
Diligence: Grant Hiscock

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: Bailey Green
Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224
Trials 2018): Christiaan Serton
Diligence: Oluwaseun Afolayan,
Dominic Leslie, Thabang Moephuli

VISUAL ARTS

First in Subject: Justin Fyvie

Most Improved Mark (November 2017 â\200\224 Trials 2018): Kwanza Kukubo
Diligence: Thomas Jacobsz, Michael Kimber

AGGREGATE PRIZES

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Year Mark 2017): 80% and more on aggregate
Murray Finlay, Qaqambile
Mehlwana, David Blore, Andrew Britton, Alan Buttle, Benjamin Connolly, Michael Gomes, Bailey Green, Samuel Kasher, James Kiln, Liam Laidlaw, Dominic Leslie, Raymond Liversage, Mubeezi Lubinga, William Marshall, William Norton, Christian Opperman, Jack Parsons, Thomas Quin, Nicolas Rhodes-Jones, Christiaan Serton, Luke Taylor, Thomas Usher, Bernard van der Berg

Most Improved Aggregate (November 2017 â\200\224 Trials 2018): Katlego-John Gaetsaloe

TOP ACHIEVERS IN THEA

BLOCK: Year Mark 2018

Third in Block: Bernard van der Berg
Second in Block: Qaqambile
Mehlwana

First in Block: Murray Finlay

SPECIAL PRIZES

Collins Prize for Music (All-round musicianship): Takudzwa Madombwe
Marie-France Ralfe Music Trophy: Lesedi Letebele

Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize (Performance): Thomas Usher
Smithiesâ\200\231 Shield for Vocal Arts: Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi

Old Boysâ\200\231 Essay Prize (English): Luke Taylor

Gabrielle Massey Prize: Raymond Liversage

Andrew Henderson Prize (Agriculture): Thomas Jacobsz and JP van de Velde
Rector s Afrikaans Essay Prize: Bernard van der Berg

John Allen Memorial Prize (Drawing): Sebastian Maitre

PD Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize

(Senior): Tinashe Gasas

Michaelhouse Bilingual Prize: Bernard
van der Berg

Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics
Prize Junior: Callum Porritt
Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics
Prize, Senior: Andrew Britton
Godfrey Immelman Mathematics Prize:
Ruben Mitchell

Stubbings-Dyson Prize (Mathematics):
Tapiwa Chikwanda

JL Robinson Award (Physical Science):
Andrew Britton

Kevin King Memorial Award (Science
Project): Michael Gomes

Proctor Science Award (Physical and
Life Science): Michael Gomes

Tatham Memorial Essay Prize (Life
Sciences): Andrew Holt

Hindson History Essay Prize: Bernard
van der Berg

Bishop Baines Memorial Essay Prize
(for service in the Chapel): Michael
Herbert

Nedbank Life Sciences Prize (Top
Biologist): Andrew Holt

Biffs-Smith: James Kiln

Des Sacco (For best all-round A Block
sportsman, as voted by his peers):
Mubeezi Lubinga

Natural History Society: Jack
Worthington

Richard Hedden (Service): Luke Taylor
Tim Patrick (Contribution to Societies):
Bailey Green, Benjamin Connolly
Chick Henderson: Banele Sithole
Chree Bright: James Armstrong

Rex and Sarah Pennington Award:
Michael Buxton-Tetteh

Rob Matthews: Jabu Price Moor,
Samuel Lombaard

Herbert Fisher (Best Aggregate in the
June Examinations): Murray Finlay
Anthony Evans (Dux 2018): Bongile
Fleischer

Music Senior: Lesedi Letebele

Music Junior: Gustave de Villiers
Andrew Crutchley (Leadership on the C

Block Journey): 2018 - James Murray,
2017 - Cyle Wilson

Lions River Conservation: Andrew
Holt

isiZulu Progress Prize Senior: Matthew
Chettle

isiZulu Progress Prize Junior: Wizwe
Blose

| MISS BALGOWAN WITH ALL MY HEART, | LOVE THAT PLACE.

Old Boy, Firi Lekhetha, via facebook

OPENING OF THE SCIENCES
CENTRE, 2 MARCH

ADDRESS BY THE RECTOR, MR PAUL FLEISCHACK

welcome guests, members of the board, staff, and boys.
We= morning and welcome to this brief ceremony

to mark the opening of the new Sciences Centre. It is wonderful to have with us today as our guests people who taught Science in the old Science Block as well as members of the building team, Messrs Russel Byrne, Prithi Haripersadh and Kyle Paladah. Thank-you all for being with us.

Mrs Gruijters kindly researched the archived material for information regarding the history of Science teaching and Science classrooms at Michaelhouse and it makes for interesting reading: Prior to 1900 Science was not taught in the School. It was not considered to be important enough and until 1903 it had to contend with an improvised shed which did duty also as a room for the camera club and Science seems to have had an insecure position in the curriculum.

In 1903 Mr Adair was appointed from Trinity College, in Ireland, as the first Science Master and he designed the first Science Lab, which was part of a wood and iron building which was located between the bursar's office and the reservoir. This new Science Lab had enough space for 18 boys, a store room and a balance room (for the old weighing balances). Science was taught here for 20 years. At that stage Science was learned by boys memorising their text books.

The rest of the wood and iron building contained three masters' bedrooms, two sitting-rooms, a dormitory, sickroom, storeroom, and bathroom. So it is interesting to note that history is repeating itself with this new sciences centre also including staff accommodation.

Then, under Rector Pascoe, the Science Lab moved into the Memorial Hall and then later to what is now the Rector's Reception and the old lab became a storeroom for tuck, known as the Tuck Box.

In 1936 the chemistry laboratory moved from the Rector's Reception to what was then an audio-visual lecture theatre situated in the Pennington Quad. Biology moved to a classroom between East and the current San, while Physics moved to what is now the GLT and the Rector's Reception then became the library.

At that time boys had to choose between Greek and Science, but

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by 1945 four Science options were offered: Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Physical Science

In 1958 the old Science Block was built after being conceptualised by the then Head of Science, Mr Robbie Robinson, under Rector Morgan.

Then in 2010 Mr Higginson proposed that the Science Block be upgraded. This met with some resistance as a number of people were quite deeply attached to the teak desks and the history

of the old labs and lecture theatres. However, undaunted, he researched science classrooms at schools around the country and then with Mr Snyman proposed the classroom and lab arrangement which we now have. At the same time the need for homes for the Housemasters for Farfield and West on this site became more urgent. And so after much discussion and looking at other possible sites for a new Science Block, including the area between Baines and the Afrikaans Department, a new plan emerged, with Mr Laing motivating for the Housemaster apartments on top of the teaching areas.

In 2013 planning started in earnest. Mr Grice, the School architect, worked miracles to ensure that the needs of Science, Life Science and EGD were met, and that the buildings matched and integrated with the rest of the School. He patiently worked through a number of drafts and even managed to include the lecture theatre as a later addition.

At the same time members of the Board of Governors raised funds from Old Boys for this project and Mr Tony Carter, along with a group of boys, researched the possibility of installing solar power and taking the building off the electricity grid. There is one outstanding feature still to be completed and that is the array of solar panels and the visual display of electricity generation and consumption.

Then, in 2016 the building began. Mr Gordon Bruins, Chairman of the Building, Grounds and Environment Committee spent many days overseeing the construction which was done by Mr Byrne, Mr Haripersadh and his team.

As we watched the building grow we noted the intricate design become reality as teaching spaces, laboratory areas, prep labs,

lecture theatres, garden courtyards and staff homes took shape. I was constantly amazed at just how many facilities occupied the building space.

As our excitement and anticipation grew as we watched the building taking shape, the final touch was yet to come. Waiting in the wings to unleash her creativity was Mrs Amanda Jarvis. The beautiful murals, lights, colours and displays, which include some of Mr Guthrie's art, the periodic table donated by the Thompson family and furniture made with timber upcycled from the old building was conceptualised by Mrs Jarvis. These create

the wonderful ambience and atmosphere which envelopes us as we enter the centre, and the classrooms, and are truly outstanding.

Please join me in paying tribute to all these people who made this special facility become a reality.

We are indeed privileged to have this amazing teaching and learning space. Boys, many of you will have sons who will sit at these desks in years to come. Appreciate and take care of this place so that your sons find it in the same condition as you do now.

OPENING OF THE HERITAGE
CENTRE, 14 SEPTEMBER

ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR ANTHONY HEWAT

Good afternoon. We are proud to have with us today two great architects of our history in two great Rectors, Guy Pear-

son here with his wife Marek, and Dudley Forde. These two great educators remain hugely influential and are up there with the greatest Rectors.

This is a momentous day for Michaelhouse because we celebrate our most significant investment ever into our own history. You did not come to this School by accident, you came because of its heritage and each day you make its new history. We are not defined or constrained by our heritage, we are informed and inspired by it. James Cameron Todd was an Anglican clergyman but his vision was to form a school to produce not clergymen but men; men of understanding, thought and culture.

This here is a living museum. It is designed for its relevance for today. It takes history out of the realm of dusty old uniforms and pictures. We celebrate through this place the Michaelhouse principles, its camaraderie, its lessons, its gees.

Nick Grice our architect has designed a place where we can gather in the new entrance to this School, and share stories and memories, and passion. As you could have predicted, the Old Boys that saw the initial plans insisted that there should be a larger kitchen and more substantial bar as well.

When we go to Old Boys' functions and see men in their 80s bond with teenagers in sharing war cries and Stars of the Morning, we get a feeling of what heritage means. When

generations spanning seven decades bond together as one over a bus accident, you get a feeling of what this building represents.

This Heritage Centre took the best part of a decade to conceive and deliver. The first steps were around making our archives more accessible and searchable. Our Old Boys's Club felt we needed a modernised venue to meet. Our marketing strategies also needed a focus where new prospective parents and boys could get a feel for where we came from and what we stand for.

The Board gave its go-ahead. The hard work of fundraising began in earnest under the Old Boys's Presidency of Mark Lynn and was continued under the watch of Ross Armstrong, who will cut the ribbon for us later. Importantly, no big single donor made this possible, but rather dozens of generous and proud Old Boys as well as the coffers of the School itself, so that we all share this space, not just today but for ever.

Mark Lynn and Nick Grice convened a design team of museum and archive professionals led by Ann Wanless. Robyn Gruijters and Michelle Huntley co-ordinated the archive work that made this a reality a massive task. Amanda Jarvis has overseen the interiors in the same magical way she created the Science Block.

Gordon Bruins has again overseen the building work as with the pool, Sciences Block, and the new Houses whose first foundation stones we lay later today. We also welcome today Gary Ralfe and the McCormick family a thank you for your contributions to our future.

From top: New
Heritage Centre
and Old Boys's
Clubhouse; New
Science Block

And over this last year, our former chairman Jamie Inglis conceived the idea of making the foyer to this centre a celebration of great Michaelhouse Old Boy artists. He has personally curated and selected the gallery, and gently persuaded an extraordinary selection of Old Boy artists and sculptors to share their work, their talent and their time with us. Three of them are here today – Robbie Leggat, Bruce Clements and Brendon Edwards, thank you so much. So this place is also a living and beautiful example of our artistic talents and impact.

We hope that every prospective new boy coming to Michaelhouse starts his journey in this building and we hope that the last thing each Old Boy does at this School is share camaraderie at this place too. Thank you and congratulations to everyone that has contributed. Our common challenge now is to use the space, ensure it is as

relevant in the future as it is today. Let it live our shared values and represent the best of both our heritage and our futures.

Lastly and very importantly, it is particularly an honour and a pleasure to have Bishop Dino Gabriel here, to bless this building for us. The story of Michaelhouse starts with the Anglican Church in this province that James Cameron Todd represented in 1896. The ideals, values and guidance of the church are from then till today etched into every red brick here. Bishop Dino's love for this place and its people grows ever stronger. To mark that historic vote this year where the Old Boys invited each Bishop of Natal to be not only Visitor of Michaelhouse but also a member of our Old Boys' Club, I would like to introduce the President of the Old Boys' Club, Ross Armstrong, to hand over to Bishop Dino his Old Boys' tie.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

Michaelhouse writes the examinations of the Independent Examinations Board (IEB). The standards of the IEB are held in high regard by international and South African tertiary institutions. In their first two years at Michaelhouse, boys participate in a non-specialist academic programme where some of the subjects that are regarded as core disciplines are combined into broader learning areas. This exposure to broader areas of learning enables boys to make an informed decision about the subject package chosen for their Matriculation course. A package of seven subjects is then selected for a three-year course, from C Block through to A Block (Grade 10 to Grade 12). A large number of subject package options offer the opportunity to achieve a National Senior Certificate with university entrance dispensation. Our 680 ha classroom allows for a myriad of opportunities to develop academic discipline in an educational environment specifically geared towards the ways in which boys learn.

ACADEMIC REPORT

We are very proud of the class of 2018; their results were truly excellent. We are so pleased, not only with the

many distinctions and superb national achievements,

but also for the boys who were not necessarily academically talented, who through perseverance, dedication and the help of a hugely committed academic staff achieved well beyond

their potential. The consistency of academic achievement at Michaelhouse is something of which we are very proud and it is the cornerstone of the holistic education we offer our boys.

Highlights included a 100% pass rate (99% university pass rate) with an average of 2.5 distinctions per boy. Nineteen results were amongst the top 1% of IEB results with 12 subjects enjoying more than a third of their candidates achieving an A symbol. The average across all subjects was 74% with 85% of all our boys achieving either an A, B, or C symbol.

Qaqambile Mehlwana was our dux student for 2018, achieving nine distinctions and an aggregate of 92%. Qaqambile placed in the top 1% in South Africa in three of his nine subjects.

97% Mathematics

93% Accounting

92% Economics

91% Advanced Programme Mathematics

91% Life Orientation

90% English

90% Geography

89% Computer Applications Technology

89% Isizulu

Murray Finlay was our proxime accessit, achieving eight distinctions and an aggregate of 92%. Murray placed in the top 1% in South Africa in four of his eight subjects.

96% Accounting

96% Mathematics

94% Life Orientation

93% Physical Sciences

92% Geography

91% Advanced Programme Mathematics

87% Afrikaans

85% English

The following boys appeared on the IEB's 200/201s Commendable List, achieving the top 5% of all candidates in South Africa in five subjects and scoring 80% or more for Life Orientation:

Murray Finlay

Bernard van der Berg

These boys appeared on the IEB's 200/201s Outstanding List, achieving the top 5% of all candidates in South Africa in six subjects and scoring 80% or more for Life Orientation:

Qaqambile Mehlwana

Samuel Kasher

CANDIDATES PLACED IN THE TOP 1%
NATIONALLY

Accounting:

Murray Finlay

Afrikaans:

Christian Opperman

Computer Applications Technology:

Qaqambile Mehlwana

Economics:

Samuel Kasher

William Norton

English:

Luke Taylor

Qaqambile Mehlwana

Bernard van der Berg

Geography:

Murray Finlay

Samuel Kasher

Life Orientation:

Murray Finlay

Luke Taylor

William Norton

Mathematical Literacy:

William Marshall

Bernard van der Berg

Mathematics:

Bailey Green

Thomas Quinn

Qaqambile Mehlwana

Physical Sciences:

Murray Finlay

SUBJECTS WITH ONE THIRD OR MORE
CANDIDATES OBTAINING A DISTINCTION

Information Technology: 100% Distinctions

German: 100% Distinctions

Music: 80% Distinctions

Mathematical Literacy: 70% Distinctions

Drama: 61% Distinctions

Accounting: 58% Distinctions

isiZulu: 46% Distinctions

Economics: 45% Distinctions

EGD: 43% Distinctions

Mathematics: 40% Distinctions

Life Orientation:

Geography:

35% Distinctions

33% Distinctions

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IEB Commendable List: Bernard van der Berg

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TOP ACHIEVERS

Nine distinctions:

Eight distinctions:

Seven distinctions:

Six distinctions:

Qaqambile Mehlwana

Five distinctions:

Murray Finlay

Bernard van der Berg

Bailey Green

Samuel Kasher

Dominic Leslie

Raymond Liversage

Jack Parsons

Luke Taylor

David Blore

Andrew Britton

Michael Gomes

James Kiln

Mubeezi Lubinga

Christian Opperman

Four distinctions:

Nicholas Rhodes-Jones

Seun Afolayan

Alan Buttle

Chris Hardie

William Marshall

Ntsako Maluleka

William Norton

Thomas Quin

Ben Connolly

Jago Fiore

Justin Fyvie

Thomas Grant

Grant Hiscock

Andrew Holt

Liam Laidlaw

Lucas Makhubela

Thomas Usher

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Michaelhouse provides a range of merit-based scholarships for pupils of outstanding academic, musical, sporting and all-round ability.

Awards are made to boys entering Michaelhouse in Grade 8 and are valid for the five-year duration of their career at Michaelhouse,

subject to an acceptable level of performance. Scholarship winners in 2018 were of an extremely high calibre and included:

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER PREP SCHOOL

Major Open James Asherson Clifton Prep, Durban

Minor Open Reuben Baldry Pridwin

Pennington Xihluke Marhule Cordwalles

Academic Exhibition Tristan Hoyle Umhlali Prep

Academic Exhibition Ben Frost St David's, Inanda

Academic Exhibition Brandon van Tonder DPHS

Rector's James Kennedy St David's, Inanda

Rector's Sam Berchowitz DPHS

Music Ryan Smith Drakensberg Boys' Choir School

Music Exhibition George Scott Pridwin

Clifton Prep, Dbn, Closed Ross Rhodes Clifton Prep, Durban

Clifton Prep, NR, Closed Freddie Waller Clifton Prep, Nottingham Road

Cordwalles Closed Tomas Szudrawski Cordwalles

Cowan House Closed David Nienaber Cowan House

Highbury Closed Jack Martin Highbury

The Ridge Closed Alex Sartini-Kruger The Ridge

Major Sport Ayabonga Zakwe Merchiston

Major Sport Joshua Heath DPHS

Sport Exhibition Jaden Anderson Atholl Heights

Sport Exhibition Byron Mitchell-Innes Cordwalles

Sport Exhibition Luke Farndell Highbury

TARPS: TOP FIVE ACADEMIC REWARDS PROGRAMME

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Win de Wet

JANUARY TO JUNE 2018

A Block: Murray Finlay, Bernard van der Berg,
QaQambile Mehlwana, Bailey Green and David Blore

B Block: Cyle Wilson, Ruben Mitchell, Barend Bierman,
Harry Nel, Richard Taylor and Luke van Rooyen (Exchange)

C Block: Tapiwa Chikwanda, Michael Gurney, Hubo
Khumalo, Nikhil Iyer and Tristan Naidoo

D Block: Jaden van der Merwe, Gustave de Villiers, Kameran
Jinnah, Ntumbuluko Mdluli and Mitchell Flanagan

JULY TO DECEMBER 2018

A Block: Murray Finlay, Bernard van der Berg, QaQambile
Mehlwana, Samuel Kasher and Andrew Britton

B Block: Luke van Rooyen, Ruben Mitchell, Cyle Wilson,
Finn Elliott and Harry Nel

C Block: Tapiwa Chikwanda, Tristan Naidoo, Tim
Whitaker, Lehlohonolo Mapetla, Hubo Khumalo, Michael
Gurney (Exchange) and Nikhil Iyer (Exchange)

D Block: Gustave de Villiers, Jaden van der Merwe, Kameran
Jinnah, David Ferguson and Pierre van der Westhuyzen

E Block: James Kennedy, Reuben Baldry, Benjamin Frost,
James Asherson and Matthew de Villiers

sections during the year, namely from January to June

and then from July to December. To be a member, a boy
must end in the top five of his Block based on his quarter and
examination averages. If a boy is on exchange while a TARP,
his membership gets transferred to the next six months. This is
usually for boys in C Block.

T= TARPs programme continues to be divided into two

The aim of TARPs is to reward boys who achieve academic
excellence. This is done in two main areas, namely food and prep
privileges. In 2018 we went out for pizzas and then also had a formal
dinner catered for by the Michaelhouse kitchen. The guest speaker
at this dinner was Paul de Wet whose topic was On second thoughts.
He gave a thought-provoking talk on thinking about thinking. He
challenged the boys to guard against having preconceived ideas
about problems and jumping to obvious wrong answers.

The TARPs programme does not only focus on the boys, but
also on staff and academic departments. Some subjects lend
themselves more to advancing and extending the boys, but many
of the other departments make it one of their goals to enrich the
boys wherever possible. The focus here is to promote academic
excellence and for the boys to achieve their best possible results,
without concern for negatives comments from their peer group.

VISUAL ARTS

Head of Department: Ms Jenni Maurice-Green
Staff: Mrs Candice Smith

AWARDS

Honours: Michael Kimber, Jack Worthington

Colours: Kieran Benson, William Crutchley, Justin Fyvie,
Bailey Green, Juno Griffin, Thomas Jacobsz, Sebastian
Maitre

Half Colours: Siphokhule Mokoena

Other awards: Justin Fyvie, Sebastian Maitre, Kwanza
Kukubo

year with our boys being recognised both in KwaZu-

lu-Natal and the wider South African Art and Education
contexts through their work being displayed both within and
without the Michaelhouse gates.

T: Michaelhouse Art School has had a very successful

The most noteworthy of our members this year is Michael
Kimber. Michael has been recognised for his excellent work
in animation. The Think Ahead/iStore Excellence in Education
Awards awarded a video Michael produced: First Place in
Artistic Excellence (Grades 8-12) for displaying outstanding

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creativity and innovation in the transforming of education in the
South African classroom. This national competition, judged
by international judges, pitted Michaelhouse against a number
of top South African schools. Furthermore, Michael's work can
be seen on YouTube, the Blender Artist's forum and Reddit.

The 2016 and 2017 Old Boys held their own at the Tatham Art
Gallery in Pietermaritzburg's KZN Midlands Matric Exhibition
and Spotlight on Teachers Exhibition where the work of Craig
Heenan, Joseph Bracken, Dylan Paynter, Toivo Khumalo and
Matthew van Eeden along with their teacher, Jenni Maurice-
Green, was on display in the Schreiner Gallery during the
months of June and July.

The Schlesinger Theatre Foyer Gallery has held a number of
exhibitions this year as well. The year began with an exhibition
of A, B and C Block portraits which was then replaced in the
Pentecost Quarter by an exhibition of Old Boys' and Matric
work. The Michaelmas Quarter saw the holding of the fourth
Annual Michaelhouse-Trevertton B and C Block exhibition
running from 5 September to 14 October. The opening function
of this corresponded with the anniversary of the dreadful bus
accident that occurred in 2017 and was dedicated to Themba
Dloti. The exhibition was opened by local artist and musician,
Kaolin Thompson and featured musical items by Michael

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Gurney and the Treverton Music Department.

The Art year came to a finale with the Matric Exhibition Gala opened by Michaelhouse Old Boy Phiwayinkosi Mbuyazi and was again held in the Schlesinger Theatre Foyer Gallery on 24 October. Mr Mbuyazi had his audience captivated by his discussion on the value of the Arts in tomorrow's world in terms of its power to create unique and innovative entrepreneurial

solutions to problems we don't yet realise we will soon face. Artworks from this exhibition by Kieran Benson, William Crutchley, Justin Fyvie, Bailey Green, Juno Griffin, Thomas Jacobsz, Michael Kimber, Sebastian Maitre, Siphokhule Mokoena and Jack Worthington have been selected by the Tatham Art Gallery for their 2018 Annual Matric Exhibition to be held in June 2019. The boys are to be commended on their outstanding achievements.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Head of Department: Mrs Asha Royappen

Staff: Mr William le Cordeur
It is a truth universally acknowledged that a school as prestigious as Michaelhouse must be seen to be performing at the highest levels at all times. This year's Dramatic Arts Matric

Class delivered unfailingly on all beats.

For one night, the men under Asha Royappen's guidance showcased their skills on the stage, taking the audience on a journey that included physical comedy, farce, song and thought-provoking drama. And while the audience may have been entertained during the evening, for these boys the stakes were higher: they were being marked by the external examiner as part of their final subject result for the year. To be able to perform at such a high standard while facing the pressures of the audience and academic expectation, is not for the faint of heart; and one can see Mrs Royappen's steady hand on the tiller, as these young men navigated their cues and transitions with the ease of seasoned professionals.

And so it was a privilege to witness the solid and breathtaking physical performance by the first group of performing students who called themselves Waking Dream. Displaying a mastery of physical control and a sense of emotional development beyond their years, these young men twisted and turned and leapt across the stage, which seemed barely able to contain the energy and enthusiasm of the performance. Another highlight from this group was a monologue from Athol Fugard's My Children! My Africa! with a harrowing description of police action against students during the apartheid era. It was handled with such pathos, one couldn't but envision the scenes conjured up by the script in all their smoke-filled despair. The heart-wrenching exploration of humanity in the excerpt from Some Mother's Sons, also deserves a mention, as does the icy-cold edge of the addict's monologue from Nottage's Fabulation, or the Re-Education of Undine, a comically tragic piece about hubris and self-loathing.

From the group, Inventing My Own Alphabet, a tragic unpacking of language's failure to express emotion effectively in repetition that resonated with the audience and was a strong curtain-raiser. The group included a surprise departure from the standard monologue delivery in the form of a song; a perfect example of the group's dedication to creativity and

innovation. The universality of race-politics was also under the microscope in a cutting monologue that was set in the United States but communicated themes and truths that were globally experienced. It was, however, the dialogue from Master Harold and the Boys, that raised a few eyebrows and possibly made a few audience members squirm as it tackled the uncomfortable memory of present-day race relations.

The aptly-named The Chaos And The Calm lived up to the moniker with pieces that ranged from the classics to the contemporary. A dialogue steeped in irony from The Great Gatsby was a tonic for the intensity of the Facebook-friend-rapist monologue that had completely silenced the audience by the time the final word had been spoken.

The character-driven monologue from The Blue Period of Milton van der Spuy, was a master-class in how one should inhabit a character to make it believable. Where most young actors choose to over-act their parts with earnest enthusiasm, this subtle but assured performance was a pleasure to witness. And the audience would be hard-pressed to find another heart-breaking letter to a lost love than OCD. Rich in its human truths and merciless in its honesty, the monologue hit home with anyone who had ever experienced unrequited love.

Stand-out performances from the Fook Island group included the Fatal Beatings dialogue, a breakneck-paced darkly-comedic piece that relied heavily on timing by both the young actors who delivered almost effortlessly to the delight of the audience. From the outset the handling of the 'real loss' monologue from Good Will Hunting was going to be a challenge for anyone who chose it. After all, the late Robin Williams had, as he had done in all his roles, made it his own. To watch a young man take it on and acquit himself ably in his interpretation of the character was nothing short of truly special. As an aside, there was an unexpected mime from Mr Bean that left the audience in stitches; no mean feat when one considers Rowan Atkinson is essentially the franchise. The group rounded out its time on the stage with a hilarious send-up of modern dating politics, that couldn't be more timeous.

It is worth taking a moment here to reflect on the content of the evening's programme. Bear in mind that the selection of pieces for the students was based not only on their skill level but also

on works with which they could connect on a personal level. From deeply resonant apartheid-era discussions and riveting reflections on sexual abuse to biting satire on colonialism and the unflinching examination of human relationships, the evening was both fearless and relevant in a world that is no longer accepting of the tired narratives or wilful ignorance, and each performance that night was hallmarked by sensitivity,

maturity and nuance. If these young men are any kind of representation of the calibre of individual that Michaelhouse produces, then the future is in good hands.

In conclusion, a final word of congratulations and a standing ovation to the Dramatic Arts Class of 2018 and their redoubtable instructor: you are a tough act to follow.

PERFORMING ARTS

Head of Department: Mr Abri Venter

Staff: Mr William Silk, Mr Nico Keyter, Mrs Angela Jonsson, Mrs Lizelle Schaap (Locum)

Part-time Staff: Mr Bernard Kisbey-Green (Saxophone, Clarinet, Drumkit), Mr Leandros Stavrou (Guitar), Dr Zillah Holcroft (Violin), Ms Talisa Symons (Violin), Mr David Solomon (Brass)

AWARDS

Honours (Music): Michael Herbert, Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi, Takalani Tshivase

Colours (Leader/Deputy Leader of an official music group): Grant Hiscock (Chapel Choir Head Chorister); Daniel Kariithi and Samuel Lombaard (Deputy Head Chorister); Lesedi Letebele (Orchestra Leader); Michael Herbert (Deputy Leader); Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi (Marimba Leader); Takalani Tshivase (Deputy Leader)

Colours (Music): Oluwaseun Afolayan, Neil Bierman, Barend Bierman, Makomborero Magara, Leruri Sealetsa
Half Colours (Music): James Armstrong, Matthew Browse, Peter Calcott, Nhlanhla Dlamini, Gustave de Villiers, Jacques du Preez, David Ferguson, Michael Gurney, Nicholas Holt, Maghawe Hoohlo, Simon le Vieux, Jason Makhele, Mmofa Matjele, Cameron McLean-Banks, Ayanda Nene, Junior Ntiyane, Sello Stone-Mboweni, Drew Reynolds, Thomas Stroud, Jeremy Trinidad, Ashley Vere, Jason Williams

KZN Midlands Youth Choir: Barry Bierman, Niel Bierman, Guy Cocksedge, James Dawson, Maghawe Hoohlo, Lloyd Howell, Daniel Jonsson, Simon le Vieux, Makomborero Magara, Kabo Molete, Sean Ramsay, Sello Stone-Mboweni,

Ashley Vere

Mi endar in the Music School with over 90 pupils signing up for lessons. Auditions for the choir and orchestra got off to an exciting start with the selected boys enjoying an intense choir/orchestra camp at Golden Harvest Retreat over the weekend of the 27/28 January. Marimbas were once again a popular choice with over 40 boys auditioning for the junior and senior marimba bands and the competition marimba band had rehearsals well underway for their participation in the Interna-

tional Steelpan and Marimba Competition being held again at St Dominicâ\200\231s Catholic School for Girls in Johannesburg. Three

usic lesson registration started off the busy 2018 cal-

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talented and capable C Block pupils signed up for Music as a subject in 2018.

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CAMP: 27-28 JANUARY

The year started off with members of the Michaelhouse Choir and orchestra enjoying a comprehensive rehearsal weekend at Golden Harvest Retreat in the Kamberg. The boys had marathon rehearsal sessions to set them up for the busy year of events, concerts and performances ahead.

@BANDROOM: 2 MARCH

@pbandroom proved as popular as ever with 120 guests enjoying a wonderful evening of entertainment supplied by the choir, orchestra, various ensembles, soloists and the A Block Band Strings Attached. The marimba bands once again proved a hit, with the evening ending off on a high note with lively performances from all three marimba bands.

FRANCOIS LE ROUX (HA!MAN): 6 FEBRUARY

After the success of the workshop in 2017, Francois le Roux was welcomed back by the subject Music pupils and boys taking musical instruments as they once again enjoyed a workshop by this renowned South African cellist. The boys thoroughly enjoyed his approach to music and were encouraged to create art and music in the moment.

DRAKENSBERG BOYS CHOIR: 28 FEBRUARY

The subject Music boys, along with Mr Abri Venter, attended the first of the Drakensberg Boys Choir weekly concerts.

INTER-HOUSE MUSIC: 22 MARCH

This year was another hotly contested tussle between Baines, East, Founders and Mackenzie, with each House investigating the theme of Imagining Sustainable Development. Baines were overall winners.

Back Row: Connor Muirhead, Sonwabo Gigaba, William Marshall, Michael Steyn, Mmofa Matjele, Hubo Khumalo

Middle Row: Nzuzo Tshili, Rogan Muirhead, Lehlohonolo Mapetla, Leruri Sealetsa

Front Row (seated): Lesedi Letebele, Takalani Tshivhase, Mr Abri Venter, Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi, Takuduzwa Madombwe

The Competition Marimba Band performed in front of a sold out audience and received a standing ovation at the end of their very entertaining show.

For the fourth edition of the event held at Michaelhouse the Music Departments from Michaelhouse and Hilton College combined again to entertain a full house with an evening of excellent music supplied by choirs, marimbas and various ensemblesâ\200\231 items. It was a wonderful showcase of incredible talent.

The Michaelhouse Music Festival went into its fourth year with various artists from different genres providing entertainment, from excellent performances by PJ Powers and Khan Morbee to the classical talents on the piano from Lara Kirsten and the amazing vocal talents of Audrey Mbuyazi. The KZNPO were

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again in attendance and rounded off an excellent weekend of music with Magic of Music in the Midlands showcasing the talents of the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir as well as Clifton Prep, Nottingham Road Choir, Christ Church Prep Senior Choir and the KZN Midlands Youth Choir.

The choir again competed in the ATKV Applous competition and received a very good silver award for this.

The Competition Marimba Band travelled again to St Dominicâ\200\231s Catholic School for Girls in Boksburg to take part in the annual Marimba Festival. They participated in four categories and the results are as follows: first place out of 17 bands in the Proudly South African category; first out of 36 bands in the Battle of the Bands category, first place out of ten bands in the Strictly Classical section, and first of 13 bands in the Jn the Mix competition. In a nail-biting finale the 15 members of the Competition Band, led by Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi,

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Back Row: Adrian Hill, Orateng Mokone, Tristan Naidoo, James Dawson, Murray Odell, James Murray, Zola Sokhela, Fourth

Row: Jacques du Preez, Sello Stone-Mboweni, Peter Calcott, Gabriel Baynes, Reuben Baldry, Lloyd Howell, Ashley Vere, Jeremy

Trinidad, Third Row: Daniel Jonsson, Ryan Smith, David Nienaber, Michael Dalglish, Daka lo Nonge, Ntando Khumalo, Mvelo

Guma, Kabo Molete, Kiyan Singh, Second Row: Tristan Hoyle, Xihluke Marhule, Mogomotsi Nteta, Guy Cocksedge, Makomborero

Magara, Letlotlo Sekatle, Maqhawe Hoohlo, Simon le Vieux, Front Row (seated): Niel Bierman, Leruri Sealetsa, Daniel Kariithi, Mr Abri Venter, Grant Hiscock, Mr William Silk, Samuel Lombaard, Barry Bierman, Luc Delaporte

were crowned victorious and received the award for the Best Marimba Band of the Festival.

The Michaelhouse Orchestra joined bands from Epworth, Hilton College, Maritzburg College, St Anne's College, St Charles College and St John's DSG on Friday 3 August at Bands 2 the Max in the Epworth Multi-purpose Centre.

Our marimba bands and orchestra entertained an audience at Swissland Cheese, Balgowan, along with performances from our popular E Block Band Untitled as well as the newly formed B Block Band Fagade. This event also saw the debut of the recently formed Chamber Choir.

Thirty ladies from the Nottingham Road Women's Institute

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enjoyed a teatime concert held in the Band Room. They were thoroughly entertained by the Chamber Choir as well as Maghawe Hoohlo on Cello and Michael Gurney on piano. The E and B Block bands performed and the event was rounded off with a performance by the Junior Marimba Band.

The fifth in the concept-concert presented by the Music School and Michaelhouse with the event being staged in different venues all over campus. This ever-popular event started in the Foyer of the Schlesinger Theatre with our guests enjoying their starters before making their way to the theatre to be captivated by performances from the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir, Junior Marimba Bands and B Block Band as well as a sterling performance by the Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Pipe Band. The audience then made their way to the Memorial Hall to enjoy a delicious Sunday roast lunch while being entertained by music from Abri Venter, Lizelle Schaup and Bernard Kisbey-Green. A carillon of bells signalled the start of the final part of the concert with the final performance of 2018 by the KZN Midlands Youth Choir. This wonderful day of culture was brought to a close with coffee and gourmet cupcakes served in the Crypt.

CLIFTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL MARIMBA
FESTIVAL: 1 NOVEMBER

The Junior Marimba Band ended off their successful year participating in the Clifton Marimba Festival. They â\200\224 along with marimba bands from Khazimula, Treverton, Bang-on-40 and Clifton â\200\224 provided a wonderful evening of entertainment.

ORCHESTRA REPORT

Written by Lesedi Letebele

Now in its second year, the Schoolâ\200\231s orchestra underwent tremendous growth. The members were exceptional in not only being dedicated to being a part of this ensemble, but also in how they looked to improve their musicianship in taking on the challenges that come with learning new music. This year, the main theme for the orchestraâ\200\231s repertoire was movie theme songs and the aim was to play songs that boys would enjoy playing, as well as having the audience being able to recognize various songs and to reminisce. This proved to be a popular choice for both the boys playing and the various audiences listening, which resulted in many memorable concerts throughout the year. As challenging as learning some of the pieces, as well as fitting orchestra into busy schedules, may have been, the boys must be commended for their commitment and hard work this year. It has laid a solid foundation for future orchestras as this ensemble builds towards becoming a reputable band in Kwa-Zulu Natal.

MARIMBA BAND

Marimbas were once again a popular choice at Michaelhouse, with the 15-man Junior Band comprising of boys from E and D Blocks, the 16-man Senior Band comprising of boys from C and B Blocks, and the 15-strong Competition Band comprising of boys from A, B and C Blocks. The marimba bands again delivered stellar performances and earned accolades and awards around the country in 2018.

CHAPEL CHOIR

This year saw the start of an exciting new ensemble, the Chamber Choir, made up of ten boys and formed in June. They enjoyed many successful performances culminating in their singing two songs as part of the Carol Service.

EXTERNAL MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL
SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Name	Instrument	Grade	Results
Tapiwa Chikwanda	â\200\224 Guitar	5	Distinction
Maghawe Hoohlo	Cello	5	Merit

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Lesedi Letebele
Michael Gurney

Ryan Smith

Violin

Piano

Voice

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

Name

Luc Delaporte

Takudzwa

Madombwe

Andrew Holt

Peter Scholtz

James Murray

Makomborero

Kamba

Lesedi Letebele

Instrument

Voice

Drum Kit

Saxophone

Saxophone

Saxophone

Drum Kit

Drum Kit

Grade

TRINITY ROCK AND POP

Name

Jacques du Preez

Eric Serton

Grant Hiscock

Menziwokuhle

Mbuyazi

Takalani Tshivhase

Junior Chalumbira

Benjamin Frost

James Gush

Max Chapman

George Scott

Instrument

Guitar

Guitar

Voice

Voice

Voice

Bass Guitar

Guitar

Drum Kit

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ACCOUNTING

Head of Department: Mr Dean Forword

Staff: Mr Richard McMichael

OUR AIM IN THE ACCOUNTING

DEPARTMENT IS TWO-FOLD:

We want to provide our boys in all Blocks with a skill which they can use for the rest of their lives in personal finance, entrepreneurial ventures and in their work.

We want to equip C, B and A Block boys with the necessary knowledge and skill base to thrive in their undergraduate and postgraduate studies and also to make effective decisions in their work place one day.

symbols and 89% achieved A, B or C symbols in the 2017 IEB examinations. We were happy with the results across the class and enjoy keeping track of the boys's progress post-school.

Pees percent of our A Block candidates achieved A

A highlight for the department is the annual B Block Accounting Tour to Johannesburg. Mr Dean Forword accompanied the boys this year and a fun and productive time was had by the boys. The purpose of the week in Johannesburg is to expose the B Block class to: one of the big four auditing firms, a bank, a manufacturing plant, a financial services firm and any business of interest. The boys learn about the vast opportunities available for accountants, chartered accountants and entrepreneurs in different business sectors.

REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTING TOUR

TO JOHANNESBURG

Written by Barend Bierman, Lwandile Ngcobo, Michael Buxton- Tetteh, Jack Trotter, Finn Elliot, Matthew Chettle and Luke Van Rooyen

The 2018 B Block Accounting Tour was a very interesting and memorable experience. Before the trip, I was unsure about what I would like to do after Matric. I had many expectations prior to the tour. I was also curious about how different businesses function and their various ways of generating income.

The first day began with an early morning wake up for us in order to make it in time to Standard Bank. We began with a talk about the bank's strategy to drive Africa's growth. On top of this they aim to be client- orientated. We then listened to a talk on how banks make money. There were many interesting and vibrant speakers but the one that stuck out to me the most was the talk by Arno van Holden on his team's app Shyft. This is an app that allows you to buy and store foreign exchange by the touch of a button to make things easier if you want to go overseas and need instant money. This talk was very exciting because it showed the importance of staying at the top by becoming more innovative every day and coming up with new products. After a brilliant talk, which I thought could not be topped, we received a talk from a man from Global Markets,

Sed Naidu, who said that what Arno's floor makes in months, his floor could make by lunch time. The level of competition inside one of our continent's biggest branches was very refreshing and

intriguing. We ended off the talks with Tamsyn Els speaking to us about their Graduation Recruitment Programme. We were told about the requirements to be able to be a part of this firm. We then went off to have a look at the different floor spacing which went from floors one to eight. Floor eight was all the guys who have made it and are at the top of the chain including two Michaelhouse Old Boys! Standard Bank was definitely one of the best companies we had the privilege of visiting.

We then moved on to Trident Engineering which I found interesting and different as I didn't know much about the mining industry. It began with a presentation on how the business began which I enjoyed. What captured my attention was that the business was founded in 1969 and is still run by the same people to this day. We then walked around the manufacturing sector and saw how they created their locomotives and rocker shovels and other products. All manufacturing is done by machines where in the past they were hand crafted. They even create simulations for their products as they must know if they can handle the heat and are able to do the job needed underground. They do this before they are shipped off to their respective owners. We walked through their repair workshop as their machines come under a lot of strain from the heat and rocks and need mending within months of being sold. The long day came to an end with me knowing things that I hadn't even thought about before the tour began and I didn't know what the next day would bring.

At Karan Beef the enormity of this operation became evident as for kilometres on end you see the 160 000 cows in paddocks. We received a talk by the feedlot manager, Justin Karan, about how accounting affects us in everyday life no matter what we do. He explained the process of how when a company expands to a point having internal structures allows for much more control as is the case with Karan Beef's transport and feed storage. We learnt how the operation functions 24/7 to allow for optimum efficiency and productivity. The bookkeeping system which is used at Karan Beef provides each cow with its own ledger to enable them to work out the profit that any individual cow will make. The cash flow that was explained to us is vital especially in terms of buying the cows as to try and beat competition Karan Beef will usually offer a payment within 24 hours. If cash flow is not monitored precisely and there is not enough cash the turnover and running of the business could go extremely wrong. We then embarked on a tour of the feedlot where we saw the turn over time of filling up trailers with mixers for feed, which is the biggest feed mill in the world, and how much organization and cleanliness is maintained at this facility. Next we saw the entry facility in which the categorization and vaccination of all new cows which come in to the farm is conducted extremely quickly to cover the approximately 2000 cows entering the farm per day. A positive about the feedlot was that they do not tolerate any wastage as was evident when Mr Karan went to go push some feed that had fallen out of the trough back in even though it was only a handful's worth.

Next we were off to the abattoir. As a vegetarian, I had my mind set on being very sceptical about the ethical and hygienic state that it would be in. To my surprise the killing of the animals is conducted in a very ethical manner and the cleanliness of the facility could not be criticized. Once again the efficiency within this facility stood out, from the well equipped staff who could package and cut the meat extremely fast, to the automatic fridge which is controlled and packed by cranes. Next door to this fridge is a massive section of pure carbon dioxide in case anything were to go wrong in the factory fire wise they would be able to deal with it immediately. A positive at the abattoir was the productivity rate. The aim is to slaughter a cow every seven seconds. It is also incredible to see how quickly the meat is transferred from a live animal into vacuum packed boxes stored in a monstrously big freezer.

We then visited Deloitte where we had a speaker speak to us about studying to be a chartered accountant (CA) and some of the requirements to be able to do the course and what to expect over the four-year course and the three years of articles. He spoke about the difference between doing your three years of articles at an auditing firm such as Deloitte compared to doing your articles at one of the big four banks. He then explained to us how the people working at Deloitte audit companiesâ\200\231

accounts meaning they make sure that everything adds up in their accounts and the information the companies are portraying is true and theyâ\200\231re not doing anything illegal. I found this firm very interesting and I could see myself having a future in an auditing firm.

Our last visit was to AlphaWealth, which was my favorite. AlphaWealth is a financial services provider, whose services range from tax advisory to investment and portfolio management. They hold a wide variety of assets from shares in companies on the JSE to property both locally and internationally. They also mentioned that they allow employees to switch around in the business, to a certain extent, regardless of their degree. They also offer short term internships to graduates. They then quizzed us on our general knowledge of financial and economic terms and events.

This trip has made a significantly positive contribution to my career decision making process. My expectations before the trip were met and I gained valuable knowledge about the fields that interest me. A common theme most of the companies shared was their principles of hard work and dedication. This trip has emphasized the importance of those principles and I plan to nurture these values in my personal life.

COMPUTER STUDIES

Head of Department: Mrs Julie Flanagan
Staff: Mr Dominic Gruijters, Mr Ian Crawford,
Mr Simphiwe Xulu

AWARDS

Computer Applications Olympiad Second Round: Bailey

Green (second place â\200\224 KwaZulu-Natal)
Wires They outdid themselves in the November

2017 IEB examinations. The IT students (14 in total) achieved nine A symbols and 86% of the students achieved an A, B or C symbol. The CAT students (seven in total) achieved

two distinctions and 100% achieved an A, B or C symbol.

e were once again proud of our A Block IT and CAT

We continue this year to use the ITSI MiEbooks platform for all textbooks, multimedia content and assessments for our IT, CAT boys and IT staff. This platform together with our Moodle LMS continues to support our aim to enhance our teaching using blended learning in our classrooms. Some of our D Block boys enjoyed building and programming Lego robotics to perform various tasks. Our E and D Block boys learned how to code by creating animations using Scratch and playing CodeCombat respectively.

Staff development remains an integral component of the

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Computer Studies Department as it is vital for us to keep up with the latest technologies. We attended the IEB CAT and IT conferences in Johannesburg during February and we continue to work closely with the KwaZulu-Natal clusters in both IT and CAT. In September, we were privileged to host and attend the KwaZulu-Natal iPad Education Summit, run by ThinkAhead Education Solutions. The summit theme was Everyone can create and the sessions highlighted various resources to use for creative expression in all subjects.

Our intern, Simphiwe Xulu, moves on to take on a part-time teaching and Internet position at Hilton College and we thank him for his contribution to the Computer Studies Department over the past two years.

The ITPSA Computer Olympiad is one of the oldest and largest competitions of its kind in the world and has been held since 1984. During the week 5 to 9 March 2018, 181 Michaelhouse boys participated in the Computer Olympiad Talent Search. Over 20,000 candidates participate nationally in this Olympiad. Certificates were awarded to the participants with above average scores. Michaelhouse boys achieved excellent results with 86% of them achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate.

Congratulations to the following 41 boys who achieved Gold certificates (top 7% of all participants countrywide):

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 8 & 9)

Name

Bradley Banda
Oliver Bass
Murray Behn
Peter Calcott
Tom Deist

Jack Edmonds
Mitchell Flanagan
Lawrence Hawke
Luke Hooker
Aiken Olivier
Robbie Pickard
Derrick Pienaar
Joseph Price
Zubin Randeria
Arden Scholtz
Thomas Stroud
Richard Upfold
Ashley Vere
Thomas Walters

Grade

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SENIOR (GRADES 10 & 11)

Name

James Armstrong
Joshua Baillie
Simon Browse
Tapiwa Chikwanda
Ryan Davies

Sam Frost

Tyler Grant
Michael Gurney
James Gush
Hamish Henderson
Neil Johnston
Hubo Khumalo
Ruben Mitchell
Harry Nel

Thomas Ringwood
Richard Taylor
Luke van Rooyen

Gareth Warburton

Grade

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Timothy Whitaker 10
Cyle Wilson 11
Matthew Winn 10
Joshua Witherspoon 11

On 7 May, 15 Michaelhouse boys (out of a total of 5,226 pupils) participated in the Computer Applications Olympiad first round. Certificates were awarded to participants with above average scores. Michaelhouse boys achieved excellent results with 93% of them achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. Ten Michaelhouse boys (out of 534 pupils) qualified to participate in the second round. Special mention must be made of Bailey Green who achieved second position in KwaZulu-Natal for proficiency in the second round. To be placed second in your province is a remarkable accomplishment.

GOLD CERTIFICATES (for 7% of all participants
countrywide):

Congratulations to the following five students who achieved
gold certificates

Name Grade
Tapiwa Chikwanda 10
Luke van Rooyen 11
Bailey Green 12
Lucas Makhubela 12
Raymond Liversage 12

In August, 60 Michaelhouse boys (out of a total of 2,036 pupils) participated in the Computer Programming Olympiad first round. Certificates were awarded to participants with above average scores. Michaelhouse boys achieved good results with 52% of them achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. Out of a total of 539 participants, 27 Michaelhouse boys qualified to participate in the second round.

GOLD CERTIFICATES (Achieved 100% for the First
Round)

Congratulations to the following 14 boys who received gold
certificates in the First Round:

Name Grade
Niel Bierman 11
David Blore 12
Simon Browse 11
Tapiwa Chikwanda 10
Ryan Davies 11
Luke Gilmore 10
Tyler Grant 11
Bailey Green 12

Raymond Liversage 12

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B Block Accounting boys
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Harry Nel 11
Richard Taylor 11
Luke van Rooyen 11
Gareth Warburton 11
Joshua Witherspoon 11

As part of the ICT staff integration programme, the Coffee and Computer sessions started this year to encourage staff to engage with technology in the classrooms. The topics this year centered

on the effective use of eBooks, effective use of Microsoft Excel and the use of Moodle as a Learning Management System. Various ICDL courses were also offered to staff.

Our ICT vision at Michaelhouse is to develop responsible 21st century digital citizens who have the necessary technological skills that will ensure their success in any chosen field in a global, connected world. We aim to broaden the boys' creativity, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills whilst working on their collaboration and communication skills by using innovative tools in our classrooms.

COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL CARE

Written by Mr Tim Jarvis, Senior Master Pastoral Care

WHY I'M A RELUCTANT FEMINIST

the future of the nation (at least the male half) I wearily

enter my back door into the kitchen. I am half hoping to see something bubbling invitingly on the stove or to be assailed by the smell of roasting from the oven. Instead I am greeted only by a distant cry of, 'Oh, you're back, please make a start on supper,' from my wife, 'I'll be there as soon as MasterChef is finished.'

Arriving home at the end of a long day at work educating

Ah the irony.

I swallow back a few choice responses that come unbidden to my mind and get to work. Tears form in my eyes and possibly not just because I've started chopping the onions.

If the boys I have just been teaching think for a moment (and they sometimes do) that they are going to enter some 1950s version of marital bliss (for them at least) as regards relationships and gender roles, then they are sorely mistaken.

Our biology does create real differences that impact the roles men and women play but these difference are often exaggerated and assumptions about expected gender roles extrapolated from very little. For instance, because of breastfeeding women play the primary care role in the early stages of a child's life, but why does this mean that men cannot play an equal role in other areas of child care or domestic responsibilities? There is no biological or natural reason why men can't change nappies. Biologically men as well as women have, well, hands.

Opinions on this issue are surprisingly forceful and polarised. Upon reading the title of this piece some will have raised their eyebrows at the use of the word 'reluctant' while the remainder will have furrowed their brow disapprovingly at the term 'feminist' (the most looked up word in the Merriam-Webster

online dictionary in 2017). There are some deep cultural and

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religious beliefs that explain some of this strength of feeling. I have a friend who wears a t-shirt that says, Patriarchy is not God's dream for the world but the way some people behave you would think it is at least theirs. Clear distinguished (restrictive) gender roles are held to religiously by some. I am struggling to see why, but it does explain why this debate often takes place beyond the realm of reason and logic.

Once we put ideologies aside, there are very few exceptions and no earthly reasons why men and women cannot take on almost any role in life both outside and inside the home. So where does my reluctance to embrace the term feminism come from?

While I was growing up, feminists were seen as an extreme, unshaven, bra burning sector of society, with a propensity to throw themselves under horses. It's sometimes hard to let go of the caricature but my understanding has changed and the feminist movement has softened (not withstanding movements like #allmenaretrash) to be more inclusive of men.

In an all-boys school it almost seems a betrayal to say that I am a feminist. Why would I back the opposition when I should be backing our boys? seems to be the inferred question. This mind-set pits men and women against each other but the battle of the sexes is one that neither can win.

Some of our students think that feminism is sexist given that it favours one sex over the other, but this is to misunderstand (sometimes willingly) the movement. At its heart, feminism is a reaction to the patriarchal landscape we find ourselves in. Its only goal is to secure parity between men and women so that both have equal access to education, jobs, safety and opportunities. Who can be against that?

South Africa is still largely patriarchal and, with femicide rates four times the global average and 20% of women having experienced physical violence (mostly domestic), it is hard to make a case for the benefits of this male-led society. Astoundingly the South African Medical Research Council has also found that 40% of men assault their partners daily. It can't stay the same,

it just can't. Research largely indicates that countries that are the most gender equal, score highest on the happiness scale and experience an improved quality of life, for both men and women. In the workplace, gender-equal companies have lower job turnover, easier recruitment and higher rates of productivity.

So yes, even as a teacher in an all-boys school and as a father of sons only, I am a feminist. Aside from the necessary benefits to females, the questioning of roles based on your biological sex has started freeing boys up from the gender straitjackets they are forced to wear. I have certainly seen that a greater freedom to express emotions has been beneficial for boys. This changing world and its continuation has and will mean a better life for women and girls but I firmly believe it will continue to mean a better life for boys and men. Without denying them their masculinity we have to help our boys prepare for this future and help them understand it is better for all of us.

Of course if you have the sneaking suspicion that some of my reluctance to fully embrace this term stems from the implication that I am going to have to continue and increase my efforts around the house, you would be right. It would seem, given that I have hands to whisk, the kitchen is now just as much my place as my wife's.

Discussing such issues as a school community is a key part of what the pastoral team does at Michaelhouse. This year our theme was Get Woke, a topic that gave us the scope to discuss issues like feminism but also a number of others relating to social justice.

This theme was run in the third quarter. Woke is a slang term referring to awareness of issues concerning social and racial justice. It has been added into the dictionary after being popularised by supporters of the Black Lives Matter movement. By the mid-20th century, woke had been extended figuratively to refer to being aware or well informed in a political or cultural sense. Oxford English Dictionary.

Getting woke was the aim of the theme with a particular view to using increased awareness to uplift the lives of people around us. To this end there was a focus on both dialogue and community outreach. The purpose of any dialogue and discussion was not to promote a specific agenda but rather to encourage tolerance and to engage with multiple perspectives on some challenging social topics.

Topics included privilege, reverse racism, sexuality and gender equality. While community outreach opportunities included:

Soul to Sole: Collection of shoes to contribute to the seven million children who have never owned a brand new pair of shoes.

Singakwenza: Making toys to enhance early childhood development.

Feminine Hygiene: Provision of, and education around, feminine hygiene products. Lack of resources in this area

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mean that many girls miss school for days at a time which disadvantages them educationally.

We had a number of powerful enrichment speakers and workshops including Roy Gluckman and Sisonke Msimang. There were also

Chapel services, assemblies, Life Orientation lessons and tutor group discussions to support the content of the speakers.

CAREERS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Guiding boys towards the right career or at least the appropriate tertiary education option is a significant part of what the Counselling Department does here at Michaelhouse. This year I had the opportunity to visit Lynn University in Florida as their guest at their 19th Annual Lynn University Counselors' Programme. I am also delighted to have been invited onto the University of St Andrews Global Advisory Board. As well as being of assistance to St Andrews this will also be an opportunity for me to grow and learn about universities overseas which in turn will benefit our pupils.

Closer to home for the B and A Block there are also a host of presentations given by tertiary education institutions and gap year organisations. As part of the career development programme there is a work exposure programme and career counselling for those who require it. Support is also given to those applying to university and includes workshops for those applying both locally and overseas.

PASTORAL CARE NEWSLETTER

We continued with this initiative this year in order to raise awareness of pastoral issues and highlight good practice of the same. The newsletter comes out quarterly using contributions from both staff, and professionals outside of the School. This year we have had a wide variety of articles, a few of which are listed below:

Food for thought An article on rugby recruitment
shameful tale of two cities
Committed Tutors Where the rubber hits the road

Man up Freeing boys up from the expectations of their gender

Know my name Why it is important to pronounce students' names correctly

How to be an effective tutor

How to talk to pupils about subject choice

TUTOR TRAINING

Roy Gluckman met with House Tutors in a workshop around diversity and inclusion. This was done through a presentation and discussion-based format.

PARENT COURSES

For the dads we continued running our fathers and sons weekend as recognition of the key role that fathers play in their children's lives and particularly in the lives of their teenage boys. We call this weekend Courage to Connect – A Father and Sons Experience.

This year the weekend was run for the 15th time. Over the two days, fathers and sons from Michaelhouse shared a time of interaction, discussion, information, debate, activities and ultimately of affirmation of each other and their relationship. Part of the weekend involved the Drakensburg Canopy Tour, which allowed fathers and sons to enjoy time together around an activity.

Not forgetting the mums, we were once again able to run our Strong Mothers, Strong Sons course, facilitated by Cape Town psychologist Megan de Beyer. We have run this course, with great success for several years. Megan continually updates her course ensuring that it remains relevant for all mothers of teenage boys and once again this course was sold out.

COUNSELLING

Counselling and Pastoral Care is an ongoing activity through the year at Michaelhouse. With 560 or so boys it is a demanding role and I am very grateful to be assisted by Dr Rob Pluke in this regard. Rob has been visiting the School as our consulting psychologist every Wednesday morning now for the last two years. He has really added value with his oversight and input. We are also grateful to Mrs Shannon Lang who continues to provide excellent career assessment to our senior boys. Shannon has been up at the School every Thursday morning for many years now.

With the demands of high school education there are many boys who need academic support. Our gratitude goes to Mrs Katherine Cass, our academic support teacher, whose support often overlaps into the area of pastoral concern. Thanks also to Mrs Janet Emanuel, who has continued to support boys in their studies and organisational skills. Sadly we say goodbye to Janet this year after eight years of faithful service. Finally thanks go to my secretary Mrs Caryl Ballance. Without the support of all these people it would be impossible to do what we do in terms of support, counselling and pastoral care.

LIFE ORIENTATION

Head of Department: Mr George Ferreira
Staff: Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Tim Jarvis

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In our department we employ team teaching and the boys are exposed to all three teachers who focus on their respective areas of expertise. Mr Tim Jarvis, the School Counsellor, prepares the boys for future studies and careers and deals with aspects of personal development. Our Sports Scientist Mr Righardt Kotze focuses on physical well-being and recreation. The learning areas of responsible citizenship and social development are covered by myself. We strive to apply

Life Orientation as a subject provides opportunities to formally teach life skills to the boys and to encourage them to

function successfully as individuals and as part of society.

all the subject material to practical situations which the boys will encounter during their time at Michaelhouse or when they enter the adult world.

Since we focus on practical, real-life issues and since Life Orientation marks are considered for the boysâ\200\231 aggregates from C Block, the boys are taking the subject more seriously which results in assignments of a much better quality.

James Suzman, an Old Boy, and author of Affluence Without Abundance, which is based on his experiences with the San people, and Steve Hamilton, a well-known speaker who focuses on drug abuse, visited the School as enrichment speakers. The pastoral care department also invited various speakers as part of the pastoral care programme.

HUMAN KINETICS

Head of Department: Mr Righardt Kotze
Staff: Mr Jason Wulfsohn, Mr Joshua Knipp

he Michaelhouse HK programme has undergone some change in 2018. Mr Jason Wulfsohn and Mr Joshua Knipp have adapted the programme to focus more on

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education and exposure to different training methods and exercises. This theme of change will also be the case in 2019 and beyond, as sport and exercise science advances.

The education component has hopefully delivered relevant information, as the boys need to develop an understanding of

health-related fitness concepts, functional movement training, supplements, and safety when training. In terms of exposure, the boys have participated in machine, plyometric, and agility and quickness circuits, including a bodyweight circuit at the outdoor gym. Furthermore, the boys were educated about various approaches to cardio training and then participated in a short period of High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) to combine education and exposure for this very important training method. Gone are the days of long, slow runs as preparation for sport. The Michaelhouse years under the guidance of our experts offer a vital opportunity to shape the attitudes and behaviours of our young men, so they do not become sedentary adults. Human Kinetics is an essential school subject that helps our boys become successfully involved with physical activity

and to value health-enhancing attitudes.

The testing conducted during quarter one and quarter three has proven useful, as it has shown that each grade is weaker or less fit than the previous year. A worrying trend, that is unfortunately tracking with the rest of the world. In a more positive light, the data suggests that, on average, the boys are improving over the course of the year.

While the HK classes are vital, it is important to remember that the one lesson allocated per teaching cycle for E and D Block boys is not enough time to make significant fitness improvements. Our boys need to be regularly active in their own time, and should be particularly diligent and focused during sports practices.

ECONOMICS

Head of Department: Mr Ernest Rindfleisch

Staff: Mars Win de Wet, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Mrs Riette White

Interns: Mr Xabiso Bika, Mr Siphesihle Mdladla, Mr Lee-Roy Storm, Mr Gareth van Wyk

were impressive. Thirty-two boys out of 64 achieved an

Asymbol (50% of the boys) and 89% achieved an A, B or C. Not unexpectedly Bongzi Fleischer achieved the top mark of 98% among the Michaelhouse candidates. Congratulations to the Economics class of 2017 and a special thank you to the staff within the department who laid the foundation for these boys to succeed so spectacularly.

T: Economics results achieved by the Class of 2017

This year we said farewell to Mr Msizi Mchunu after 11 years of loyal service within the Economics Department. He will be sorely missed by both the staff and the boys. Mr Mchunu could always be counted upon by the boys for any additional assistance with their Economics.

Two new teachers will join the Economics Department in 2019. Firstly, Mr Carl Bezuidenhout will join us from Union High School in Graaff-Reinet and so will Mr Mark Blew from Pretoria Boys High.

It is pleasing to note that more than 60 D Block boys have chosen Economics as a subject moving into C Block next year. This bodes well for the department over the next few years.

Michaelhouse boys seem to really enjoy the practical nature of the subject and are fascinated by applying what they have learnt in the classroom to what they observe happening around them daily in the economy.

Every year the IEB holds a national conference for Economics

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teachers. This year's conference was held in Midrand and was attended by Mrs de Wet, Mr Mchunu and Mrs White. It is of the utmost importance for us as teachers to remain up to date with academic requirements as well as with the practical side of the subject, especially in an ever-changing field like Economics. It is also important that we keep up to speed with current educational issues and so I attended the ResearchEd conference held at St Alban's College in Pretoria in September.

Along with dealing with daily academics, as we do every year, we deal with the topic of investment in D Block and the boys are given the opportunity to participate in a share trading simulation game on the Investopedia website. The boys thoroughly enjoy competing against each other within their classes. The C Block take this a step further and compete nationally in the JSE Schools Challenge. D Block boys also get to compete against their peers in groups during the Banango Traders business simulation game. This is run by the Johannesburg School of Finance. This year our B Block boys participated in the Allan Gray Entrepreneurship Challenge.

We can look back with satisfaction on another successful year.

THE FAMILY ATMOSPHERE THAT
PREVAILED WAS A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL, IT
FELT SO WARM AND CARING AND WE CAME HOME
FEELING THAT OUR GRANDSONS ARE IN
REALLY GOOD HANDS.

Current Grandparents

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN

Head of Department: Mr Elmar de Klerk

Staff: Mr Lee-Roy Storm

Michaelhouse Science Block and the Engineering, Graph-

ics and Design Department found a new home in this excellent building. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach in the two new venues. The boys enjoy the facilities and the comfort of the two new classrooms. These classrooms are also frequently used by other departments when their pupils need to take advantage of the research facilities. The allure of the air-conditioning units has also attracted many boys who enjoy using my classroom as a study venue as it is quiet and very cool on a steamy hot day.

Te year we opened the new and remarkably improved

This year will be the 13th year that I will be involved with marking Engineering Graphics and Design in the final IEB examination papers. It is really a very important experience and ensures that I am equipped in terms of new trends and questions that might emerge through the testing processes of the final examinations. I attended the annual IEB conference at the beginning of 2018 and this further ensures we remain up to date

with trends in this relatively new and exciting field of study.

We have installed new software (MECAD) in the department with the aim of developing the boys's interest and skills when drawing three-dimensional, mechanical and other creative aspects incorporated within our syllabus and related to the graphic design industry. The scope that boys have once they can draw on this programme is absolutely of great value and a fantastic skill.

I believe that the engineering students of 2018 were well prepared during their final year. I have been very pleased with the final portfolio work which they have submitted; this focused primarily on the task of designing a granny flat onto an existing house. The boys continue to impress me with their ingenuity and ideas.

The Engineering Department will go from strength to strength and I am looking forward to seeing growth in the number of boys who opt to immerse themselves in this subject in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Storm for his contributions and efforts in teaching the D and E Block classes during 2018.

GEOGRAPHY

Head of Department: Mr Paul McKay

Staff: Mir Sibs Neamani, Mr Bernie Whitaker, Mr John Crawford, Mr Olwethu Hugo

Interns: Mr Brad McManus, Mr Matt Stringer, Mr Colin

White

> The answer lies in the fact that people connect daily with

the physical world around them and being able to describe and explain this dynamic relationship is important as a life skill let alone a vocational one.

people often ask the question: "Why study Geography?"

The planet faces many challenges today and because of this connection we have with the physical world there is an obligation to protect it and ensure its sustainability for all generations to come.

South Africans need to be aware of the inequality that exists in the world today and in particular our country, and by fostering empathy, tolerance and fairness we can make informed decisions and judgements about social and environmental concerns.

We aim to develop the Geography student into a well-rounded individual that is able to observe, describe, analyse, represent, interpret and report information about the world they live in. The world is an evolving place and looking at patterns of the past will help us to look to the possible change predicted for the future. This is why we study Geography.

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A BLOCK

This year we had 94 boys studying Geography, possibly the highest number ever at Michaelhouse. The Matric syllabus was started in their B Block year allowing for some flexibility in time and for the completion of a research project on the Bog Stream at Michaelhouse. Here we looked to see whether the characteristics of the Bog Stream matched the typical characteristics of a normal river. Data was collected and analysed and conclusions made. Considering this project counted 25% toward their portfolio mark a lot of boys really put in the effort and produced some outstanding work. In 2019 we plan to do this research project again coupled with a fieldwork excursion to Royal Natal National Park where we can hopefully consolidate the fluvial and climatology sections of the syllabus.

B AND C BLOCK

Numbers are down slightly from this year's big group of Matrics and this is something we will address as we move forward into 2019 and beyond. With the C Block group that we have had this year the foundations have been laid for the work to be done in B and A Block. The work covered included basic geomorphology, climatology and social issues affecting the South African population. Mapwork is also introduced to them here. We have a well-stocked computer lab and this will hopefully be used more extensively to produce our own maps or other syllabus-based content.

D AND E BLOCK

The D Block contended with a variety of themes and these provided opportunities to engage in ethical debates or discussions and learn values mentioned above. Some of the topics that were covered this year included use of resources and sustainability, racial justice and human rights.

One of the main objectives for the E Block was to ensure that boys have a geographical understanding of South Africa. In the past we noticed that the boys' awareness of South Africa was limited. We embarked on theme-based topics, such as What is unique about South Africa? This was an enquiry-based study. The boys also studied some fluvial (rivers) concepts and here the use of the Bog Stream meant lessons could be taken out of the classroom. There was an attempt to educate our younger boys culturally and musically when we looked at the history of rock and roll and South African music. This proved to be a fun-filled learning experience with a number of boys engaging in karaoke-styled lessons. We used the History of Michaelhouse as another exciting topic for the boys as they learn about the rich history of their School.

In 2019 the D and E Block will do both Geography and History as specialist subjects with specialist teachers, with the Human Social Sciences (HSS) as a subject being discontinued. Most of the issues covered will be similar but it will allow for more subject-specific content to be taught.

STAFF NEWS

With the departure of Mr Mike Bownes at the end of 2017 the department gained the services of Mr Paul McKay. Paul brought with him a wealth of experience having run a department at his previous school and also within the structures of the IEB, as a senior sub examiner in the past and, in 2018, the Paper Two (Mapwork) examiner. With the promotion of Mr Sibs Ncamani to East Housemaster at the beginning of the fourth quarter,

Paul took over running the department. Sibs' leadership of the department over the years has been valued and we look forward to further contribution from him and the other department staff in the years to come.

In 2019 we aim to take Geography out of the classroom a lot more with excursions planned for each Block during the course of the year. Living on the Michaelhouse estate gives us so many opportunities in itself to study outdoors. Fieldwork trips are planned where the aims mentioned above will look to be met in as productive a way as possible. Geography is such a visual and tactile subject that in order for learning to be even more effective we have to get our hands dirty every once in a while. The teachers have the latest topical resources available to them through news reports or in other electronic forms and these need to be incorporated into teaching as much as possible.

Staff development is also a focus in 2019 and we hope to hone our skills and expertise in being able to deliver a syllabus in an innovative and as creative a way as possible. Lessons should be topical, exciting and challenging with the end objective of creating geographers that are ...

able to be critical by using reasoned arguments,

able to work together in a team to solve problems, perhaps with effective use of technology (GIS & Geographical Information Systems),

able to communicate effectively whether in presentation, writing or debate,

able to develop personal skills such as time management or understanding responsibility.

We also welcomed Mr Matt Stringer and Mr Colin White to the department in the Intern Programme and we look forward to the contribution they will make in their time here.

HISTORY

Head of Department: Mr Mike Thomson

Staff: Mr Bradley McManus

This has been a quiet year for the History Department. After a solid set of Matric results in 2017, the department worked to introduce Mr McManus to the IEB Matric syllabus.

The decision taken in 2017 to introduce the Cambridge GCSE syllabus into our Grade 10 year was a positive one, but one which was fraught with problems as we discovered through the course of the year. Firstly, it was apparent that it would be difficult to just jump into the Unification section of the syllabus as the pupils had no background knowledge of the

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period. There was also a text book problem, as those available for download and the notes that we managed to find, were quite advanced and difficult for the pupils to work with.

In the second half of the year, however, we managed to find an electronic version of a GCSE textbook and this made it a lot easier and the work a lot more available for the C Block boys. We will have to relook which sections of the GCSE syllabus to choose for 2019.

Messrs Thomson and McManus attended the USER Group regional History conference in 2018 and Mr McManus attended a couple of once-off IEB marking seminars. We are most pleased that he will be marking Matric papers for the IEB in Johannesburg at the end of 2018 as this will give him great experience.

We are looking forward to 2019 immensely, as after many years it has been agreed to do away with the subject HSS and for History and Geography to become stand-alone subjects. This is a really positive and exciting step and as teachers we are looking forward to it. New syllabi are being proposed and investigated and we hope to present really interesting and valuable learning programmes for E and D Block in 2019 and beyond.

AFRIKAANS

Head of Department: Mr Chris van der Berg

Staff: Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mrs Helene du Toit,
Mr Herman Visagie and Mrs Ilne Visagie

Part Time: Mrs Lizel Ferreira

IEB Grade 12 final examinations: 12 boys (16% of our

boys) earned distinctions and there were a further 18 B and 13 C symbols. This meant that 58% of the boys achieved above 60%! This was definitely just reward for the hard work put in by both teachers and pupils after we were very concerned about this group during their C and B Block years.

The year started with another set of excellent results in the

Early in February Mr Herman Visagie and I attended the IEB regional conference in Ballito in order to keep abreast of IEB requirements.

We had Pitt Productions coming to Michaelhouse in May to perform extracts from Hoopvol (the Matric set book) and the Toulouper anthology (Matric prescribed poems). It was a delightful event and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the talented actors making these prescribed works come to life on stage.

Michaelhouse hosted the KwaZulu-Natal finals of the ATKV Spelathon for a third year running. Unfortunately our boys did not make it through to the national finals that took place in Johannesburg later in the year. The School again received a lot of praise for a well-organised event and I expect we will be the hosts again next year.

The year has been a good one. We have a settled and well-qualified staff in the department and things have run smoothly and without any major hiccups. The challenge is to keep up with new developments in education and in Afrikaans specifically and to make sure that we motivate and inspire our pupils to see the subject as a relevant one in South Africa. A positive attitude is the key to being successful.

Mr Johan van Rooyen and I have been appointed as IEB markers for the final IEB examinations for 2018. This is an invaluable source of experience for a teacher.

We are sad to lose Mr Herman Visagie at the end of the year. He has been promoted to HOD of Life Orientation and we wish him all the best for his new career path. He will be replaced by Miss Marcel Cornelius (an experienced Afrikaans teacher who is presently teaching at Uplands) next year and we look forward to her contributions.

BESLUIITE

Bernard van der Berg (A Block)

Die pad vir jongmense is soos â\200\230n gedig: ons ken dalk â\200\230n woord hier of â\200\230n woord daar, maar ons weet nooit wat die digter bedoel het nie; ons weet nie wat God se plan is nie.

Jongmense word deur baie keuses gekonfronteer: ons wonder waar ons die wÃ©reld se waarheid gaan leer. Ons werk uit wat ons werklik kan doen sonder dat ons weet wie ons is. Ons besluit wie ons in ons lewe wil hÃ©, want vriende is die wapen wat ons gebruik om teen angs te veg.

Die keuses is nie so maklik om te maak nie. Jou keuses beïnvloed nie net jou eie lewe nie, maar die invloed â\200\234kuierâ\200\235 graag by jou familie en vriende. Besluite is â\200\234swaarâ\200\231â\200\235. Die implikasies strek soos die sterre oor die aand en word deel van almal se wÃ©reld. â\200\230n Mens kom nie agter dat dit eintlik baie moeilik is om jou ouers te los nie. Dit voel asof jy doelbewus â\200\230n stukkie van jou hart by die huis los om te lewe (dit maak nie sin nie).

Ek weet nie hoe my lewenspad vorentoe lyk nie. Niemand weet nie. Ons kan raai en planne maak, maar aan die einde van die dag het die wÃ©reld sy eie plan vir ons â\200\224jy weet nooit nie. Eendag loop jy in iemand vas wat jou iets nuuts oor passie kan leer! Die lewe is â\200\230n lied; ons lewe is net â\200\230n noot in daardie liedjie.

DIE STERKER GESLAG

Christian Opperman (A Block)

Die kompetisie van die geslagte is een wat al vir eeue voortduur. Maar een kategorie wat die mans sonder twyfel wen, is die van wie die sterkste is. Mans het net eenvoudig â\200\230n genetiese voordeel wat hulle groter en sterker as vroumense maak.

Weens genetika is mans sterker en groter as vrouens gebou. Natuurlike hormone soos testosteroon maak dit moontlik vir mans om so groot en sterk te word. Ons sien dit die duidelikste in sport. Mans kompeteer nie teen vrouens in meeste sportsoorte nie, omdat vrouens nie sterk genoeg is om op â\200\230n kompeterende viak te kan deelneem nie.

Tweedens is dit geen geheim dat die gemiddelde man langer en swaarder as die gemiddelde vrou is nie. Die ekstra gewig kan gekoppel word aan hoÃ©r hoeveelhede spiermassa. Dus kan ons sÃ©, omdat die gemiddelde man meer spiermassa as die gemiddelde vrou het, sal hy sterker wees. Die Olimpiese Spele is â\200\230n goeie voorbeeld om te gebruik. Die Olimpiese rekord vir gewigoptel vir mans is 263kg, waar die vrouerekord net 187kg is.

In teenstelling hiermee, toon vrouens ontsettende hoë vlakke van verdraagsaamheid vir pyn. Dit is weens hierdie rede dat vroumense geboorte kan gee. Hulle is in staat om die pyn te kan verduur. So, â\200\230n vrou sal dalk meer hou kan vat, maar

hulle sal nooit die geveg kan wen nie. Sport is die beste vorm van bewyse dat mans sterker as vrouens is. Weens genetika staan vrouens nie â\200\230n kans om mans aan te vat met krag nie. Dus is mans die sterker geslag.

ENGLISH

Head of Department: Mr Richard Snowden

Staff: Mr Peter Huntley, Mrs Mary McMichael, Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Jonathan Smith, Mrs Tanith von Mayer, and Mr Christopher Waldburger

Advanced Programme English: Mr Peter Dennyson
Part-time Staff: Mrs Katherine Cass, Mrs Leigh Kotze
Intern Staff: Mr Liam Boshoff

2017 IEB ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS SUMMARY:

Candidates Ave A

14

B
44

D
10

C
39

% A, B,C
91%

107 70%

Nicholas Foster, Bongani Fleischer, and Cameron Clark
| were Michaelhouse's top-achievers with 92%, 91%, and

89% respectively. These results placed them in the top 1% nationally in the IEB examinations for English Home Language. Furthermore, the short tail is testimony to the efforts of a dedicated staff and the boys as is the fact that our English average remains higher than the IEB national average.

Advanced Programme English has been offered as an optional extra to the boys for a few years now and the 2017 results are as follows:

A
0

B
1

D
1

Candidates

6

Ave

68%

C

4

% A, B,C

83%

The low number of candidates remains something of a concern as boys are becoming less inclined to opt for additional subjects as the Michaelhouse day becomes busier and busier. Seven boys enrolled to sit the 2018 paper.

Advanced Programme English is not the only extension we offered in 2018 and 69 boys entered the De Beers English Olympiad which is a competition organized jointly by the Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education. The 2018 syllabus revolved around war poetry. Six boys achieved silver certificates and a further 21 boys achieved bronze certificates.

In my second year as Head of Department, I have been most fortunate that the staffing component in the English Department only had one change in the form of the addition of Mr Liam Boshoff as an intern. The continuity and stability of the department has naturally been a boon as an experienced and competent staff remain crucial to the success of any team.

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Prescribing an enduring and rigorous textbook (in addition to our studied plays and novels) has proved challenging. However, an exciting addition to our syllabus has been the Wooden Books edition of Trivium: The Classical Liberal Arts of Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. This resource is a rich and demanding text and â\200\234...is, remarkably, a 2500-year-old course in clear thinking which is still fresh today. In the well-chosen words of Sister Miriam Joseph [1898-1982]: â\200\230Logic is the art of thinking; grammar, the art of inventing symbols and combining them to express thought; and rhetoric, the art of communicating thought from one mind to another, the adaption of language to circumstance.â\200\235 The book also includes sections on euphonics, poetic meter and forms, ethics, and proverbs, and establishes a three-year course for the pupils that will, hopefully, prove liberating in the traditional sense of the word and allow the boys to further appreciate the wonder of the English language.

The Michaelhouse English Department remains a happy one embodied in a fascinatingly diverse but passionate team of teachers. Our departmental goal remains as follows: We strive to instil a love for reading while guiding our students to write and speak correctly, accurately, logically, and with sophistication. We strive to use beautiful literature that provides insight into the human condition while we do so.

NO WORDS; ONLY SOUNDS

Luke Taylor (A Block)

I do not remember one word that was spoken; only one sound remains in my memory. The beeeeeep of her heart monitor dragging for an extra syllable. However, the height of my fear was realised when I tried to speak. I wished on all the shooting stars to tell her I love her, but my mouth would not move. I

cursed myself for it. Only now do I realise why I could not mouth the words. I was terrified that saying it would admit that this may be our last moments with her. I also realised that if I had attempted the words I would have lost any remaining strength over my emotion. It would have taken everything further out of my control.

That night, my mother and I realised the truth about control. Control is, in fact, an idea that helps us feel in â\200\230controlâ\200\231, but it does not exist. Stress was the reason my mother lay attached to the heart rate monitor. I had often heard people say you cannot control life; so often that it had become silent to my ears. Call it genes, but I used to be an anxious and stressed out kid. I worried over the uncontrollable.

At that time, I would have disowned myself for even thinking that my mother's wrestle with death would be one of the most positively influential moments in my life. Yet, its potency stained my brain with invaluable lessons. I now know my stress is selfish. How can I justify the harm I am doing to my own body and those close to me by stressing my body over no ends? I cannot. In her pain, my mother had saved me from the same fate of being attached to one of those beeping machines.

Passenger could not have sung it more eloquently with the lyrics "only miss the sun when it starts to snow". My mother is my sun; she lights my path, gives me life and her warmth is a constant comfort. That night it nearly snowed. That night, my perception swung 180 degrees. I will never take life for granted. I will never underestimate a mother's love and influence. Never. All thanks to that fateful night.

I was shaken by the shoulders, but not shaken out of sleep. Then a hushed, urgent voice whispered, and my eyes snapped open faster than I could remember where I was. Then my dad hurried out of the room.

Confused would be too light a word to describe my emotion. There was scurrying. And there were more whispers; yet I could only hear the one pair of shuffling feet. The shout of my name ushered me out of my room and I immediately smelt the stench of seriousness in the air. I was terrified. I was ordered to the car.

My dad led her out of the house tentatively. Pain was etched into her expression and panic struck my body. Panic forced time to fly by too quickly for my mind, yet too slowly for my heart. Her heart. Please tell me it wasn't. Please don't die.

And in that moment, I experienced fear in its ultimate form for the first time. I have never been overwhelmed by a more merciless emotion since. Panic gave birth to helplessness. At 13 years old, what can you possibly know about life and death?

Again, I will say what I could never have imagined myself saying. My mother's near death was my life line. It shook my stress into perspective and saved me from the same dreadful fate. Fortunately, it did not come at the cost of my sun and it I will forever appreciate her warmth.

DEATH

Raymond Liversage (A Block)

It was the first time I took a life. I wish that no one else would look down on hands stained with blood the way mine were. I went hunting for the first time two years ago, yet the memory remains vivid in my mind, as an experience which reshaped my perspective on life itself. The first hunt is a rite of passage for many young boys in South Africa; it was no different for me. The lesson I learned matured my outlook on our existence, and was part of my growth from boy into man.

The trees whispered to the light breeze that brushed across my face. I lay in the tall grass as it swept from side to side before me. The wooden stock pressed against my shoulder as I gazed down the dark iron barrel. Countless afternoons of firing off

at paper targets and exhausted liquor bottles could not prepare me for the angst I felt. My heart thumped against the earth as I lined up a mighty male impala down my sights. His horns towered above its head, which bobbed forward and back with

each step. I felt immense power in my fingertips as my index finger rested against the trigger. It would be one of the longest shots I had taken but I knew this was my chance; it was what I had practiced and had been waiting for. I squeezed and the rifle bellowed sending hooves thundering against the ground as hundreds of impala vanished into the distance, leaving their fallen patriarch behind.

Crisp leaves crunched beneath my feet as I approached its body, thrashing on the ground. It lay kicking its hind legs in the dirt as thick blood oozed out of the wound like the runny yolk of a burst egg. The dying creature wept feeble cries of desperation, as it slowly grew weaker. Once a majestic male impala roamed the savannah gracing the world with its beauty. A once dominant protector of a vast herd lay reduced to a whimpering runt twitching in the dust. My father lifted its head by the magnificent winding antlers to capture a photo with the slain animal. Dark eyes stared blankly at me as its jaw hung open; they slowly glazed over to a dull grey as the final flake of life escaped its heart. Another victim of a ruthless human pass-time.

A haunting reality comes with witnessing the death of another being. I was suddenly struck by the sheer savagery of killing for sport. How can a humanity plagued by the fear of death so happily inflict it upon beautiful wild creatures? Life is the miracle of our existence on Earth and our coexistence with all forms of it. It is a gift to be cherished, celebrated, and respected. Looking into the impala's eyes, I watched a flame being snuffed out, the significance and grandeur of life, contrasted with the insignificant and dull nature of death. This demonstrated to me the brilliance of life and filled me with gratitude for memories, experiences and love. However, it also brought me face to face with the terminable reality of it, and reminded me to value each sunset and sunrise, for the hour will come when the sun will rise no longer.

Having endured my rite of passage, I have discovered a respect for death. I appreciate what is inescapable, and have been humbled by the lesson I have learned. With renewed gratitude for life I am blessed with, and the life that surrounds me; my palms are cleansed from the blood that stained them.

FEAR

Gus de Villiers (D Block)

Fear is the dull grey of dying trees

It tastes like strong brine in a dry mouth
A raging fire scarring the barren earth
A constant eerie wailing of lost souls
Fear is a mediocre man

Oozing unfulfilled potential.

GUILT

Kwande Dhlomo (D Block)

Guilt is a dark green colour of vomit

Smells of an unwashed bedsheet, stained

It tastes like the acidic sweet lodged in your throat
It looks like the face of OJ Simpson set free

The sound of an unorthodox cracking of a skull
Feels like the debt you can never repay.

THE JOURNEY

Reuben Baldry (E Block)
A lonely green leaf
Yearning for a true purpose
Settles to the ground.

FRENCH

Head of Department: Ms Martine de Maroussem

the benefit of being able to write both papers early on,
which was an advantage with the boys still in class
when dealing with a foreign language.

T: 2018 final examinations went well and the boys had

Sitting the DELF A2 examination not long before the oral
moderation certainly helped the Matrics face the event with
more confidence.

We again enjoyed a five-week visit from Ms Elke Grolitsch
from Austria in the third term.

AWARDS

DELf examination

The following boys wrote the A2 DELF examination. All of
them passed with marks ranging from 63% to 98%.

Levin Kamau

Paul Mc Lellan

Hugo Ayo

Michael Buxton-Tetteh
Matthew Craigie-Stevenson
James Dawson

Luke Hamilton-Potts
Adam Hawke

Leruri Sealetsa

As tradition has it, the D Block class enjoyed their annual
outing to St Anne's where they took part in several fun yet
educational activities, like Bingo

The other Blocks enjoyed a pizza and some mini golf at Piggly
Wiggly.

ISIZULU

Head Of Department: Mr Sizo Chalufu

Teachers: Ms Ngobile Zuma, Mr Bongani Khumalo
Interns: Mr Siphesihle Mdladla, Mr Emmanuel Mkhize

t is with a distinct sense of the bittersweet that I write this
l report, as it is the last one I will have the pleasure of writing.
The isiZulu Department continues to grow steadily. We pride
ourselves on always managing to produce impressive results
regardless of the varying abilities of our boys. This comes as a

result of a sound culture of teaching and learning that has been
established and implemented in all Blocks.

The boys are not only taught isiZulu as a subject but, in various
ways, they are exposed to the richness and wisdom that the
Nguni culture possesses. It is the life lessons that they learn
in some of the isiZulu classes that will make them relevant
citizens on the African continent. Instead of simply reading
the set books for the purpose of being able to answer tests and

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exam questions, the boys engage with the concepts through
class discussions, further research and presenting their findings.
In this way, they get to develop skills like critical thinking,
research and public speaking, among others.

This year we had one of the biggest E Block classes, consisting of
37 boys. This finally necessitated employing, Ms Ngobile Zuma
on a part-time basis. Ngobile also filled the role of an inhouse
support/extra lessons teacher, which the boys found quite useful.

The A Block have achieved a good aggregate during trials
and they seem to have found the finals pleasant. Most of their
comments, after writing both papers in the finals, were of
gratitude for the relevant preparation they had received.

C Block visited Shakaland in Eshowe during the second quarter
of the year. There, they were introduced to and exposed to a
number of historical and cultural concepts. These ranged from

the meaning of African songs, traditional dances, courtship processes and medicinal practices to the rise of the Zulu nation, the art of war, and spear making. This outing is quite popular amongst the boys.

D Block visited Ecabazini cultural village near Albert Falls Dam just outside of Pietermaritzburg. The focus of this outing was on traditional food, dress code for the different family members, and the importance of livestock. The boys came back raving about the different traditional dishes that they were served during their stay.

Our E Block lost a few members and ended the year, leaving us with 32 boys. They remain the biggest isiZulu class. The top-set class has 16 boys and they achieved an average above

80%, with the lower set obtaining above 55% throughout the year. This all bodes well for the future. I will be watching their progress, albeit from further away.

Mr Bongani Khumalo, who has been an intern in this department for the past three years, leaves us at the end of the year. We take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution.

It has been an honour and a privilege to lead this department for the past six-and-a-half years. I hope I have served God's purpose by touching the lives of all the boys that were entrusted in my care. I will be leaving Michaelhouse at the end of the year and I am confident that Mr Linda Shezi, my successor, will find a healthy isiZulu Department on his arrival here at the start of 2019.

LIFE SCIENCES

Head of Department: Mr Paul Snyman

Staff: Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Gerhard Erasmus, Ms Zanele Ndlovu (Laboratory Manager), Mr Lodewyk Vosloo (Intern teacher), Mr Colin White (Intern teacher)

edgeable, passionate and experienced staff. We have welcomed some new staff into the department this year, each of whom has had a positive impact on the boys they have taught.

T: Life Sciences Department is fortunate to have knowl-

Mr Gerhard Erasmus joined us from Martizburg College in the second quarter. His subject knowledge and thorough lesson preparation have certainly benefitted the boys he has taught this year. He has also provided extra tuition for a number of boys. Soon after moving to Michaelhouse he built a remarkably effective monkey-proof vegetable garden the product of which we have sampled. There are plans to add a greenhouse to the new Science Block behind Laboratory 4 and we look forward to the value Gerhard will add in this regard.

Mr Colin White decided to change careers and we welcome his experience as an environmentalist. Besides his contribution in the classroom he has revitalised the Natural History Society and is passionate about experiential learning.

In a subject which is practical by nature it is vital to have a dedicated and skilled laboratory manager. Ms Zanele Ndlovu has grown in this role. She recently completed a Microscopy Technician course and will now be servicing all our microscopes.

Mr Lodewyk Vosloo completed his studies this year and has

been appointed as a Life Sciences teacher at Curro Edenvale from the start of 2019. Much of the experience he has gained is due to his eagerness to take opportunities and learn from experienced teachers in the department. His contributions have been appreciated.

The new Sciences Block, a state of the art facility housing

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Physical Science, Life Sciences and Engineering Graphics and Design was officially opened earlier this year. This modern building has not lost the distinctive Michaelhouse architectural characteristic and has proven to be an incredible learning space. The boys will have benefitted from the seamless transition between the teaching and practical space.

The final results achieved by the 2017 Life Sciences Matric group was a pleasing improvement on the previous year's results. Ninety-one percent of the candidates achieved an A, B or C symbol, and 27% of the candidates achieved an A symbol which is well above the IEB average. A candidate average of 72% was an accurate indication of the ability of this group. There were no failures.

We continue to place emphasis on the skills assessed in Paper II – developing a fluent, succinct, well-planned argument in response to an essay question and adopting an analytical approach to case study questions remain focus areas. Foundational skills continue to be taught at C and B Block levels.

Our 2018 Matric School Based Assessments (SBAs) were moderated regionally. Our moderator commented favourably on the standard of our assessments. She felt that our boys were well prepared for their final exams. We eagerly await their results and wish them well as they leave our department and School.

The D Block boys in particular have enjoyed a number of dissections as part of their anatomy lessons. Foetal pigs, donated from a local piggery, were dissected to show the main body systems. Hearts, lungs and kidneys have also appeared on the dissection boards this year.

The C Block biologists got an opportunity to visit the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) along with a back-of-house visit to Ushaka Marine World in Durban. Despite the obvious curriculum links a second motive for the excursion was to expose the boys to the diverse range of career opportunities.

The boys interacted with many professionals and found the experience worthwhile.

While the teaching of micro-organisms may not always appeal to all our B Block boys, the visit to the Nottingham Road Brewing Company at Rawdon developed interest in yeast and its effects on barley. This trip proved successful in seeing bio-technology applied in our local area.

There is much to look forward to in 2019. Our current Grade 11 year group have shown real promise thus far, indicating bright prospects for the Matric year of 2019. Teaching in our world-class facility is a privilege which we do not take for granted.

MATHEMATICS

Head of Department: Ms Karin Moffat

Subject Head & \224 Mathematical Literacy: Mr Craig Pieterse
Staff: Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield, Mr Nico Boshoff,
Mr Bailey Coxon, Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane, Mr Dominic
Gruijters, Miss Lisa Hardie, Mr Sibonelo Khanyile,
Mr Allan Laing, Mr Mduduze Mthembu, Mr Mparama
Msimang, Mr Peter Stevens, Mr Andr  van Wyk

brating outstanding Matric results. The level of excel-

lence in all three of the Mathematical subjects attained by the 2017 Matric group will prove to be a challenge to repeat in years to come. The 34 young men who wrote the Mathematical Literacy examinations ended the year on an average of over 80% with 33 of the 34 boys achieving a C symbol or higher and 65% achieving an A symbol for the subject. Of the 76 boys who wrote the Mathematics examinations, 46% achieved an A symbol with 95% achieving a C symbol or higher. They ended the year with an average that was in excess of 70% and well above the national average. The Advanced Programme Mathematics boys achieved excellent results in what is always a very tough examination. Bongi Fleischer and Nicholas Foster both achieved distinctions, with the rest of the class contributing to an excellent average. None of these results would be possible without an extremely committed department of teachers. Michaelhouse is extremely lucky to have the calibre of Mathematics staff that they do, the boys benefit from their expertise and dedication every day.

T: Mathematics Department kicked off 2018 by cele-

The year started with a full complement of staff and a welcome to the new E Block boys. We met the parents and made an informative presentation on the rigours of high school Mathematics and our expectations of their sons. This was followed by a short meet and greet between the Mathematics staff and parents. It was a very successful meeting. We try to emphasise to the parents that Mathematics (in all forms) is a journey and requires dedication and hard work.

Our first extra-curricular activity took the form of the first round of the Mathematics Olympiad. All E Block boys write the olympiad as well as the top two sets in the other grades. The first round was very well attended and more than half of the boys qualified for the second round. This was written in May and, yet again, we had an excellent turnout of boys writing the paper. We use the olympiad as a springboard to expose our boys to Mathematical methods and

problem solving strategies that are not always part of our day-to-

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day Mathematical routines. We have, very successfully over the years, used the olympiad to identify out-of-the-box thinkers and encourage the development of those skills.

Another highlight of the Mathematics calendar, every year, is our annual Pi Day and relay. The boys enjoyed a day filled with the number 3,14; starting with the date. There were activities in the Mathematics classrooms for our younger learners and the catering staff join in the fun and provide pies for lunch. The boys have the opportunity to learn as many decimal places of Pi as they can remember and then to recite them as part of a competition. This year the competition was won by Timothy Evans (E Block, Mackenzie) who then earned the good fortune of throwing a cream pie into the face of Ms Moffat. The day culminated in the Pi Day relay where each House fielded a team to run a 3,14km relay round the School. This year's winner was Farfield, which put together a fantastic team of athletes.

Our Intern Programme continues to supply enthusiastic teachers in the making. The department was blessed to have four young men to guide and mentor in the art of Mathematics education. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence in the class and make use of every opportunity to learn and develop their skills. As evidence of the quality of both our interns and the programme that we run, we were delighted when Mr Sibonelo Khanyile accepted a full-time post with the School. He replaced Mr André van Wyk, who left us at the end of the third term to take up a position as the Executive Head of a school in Johannesburg. We also say goodbye to one intern this year, Mr Mparama Msimang, and wish him well on his journey and we will continue in the same vein in 2019 with some new interns who will be joining the department.

As part of the Advanced Programme Mathematics syllabus, we continue to offer Statistics as an option along with Graph Theory and Matrices. In 2018, 18 of the 23 boys chose to take Statistics, with those numbers evening out at 12 of the 24 for 2019. Statistics is a valuable addition to an existing, excellent programme and will provide the boys with the opportunity to grow skills and gain knowledge in a different area, which so many of them will be exposed to at university level.

Mathematics at Michaelhouse continues to grow and evolve in keeping with current trends in education. It is staffed with a group of outstanding educators who continue to hone their skills by attending regular conferences and staff development opportunities.

MEDIA CENTRE

Head of Department: Mr Jed Coventry

Staff: Mrs Leigh Kotze (Assistant Librarian), Ms Sindisiwe Mnikathi (Librarian's Assistant), Mr Simon Zondi (Audio Visual Resource Centre)

A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance, particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded. A Lemony Snicket

the newly arriving E Block jumped into Project: High

Te: year started with a rush to the Media Centre, as School Superhero with both feet.

This was an innovative orientation project, designed to introduce the incoming group to research skills and high school level inquiry. Based around an integrated studies project, and drawing from themes aimed at finding solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing mankind as a species, the project ran parallel with a supporting programme of guided tutorials and workshops that ran throughout the school day.

Coordinating this new programme over the first two weeks; with much of the hands-on group work taking place on computers, or around tables in the Media Centre; solving the world's problems, and learning a few research skills along the way, seemed like a promising start to the year for the future class of 2022.

The new boys, now well and truly acquainted with the School library, were back a few weeks later for the first Cack Quiz, where E Blockers gathered again in the Media Centre to compete in Houses in a challenging quiz on the lore and history of Michaelhouse, testing what they had absorbed since the whirlwind of orientation at the start of the year.

The Media Centre then leaned into Cultural Week, contributing three new events to the proceedings, with Deathmatch Chess and Slam Poetry taking place in the library, and the first ever game of Quidditch played at Michaelhouse in the Indoor Centre.

Mrs Kotze's displays added life and vibrancy to the rhythm of the year, highlighting interesting cultural events, and adding a splash of colour to special days like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. Some of the more detailed displays to grace the walls this year included a full-scale representation of the total amount of recyclable trash purchased from the tuckshop on a Hilton/Michaelhouse game day. Also of note, a sensitive diorama exploring the cultural beliefs and practices of the Nazareth Baptist Church, replete with first-hand information gleaned from interviews with practitioners. In the last quarter, boys were treated to a chilling investigation into the horror genre during October, and the collected works of our Old Boy authors, followed by a reflection on the tradition of Remembrance Day in November.

Integrated Studies Week, at the mid-year point, heralded the third and final iteration of the E Block Zombie Apocalypse

Boot Camp, a multifaceted life-skills exercise with a survivalist theme. With the end of the world seeming a little more distant of late, Zombie Week will be superseded by Project Superhero in the years to come.

As usual the Media Centre was able to provide a steady influx of new material throughout the year. We strive to provide our boys with a wide range of quality print and electronic resources that will encourage growth in knowledge and a passion for reading, as well as develop an appetite for books amongst reluctant readers. Teachers schedule their classes to use the library, its resources and computers during lesson time and it is always a popular choice at break-times and after school for doing research, prep or simply finding a quiet spot to read. During their Media Studies lessons boys are taught information skills using online tools for research and bibliographies to ensure they are independent, effective users, evaluators and synthesisers of ideas and information.

PROJECT: HIGH SCHOOL SUPERHERO

Out of discussions and ideas generated by meetings of the academic portfolio committee, a promising new initiative was launched this year, in the form of Project: High School Superhero. This ambitious enterprise sought to transform the experience of the incoming E Block boys, giving them a two-week crash course in academic research, creative thinking, and Michaelhouse life. These fresh arrivals were tasked with tackling a research project, choosing from themes drawing from Science, Art, technology, History, Sociology, Geography, conservation and Economics.

The boys were challenged with coming to grips with and imagining solutions to some of the biggest problems facing the world today including: climate change, Mars settlement, poaching, resource scarcity and distribution, overpopulation, reliance on fossil fuels, drone warfare... the list went on. For the first two weeks of the quarter boys were introduced, in a series of guided workshops and tutorials, to some of the fundamentals of academic research, aimed at stepping up their approach to high school level inquiry.

Delving into the project proper, groups were acquainted with various venues and resources around the School including the Media Centre, IT Labs, theatre, and grounds.

The boys worked on solving the world's problems in all their timetabled lessons (excluding Maths and languages), gaining input from intern facilitators and their subject teachers from across a range of disciplines.

Mrs Katherine Cass was instrumental in co-ordinating this complex curriculum, and facilitated tutorials that focused on essential high school skills including note-taking, classroom strategies, organisation, and time management.

Culminating in TED Talk-style presentations, the boys delivered

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Centre Cack Quiz

Magqhawe Hoohlo, Jeremy Trinidad
and. Arden Scholtz negotiate obstacles

Derrick Pienaar rising to the
challenge of the ATKV Spelathon on D Block Outdoor Education a
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the results of their findings on the theatre stage accompanied by an AV component.

The results and feedback from this initiative informs a vision for developing metacognitive strategies, and a cross-curricular approach at Michaelhouse that emphasises information literacy and 21st century thinking skills. The programme itself will move forward in a revised format in 2019.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Written by Mr Paul Fleischack

The E Block Camp, which is based in the Nature Reserve, encountered some cold, wet weather, which challenged many of the shelters built by each House to protect the occupants from the elements. All boys survived a damp night out to complete the camp.

By the end of the third quarter, the 2018 Outdoor Education Programme concluded with the E Block Camp, the D Block Hike, and the C Block Journey.

D Block Boys again hiked from Castle Howard, the Melounes farm, back to School. Their overnight camps were kindly provided by past parents (John and Jean Campbell at Ivanhoe Farm) or Old Boy Alfie Messenger at Lake Lyndhurst and Bellwood. The exercise was completed without any serious mishap although one House did lose their way, briefly, as the evening mist rolled across the hills of Nottingham Road.

I was fortunate to spend just a few days with Group 1 on their C Block Journey, between the end of their Solitude and the start of their paddle. This group had endured icy rain as they departed from School on Day 1 and were then snowed in for a while at their first overnight camp, affording them a very impressive story to relate!

Parents again came to the rescue when the Mercedes Truck, our old workhorse used for transporting the kayaks, broke a starter-motor mounting and had to limp home. Anton Rencken ferried the boats from the Group 2 end point, to the start of the Group 1 paddle and then Barry Veenstra brought our boats home at the end of the Journey.

This year my involvement in the planning and logistics of the Journey was, understandably, curtailed and I am grateful to William Silk and Jo Morrison who expertly managed these processes in my absence.

E BLOCK CAMP

Staff Member in Charge: Mr Nico Boshoff

Written by Reuben Baldry (West)

It was the end of the third quarter and everyone was looking forward to winding down at home, but first we had one more task ahead of us. Camp. None of us really knew what to expect as the date loomed closer. We just knew the rough outline of what was happening; we'd have to work together as a group to accom-

plish certain tasks. Most of us had brought adequate equipment from home, although some decided that a School bag filled with School clothes would be enough for the rainy night that was al-

most guaranteed to come. Anyway, the morning arrived, and we all trooped down to the amphitheatre to receive our briefing.

The instructions were as follows: we had to run and find a clue that would then lead us to another place on the campus, where we would have to do a certain activity and then follow another clue and so on. The team that won would then get first pick of the campsites. As soon as the whistle blew for the start of the race, the West representative sprinted down, grabbed the scrap of paper and ran back to us. It stated that we had to go to the highest point at Michaelhouse. Thinking we were very clever, we ran to the bell tower, only to be disappointed by finding no clue there. So, rethinking our decision, we jogged at a steady pace to the dam and climbed up the mountain there, following various other Houses as they too tried to make up for the time they lost going to the bell tower. As we reached the top, we were handed a rag and some paint and were told to make a flag and a song.

The rest of the morning proceeded like this with tasks requiring varying levels of thought, skill and determination. We got on very well as a group, and breezed our way through most of the challenges. We had the thought of first pick of the campsites to keep us motivated, and kept that in our minds as we ran as hard as we could from point to point. At one point, we passed another group and found out that we were two or three clues ahead of them, and this made us realize that we actually had a shot at winning this. Eventually we arrived back at the amphitheatre having finished our last task, and were told that we had come first. First out of eight Houses. So then we set off with our bags, and somehow managed to get horribly lost on our way up to the campsites.

After about an hour and a half of walking through thick grass, we reached the Lapa, feeling relieved that we could finally stop walking. But our work wasn't over yet. We still had to build the shelter, make a fire, and cook food. After a hard afternoon of working tirelessly, we settled down in our sleeping bags and drifted off to sleep. Over the next couple of days we undertook many activities that tested us in many ways, and we were assessed in all of them, so they could determine a winner at the end. There was one day that really stood out. We had to follow a map to get to different checkpoints, each of which gave us a new ingredient for dinner that night. Then that afternoon, we had to kill, skin, gut, and then cook two chickens, along with all our other ingredients.

On our last night, the promised rain came. Our tent, although one of the best when it was dry, was absolutely flooded, and we

only ended up falling asleep in wet sleeping bags after many hours of trying to avoid the water. As a result of this, we were all quite tired when we woke up the following morning, and were quite relieved that we could finally pack up camp and go home. We quickly took down our rather wet structure and cleaned our campsite. We then waited impatiently for the other Houses to finish packing up, until they finally gave us the go-ahead to leave. We walked slowly back to School, drained of all our energy but feeling like we all knew each other, and ourselves, a lot better. As the last person took a seat at the amphitheatre, we all started trying to guess which House had won overall. The teachers eventually managed to quiet us down so they could speak. We all listened intently as they read out third and second places. Us West Cacks were just waiting for them to read out first place. And we got it. Our trophy was a kettle with the past winners engraved on it. Funnily enough, we noticed that in 2014, our Matrics had also won. Weâ\200\231d done ourselves, our House, and our Matrics proud that week. But winning wasnâ\200\231t just about getting chocolates, biscuits, and sweets. It was about proving that we could work together as a team better than any other House. It was about realising that we could do anything we put our minds to even though we had our differences.

D BLOCK HIKE

Master in Charge: Mr Chris Waldburger
Written by Jaden Van Der Merwe (Farfield)

T: D Block Hike is a four-day adventure which takes the boys through various locations around the Midlands area.

The hike started on a positive note as the D Blockers departed from Michaelhouse with a smile and backpacks filled with extra tuck. We quickly got a taste of what was in store as we ascended the roads of the Melouney farm, to set up camp beyond the Umngeni Vlei. Spirits were high and there was laughter all round after the 12 km hike on day one.

The second (16 km) and third day (25 km) were tough and physically challenging as the distance was long and the terrain steep. The toughness was eased, however, by the camaraderie and conversations with our peers during these arduous days of hiking. The hike ended with a short eight kilometre walk back to Michaelhouse.

The hike, although long and difficult, was an experience that will stay with me (and the other D Block guys) forever and the beautiful Midlands scenery has brought our Block closer than ever.

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days again offered ideal opportunities for introspec-

Ts hundred kilometres by paddle, bike and foot in 13
tion and growth for our C Block boys. Development of

personal and collective disciplines remained hallmarks of the CBJ experience. Boys experienced extremes of weather from rain and driving snow, to hot and dry conditions in 2018. All emerged more resilient and aware of their place in a complex community.

Notes from the Rector s CBJ diary

GROUP 1, DAY EIGHT (SOLITUDE AT GARDEN OF EDEN)

Today my office is a river bush willow on the banks of the Thukela River. A cold bath in the river has been a refreshing end to a hot day. The boys are quietly contemplating life and your letters in their solitude spots along the river. A few empty water bottles line the path awaiting the evening refill. All are well. They look rested and I have heard happy comments about the letters they have received. Many canâ\200\231t believe that eight days have already passed. Tomorrow morning we hike to Thornbury, about 18 km away. Tonight will be spent beneath the stars in the staff camp. Soul food.

GROUP 2, DAY EIGHT

On my travels this morning I met with Pete Stevens and Group 2 as they launched their kayaks onto Spioenkop Dam for the first days in their paddle. Conditions were ideal. Calm water and a light headwind. Richard Snowden presented the Kayaking 101 lecture and safety briefing before they set off in high spirits. Iâ\200\231m sure some of these flagged a little on the portage around the dam wall, however they made good time and arrived safely at Emseni a few hours later.

GROUP 3, DAY EIGHT

Olwethu Hugo and Group 3 made good time yesterday on their cycle from Emseni to Hodgsonâ\200\231s. The cycle masters Mike Thomson and Chad Fourie led the way. The group overnighted in a shed which saved them having to pitch tents. Very comfortable. Simon and Bev and Tom Hodgson treated all to a wonderful supper. This morning Alan Corfield, Jill Brewett and Fish Ndlovu joined the group as they were setting off for their ride to Renton. A long flat stretch with a very tight hill near their destination. Boys are well and full of beans and with big smiles. Ready to go, delayed only by a puncture in one of the support vehicle tyres and a few slow leaks in bike tyres too.

GROUP 4, DAY EIGHT

Group 4 completed their paddle yesterday and bussed across to Giantâ\200\231s Castle. They spent the night at Giantâ\200\231s Castle base camp. Today, joined by Damien Rautenbach and Old Boy Murray Church, they hiked to Giantâ\200\231s Hut. They made good time, reaching camp at 16:00. Some light drizzle expected tonight and early tomorrow.

SCIENCE

Head of Department: Mr Matthew Higginson

Teaching Staff: Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Leon Roets,
Mr Clint Sliedrecht

Lab assistance: Mr Raymond Duma, Miss Zanele Ndlovu

After the interruptions of 2017, we moved into 2018 with a sigh. The big news for the Physical Science Department was that we moved into the new Science Block. This is an amazing facility. Our focus is to use the classrooms even more effectively, incorporating more practicals and allowing for different learning styles. The Physical Science Department's drive will be to grow the numbers who choose the subject in years to come.

The Science Block fits into the School's architecture beautifully. The only difference to the traditional red brick is on the South side roof. We are the first building in the School to have solar panels. Mr Tony Carter was in charge of a group of boys who did research on the old Science Block and their finding was that solar energy would be the best renewable energy source for Michaelhouse.

The solar panel system installed in the new Sciences Block was commissioned in May 2018. Electricity produced is fed into the Sciences complex and the associated Housemasters' accommodation, all of which was equipped with energy saving lighting and other electrical appliances. To the end of October 2018 the electricity produced amounted to 11.8 MWh with the complex absorbing approximately 16% of the production while the remaining 84% was exported to the Michaelhouse grid. We have a group of C Block boys monitoring electrical energy usage in Mackenzie and Pascoe with a view to accumulating data, which would assist future ideas for a larger scale solar plant. The present installation will continue to be monitored and used as a pilot project for any future development. Mr Tony Carter.

This year we introduced Cambridge AS Physics for the first time. Mr Clint Sliedrecht was in charge of the pilot project and he writes: The Cambridge Physics programme commenced at the start of 2018 with a group of 18 B Block boys forming the initial contingent of this pilot extension programme. A good deal of prior planning and restructuring of the syllabus took place at the end of 2017 to streamline areas of overlap between the sections common to both the Cambridge and IEB syllabi. It was apparent before the first lesson of the year that additional contact time with the boys would be necessary. One tutorial lesson a week was committed for this purpose from the beginning of the year and this was escalated to additional evening lessons during the third and fourth quarters. The boys soon became acquainted with the demanding nature of

the syllabus, in terms of the depth and breadth of the topics covered. This saw an expected attrition as the final number of boys entered for the examinations was reduced to ten. These boys are to be commended for their efforts as they invested a great deal of time and effort in their preparations for the three AS level examinations written in the October/November examination series. We eagerly await the results of these examinations in January 2019. The outcome of these

examinations will inform the format of lessons next year. The intention at this stage is that boys who have achieved pleasing results in the AS examinations will be entered to write the A Level examinations in the May/June series. Although we are still to learn much from this pilot group of Cambridge Physics candidates it has by all measures been a successful and very productive year.â\200\235

We bid farewell to two of our Physical Science teachers at the end of 2018. Mr Leon Roets has been at Michaelhouse for only a year but he has made a wonderful contribution to the Science Department. Mr Roets takes up the position of HOD Physical Science of Redhill School in Johannesburg. Mr Jaap van der Vegte has served Michaelhouse with distinction for 25 years. If the walls could talk, there would be countless stories of Jaapâ\200\231s exploits in the Physical Science Block. There are not many stories that one can tell about the Physical Science Department without Jaap being a prominent feature if not the main character of the story. Jaap will be remembered for his eccentric love for the subject. I am sure he will keep himself very busy making craft beer as well as distilling and tasting Whiskey.

Two excellent young enthusiastic teachers have replaced Jaap and Leon. Mr Nkanyiso Negobo returns to Michaelhouse after gaining 18 months of teaching experience in Abu Dhabi. Mr Edward Jeffery joins us from Thomas More College in Kloof.

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MICHAELHOUSE

Prospective parent

SPIRITUAL

Michaelhouse is an Anglican foundation school in the Diocese of Natal and the Bishop of Natal, the Rt Rev Dino Gabriel, is the School Visitor. The resident Chaplain, Canon Alan Smedley, together with the Rector, assumes responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the boys. The Chapel and the spiritual life of the School are seen to be central to the education Michaelhouse seeks to provide. We believe it's fundamental that each boy who passes through this School should have had the opportunity to be exposed to Christian worship and values. For some this will occur during their time here, whilst for others we trust that the seeds which are planted in their lives will germinate in later life. However this occurs, it is our hope that young men of Michaelhouse will acquire a spiritual foundation which will not only equip them to live whole and fulfilled lives, but which will also enable them to practise a life of Christian service in the world. Whilst being a Christian foundation school, the necessity for religious tolerance is recognized and our boys are taught to respect the beliefs of other world religious and philosophies.

SPIRITUAL

Written by the Rev Canon Alan Smedley choose to attend either a traditional Anglican Eucharist in the morning or what we call Evening Worship. The evening . . . service does not use the Prayer Book, but is a mixture of

s 2018 draws to a close, I am again conscious of our de- . . . spontaneous prayer, hymns/songs, a Scripture reading and

Penenee whee God's grace and his for the a talk/sermon. In addition, the whole School will attend a valuable love for us, as we seek to fulfil his purposes for the Full School Eucharist twice a term.

spiritual life of the School, and indeed in our own lives. It is only as we acknowledge our dependence upon him, that anything of * Chapel music deliberately comprises both traditional

real and lasting value can be achieved here. Bearing this in mind, hymns and contemporary songs. The boys by and large it gives me great pleasure to report on the activities that have taken place at Michaelhouse during the past 12 months. In the Anglican tradition we also sing well-known hymns.

At On one Sunday evening each term the Christian Fellowship I would like to begin by referring to one of the goals of our boys take the service. Their Gospel Band leads the worship strategic plan, 2Mhs@J125. That is, to have meaningful and one of them delivers the sermon.

relevant Chapel services. It is always going to be a challenge to make compulsory Chapel services meaningful and relevant to teenage boys ranging from 13 to 18 years. Nevertheless, in an

attempt to do this, we have the following in place:

Â¢ On another Sunday evening each term the boys can choose to either attend a traditional Chapel service, or go to the Theatre for Informal Worship with the CF Band, or attend a topical discussion in the Media Centre.

e We have both traditional and more contemporary styles * Both boys and staff give talks in Chapel. This occurs of worship. Each Sunday boys and Academic Staff can on Sundays as well as on Wednesdays. The boys from

each House take a Wednesday Chapel service during the year. This year 20 members of staff spoke in Chapel. Consequently, the boys don't only hear the Chaplain preaching in Chapel, as is the case in most Church Schools, but instead there is a wide variety of personalities, content and styles of delivery.

The content of talks in Chapel vary. However, there is an appropriate range of basic theology and faith building topics, to teaching on Christian values, as well as exhortation to live lives of service.

The use of a data projector enables sermons to be backed up by video clips and PowerPoint presentations.

To help with the uncomfortable crowding in the Memorial Chapel we now use a live feed down into the Crypt Chapel whenever we have a Full School Eucharist.

CAROL SERVICES

These were held late in the year on Thursday 30 November for the School, and then just before we closed for the holidays, on Friday 1 December, for parents. Unfortunately, with the A Block having already left and the C Block being away on the C Block Journey during the previous two weeks, the Choir was considerably diminished. They nevertheless led our worship and it was a joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus.

STAFF THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At the end of each year, after the boys have left, we have a Thanksgiving Service for all the employees of the School. Last year it took place on Wednesday 6 December. As there were a large number of academic staff leaving, including the Rector, it took a slightly different form. Short citations were read about each staff member and they were then given the opportunity to respond. The service was held in both English and isiZulu and Mr Sizo Chalufu helped with the translation.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Every year we hold two services at Christmas. On Christmas Eve at 5.30pm we hold a Carols and Crib service. Weather permitting, we meet at the School gates and then process down Warriors' Walk to the Chapel, singing carols which are interspersed with Scripture readings. Once in the Chapel we have a Crib service primarily for children. Over the years, on average, about 70 people have attended. Then on Christmas Day at 8am we have a Eucharist. Usually over 300 people attend. Interestingly, most Michaelhouse staff families are away, so it has become an annual gathering of families from all over the district, with many bringing visitors from around the country and indeed the world, who come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is always a joy to welcome them to Michaelhouse.

WESTMONT COLLEGE, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

At the invitation of the College, on 3 January, I flew to California with Thabani Ntombela. He was this year's recipient

of the highly prestigious Michaelhouse Fellows Bursary. It is a four-year bursary, made possible by the generosity of a Michaelhouse Old Boy, covering all expenses including

airfares, given to a black Matric boy who is academically capable and a committed Christian. Thabani was the third recipient of this bursary. He was warmly welcomed by Mfolozi Dlamini and Luvuyo Magwaza, who were last year's students.

NEW BOYS' DAY

This year we held our New Boys' Day on the Sunday, and not the traditional Monday, at the start of the year. Consequently, the first formal gathering of the parents and new boys for 2018 took place in the Chapel on Sunday 14 January at 3pm. It is a very simple service consisting of two hymns, a Scripture reading by the Senior Prefect, some prayers led by the Second Prefect, and a brief address from myself in which I speak about the spiritual life of Michaelhouse and my role as the Chaplain.

NEW BOYS' ADMISSION CEREMONY

On Monday 29 January at 6.30pm all the new boys, their prefects and the academic staff gathered in the Chapel. Having been welcomed to the School on New Boys' Day, this ceremony becomes the next important step in a boy's career at Michaelhouse. He has been at the School for two weeks and now is fully welcomed into the Michaelhouse family. After the prayers and a talk by the Rector, all of them stand and the Rector reads his charge exhorting them to be loyal members of the School. They all respond by saying 'I will.' The Rector then formally admits them to the School. They then individually come out of their pew and go forward where they are greeted by the Rector. After shaking the boy's hand he gives him his Admission Card which he then signs in front of the whole congregation. Once he has returned to his pew he is allowed to take off his House tie, and replace it with the red and white School tie which he can then wear for the first time. The service concludes with the School Prayer and Hymn. It is an important and meaningful rite of passage for our new boys.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year on Ash Wednesday the B Block and I along with a number of staff were away on the Confirmation Camp. Consequently, we did not have our normal Full School Eucharist. However, Chris Waldburger and Fred Pitout held a service for the rest of the School. As the boys exited the Chapel they were offered the opportunity for their foreheads to be signed with ash, in the shape of a cross, as per the symbolic tradition in the Anglican Church.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Fellowship group has had a really good year, under the excellent leadership of James Kiln. On average about a hundred boys attended in the Crypt each Wednesday evening. We have also had an extremely competent CF Worship Band led by Lesedi Letebele. The rest of the CF committee this year consisted of: Dom Leslie, Menzi Mbuyazi, Lesedi Letebele, Brad Boulle, Michael Herbert, Dane Fisher, Mpho Mthethwa, Qaks Mehlwana, Callum Houston, Dan Kariithi, Michael

Buxton-Tetteh, James Armstrong, Luc van der Westhuysen and Hamish Henderson. Interestingly, this year five of the nine School Prefects were either on the CF committee or in the band. In fact, two of them were in the Band, which is a record!

CONFIRMATION PROCESS

One hundred and one B Block boys headed for Emâ\200\231seni Camp and Conference Centre after sport on Saturday 10 February for the Confirmation Camp. We returned to School at lunch time the following Wednesday. I was assisted by the SUIS and Emâ\200\231seni staff; three OMs: Bruce Turner, Cameron Chaplin and Magashe Ngoepe; and the following staff: William Silk, Lara Waldburger, Leon Roets, Ian Crawford, John Crawford, Clint Sliedrecht and Sizo Chalufu. It was also a joy to have the following interns with us: Gareth van Wyk, Xabiso Bika, Lodewyk Vosloo, Jason Wulfsohn, Mparama Msimang and Emmanuel Mkhize; as well as members of the CF Committee.

As we did last year, we used the Youth Alpha video series as the main content of the course. It was the latest updated version released last year and freely downloaded off the internet with permission of the producers. An excellent resource. The boys were divided into 12 groups and worked through the material. On the Monday evening we gave them the opportunity to make a commitment or recommitment to Christ, as well as to receive personal prayer for whatever need, or for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. About 60 boys responded. The following day we gave the boys the opportunity to share their experiences of the night before with the rest of the group. About 15 boys accepted the invitation. Again, it was quite incredible to witness how these boys were willing to stand up in front of their friends and peers, make themselves extremely vulnerable, and share very personal stories. It was deeply moving.

The Confirmation Service was held on Friday 16 March at Spm, during which 85 boys were Confirmed and 17 were Baptised. Bishop Dino Gabriel, the School Visitor and Bishop of Natal, presided and preached. It was a fantastic occasion and as always Bishop Dino was wonderful, making the service deeply meaningful for us all.

NATIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CHAPLAINâ\200\231S CONFERENCE

This year it was hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Chaplains and was held in Hilton and Pietermaritzburg from Sunday 22 till Friday 27 July. We also used Hilton Bush Lodge as one of the venues. It once again proved to be a very fruitful time of fellowship and encouragement. We predominantly asked local people to be our guest speakers, covering the following areas:

Fear Factor: overcoming fears that prevent risk taking.
(Kai Schulz)

Screen Addiction and Hurry Sickness. (Rev D Pickford)
Breathing Room wrt. Time. (Andy Stanley)
Cathedral Spaces of Childhood. (Tim Jarvis)

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Deep Restoration, Spiritual Direction and Prayer. (Dr Rev S van Niekerk, Gill Williams, Rev Paul Mosdell, Rev Peter Houston, Rev Paul Oosthuizen, Joan Mauck)

Silent Retreat on Hilton College Estate.
Insights into Chaplaincy. (Canon Alan Smedley)

Building Resilience. (Dr Andrew Pickford)

VISIT OF MAHLATSE MASHUA AND
COLLEAGUES FROM RAVI ZACHARIAS
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

On Sunday 29 July Mike Day spoke at both services in Chapel, and then Dr Reitz Rodseth (anaesthesiologist and associate prof at UKZN) and Mahlatse spoke to the School in the theatre on the Monday evening. Mahlatse also led a discussion for staff over breakfast in the Staff Common Room on the Sunday morning. Their talks were around Science, Ethics and Social Awareness, including trying to find common ground on these issues in an ever changing South Africa. They fitted well with our #GetWoke theme for the term and gave us much to think about.

INFORMAL EVENING SERVICES

We have continued to have two informal Sunday evening services each term. They are very popular with the boys and provide a variation from the more traditional services. It was good to have Tyron Ivans from Arise Band Ministries leading the worship on Sunday 5 August, and Menzi Mbuyazi gave a thoughtful sermon on God's grace and forgiveness.

On Sunday 26 August, musicians André de Villiers and Tony Drake from Cape Town, performed in the Theatre. Many South Africans know André as the person who plays his guitar and sings in some Volkswagen adverts. At his concerts he tells his story, sings about the different experiences in his life, and intersperses his music with his TV advert video clips. His lyrics speak about how his faith in Christ has enabled him to withstand and conquer enormous adversity. It was a privilege and pleasure as well as deeply thought provoking to listen to him.

FULL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE
IN THE AMPHITHEATRE

On 10 October we had another Wednesday Chapel service in the big amphitheatre. All our employees were invited to join with the boys and academic staff. The Senior Prefect, William Norton, and the Second Prefect, Michael Herbert, gave talks. Their theme was gratitude and they used the opportunity to express the thanks of the boys to all our support staff in particular. They spoke about the importance of the behind-the-scenes work they do. Michael Herbert had also translated his talk into isiZulu, so he gave it in both languages, much to the delight of everyone. We enjoyed a wonderful time of worship together on a glorious Balgowan Spring morning.

MANY DIFFERENT PREACHERS

During the year 20 members of staff gave talks in Chapel. In addition 14 boys did so. We are greatly blessed to be able to

listen to such a variety of voices on different topics. One which stands out, was the sermon given by the School Counsellor, Tim Jarvis, on Sunday 4 November. He spoke about how we need to be discerning about the kinds of songs and music we listen to. He reminded us that "All of life is God's. We worship Him, or not, with everything we do, everywhere we do it, including the music we play. Worship is not just what happens in Chapel or Church. That is a small part, a fraction. The main part of your worship is what happens outside of Chapel." He went on to say that "according to the New York Times the average teenager listens to 2.5 hours of music a day." He then referred to a song heard regularly on 5 FM's Top 40 this year, and a favourite of many boys. It is called 'In my feelings' by Drake, and has the following lyrics: "...I show him how the neck work, F*** that Netflix and chill, what's your net-net-net worth?" Then later "...bring that ass, bring that ass back, Shawty say the nigga that she with can't hit, But shawty, I can't hit it, hit it like I can't miss." Unbelievable! But this is what our boys listen to. I give thanks to God that we have preachers like Tim who can so creatively address this kind of issue.

LEAVERS' CHAPEL SERVICE

On Thursday 11 October, at 9.45am, the day before Speech Day, we held our annual Leavers' Service. Only the academic staff and A Block attend. It is the last time they will all attend Chapel as school boys. It provides an opportunity for me to share some final thoughts, and also for them to sing the School Hymn together for the last time. A wonderful occasion.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday 11 November was particularly significant this year as it was of course the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and the Sunday was the 11th day of the 11th month! This year we were faced by the reality that there would be no OM veterans of the two World Wars, or men in uniform, present. Consequently, we had to make the decision to use School Prefects to lay the wreaths on behalf of the different armed forces, instead of the traditional OMs. Nevertheless, it was a meaningful opportunity for the community to honour those who had died, as well as a sobering reminder of the horror of war. The Choir sang a beautiful anthem and the service went very well. The Last Post and the Reveille were sounded by young Peter Woodland who is in E Block. We look forward to having him play at this service for the next few years.

HOUSE SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

Brad Boule, the Cell Group/Bible study leader for 2018, reports as follows: "This year we have tried to formalize Cell Groups and make them more effective. We now have a Matric and B Block boy in each House as Cell Group leaders. All these leaders meet together every two weeks to discuss how things are going in their House and what we need to work on. This has been a good initiative as we now have more boys attending each week and some Houses have got their groups running for the first time in a few years. Cell Groups are doing well and, although there are still areas that need work, we have improved hugely since 2017." In total, there are about 110 boys meeting each week in the School.

Mrs Lara Waldburger teaches Divinity to D and E Blocks, and I teach the C Block. In E Block there are two lessons per ten-day cycle for each class. However, in D and C Blocks there is only one. Following is a brief description, written by Lara, of what happens in the two lower Blocks: â\200\234My Divinity programme aims to achieve a kind of Christian literacy for boys arriving at a church school, often with very little knowledge of Christianity. Consequently, in E Block, the first quarter is predominantly devoted to introducing the boys to the Chapel â\200\224 its history, place in the School, and its meaning. The School Prayer and School Hymn are also introduced. The remaining three quarters are devoted to reading and appreciating the Book of Genesis from the Old Testament. As the foundation text for all of monotheism, filled with stories which continue to shape humanityâ\200\231s understanding of the world, it is hoped that the boys, by grappling with the text, can become more aware of the deep historical roots of belief in the God of Abraham, and thus more confident in reading and dealing with scripture. In D Block, we explore the life of Christ and the Apostles using the calendar of the School â\200\224 Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Christmas. In all of the above, the resources used include the Bible, the Chapel, the Anglican Prayer Book, and a variety of films.â\200\235

In C Block, I use video material to teach the boys about principles of life and faith from a Christian perspective. However, it is also an opportunity for me to build stronger relationships with the boys, particularly as we anticipate the Confirmation process at the start of B Block. A very useful tool which I have used this year has been the film Zo Save a Life. It is full of real issues faced by teenagers.

CONCLUSION

As I have done in the past, I would like to conclude this report by thanking all those who have given so much to the spiritual life of the School during 2018. Each person has contributed in a particular way and played a valuable role.

Mrs Lara Waldburger who taught Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks; Mr Nico Keyter and Mr William Silk working with the Choir; Mr Abri Venter as the Chapel Organist; the Chapel Servers; School Prefects; and the bell ringers. The Lay Ministers: Messrs Paul Fleischack, Allan Laing, Tim Jarvis, Alan Adlington-Corfield, Sizo Chalufu, Jonathan Smith and Mrs Candice Smith. Sadly, at the end of 2018 we say goodbye to Sizo Chalufu. He has given so much to our Chapel life for which I am immensely grateful. We will miss him greatly.

CHAPEL PREACHERS

The following people were our preachers this year. Most of them members of the academic staff. They add so much to our Chapel life and I so appreciate each of them and their willingness to be involved in this way.

Tim Jarvis
Dominic Gruijters
William Silk
Alan Adlington-Corfield
Chris Waldburger
Allan Laing

Jonathan Smith
Paul Fleischack
George Ferreira
Sizo Chalufu
Leon Roets

Candice Smith
John Crawford
Herman Visagie
Dean Forword
Clint Slidrecht

Gerhard Erasmus

Sam Mofokeng

Mike Day

Mparama Msimang

Bishop Dino Gabriel
(Confirmation)

Andr  de Villiers

Canon Fred Pitout (Old Boysâ\200\231 Secretary)

WEDDINGS OF MICHAELHOUSE STAFF AND OLD BOYS

27 January 2018 James Souchon Catherine De Beer Old Boy 2006

24 February 2018 Grant Rex Tracy Opie Old Boy 2004

22 March 2018 Jonathan Laing Kim Maher Old Boy 2013

21 April 2018 Andrew Theunissen Sara Dalais Old Boy 2004

19 May 2018 Andrew Flavell Carrie-Ann Barr Old Boy 2005

08 December 2018 James King Rozanne Taylor Old Boy 2007

30 December 2018 Tim Hulley Kelly Smith Old Boy 2006

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The Clubs and Societies of Michaelhouse provide a wonderful opportunity for self-development,

as well as an excellent vehicle for getting to know boys in quite a different environment.

Opportunities for leadership experience also exist since most clubs have a committee responsible for organisation, motivation and administration. With the exception of certain senior

societies, membership extends to boys from all Houses and all ages. This enables boys to enjoy

time spent in the pursuit of shared passions and interests. Perhaps most of all, it is within this framework that lifelong friendships are forged.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Msizi Mchunu

Chairman: Cyle Wilson

any people have a very simple question about our society: "What exactly is it?" I must begin by saying

that we stayed true to goals, our meetings even taking place on African Time. African Affairs is a sort of current affairs / political discussion group. Fortunately for us, our continent, and especially South Africa, was very generous in providing a truly endless supply of topics.

The clock, however, wasn't so generous, so despite the points never stopping, bells ringing always stopped us mid-discussion.

Our fearless leader, the ever charismatic and talkative Mr Msizi Mchunu, unfortunately, also rang the metaphorical bell, as his time here came to an end. He left us for our friends down the road. So, goodbye to our fearless leader.

Like our parliament was, we are suffering a leadership crisis. But as any good politician does, we will find a way.

Lesotho's monarchy. Just another of the usual type of topics we had. Specifically discussing this over a braai at a late night at Sir's house is one of those memories I will never forget.

To all members, past as well as present, I thank you. With a specific thank you and final goodbye to our own parliamentary leader.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr George Ferreira

Chairman: Thomas Jacobsz

Secretary: Jan Peter van de Velde

to the NAMPO Harvest Day near Bothaville in the

The highlight of the year undoubtedly was our outing
Free State on 17 May. Our adventure started on the

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previous day when we were hosted by the Jacobsz family on
their farm near Bergville. The boys were treated to a combine
harvesting experience shortly after our arrival on the farm af-
ter which we were spoilt with a lovely braai. We departed for
the Free State at 4am the next morning and enjoyed delicious
padkos prepared by Giel Jacobsz between Viljoenskroon and
Bothaville. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the exhibitions at the

biggest agricultural expo in the southern hemisphere, where the latest agricultural technology was on show. We returned to

School with wonderful memories and memorabilia.

CARD GAMES CLUB

Master in Charge: Mr Jaap van der Vegte
Chairman: Tristan Naidoo

Looking at last year's report I realized how wonderful the
= of friendship are, that have developed due to the ac-

tivities of the club. This year's activities mimicked all we
did last year, like playing Texas Holdem, Dom Brug and Black-
jack. I tried again to introduce the more formal game of Bridge,
but it was still not popular. The need for excessive thinking and
strategizing just did not appeal to members.

I am happy that the club reached most of the goals that I set
for it. Reading body language, face-to-face communication,

doing mental arithmetic, calculating odds, memorizing cards
played, coping with success and failure, and lastly coping with
the giving and taking of banter. All of these goals have made
the group better able to cope with life.

The club gave me the opportunity to share the lives of a
wonderful group of quality youngsters. They were willing
to share their music with me, god forbid, which enriched my
knowledge of rap music. I thought that would never happen.
They even included me in their banter, which is a rare honour
for someone about four times their age. Winning the last
game with two pair, was a great way to end off my time at
Michaelhouse. It was a wonderful ride.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY

Masters in Charge: Mr Chris Waldburger, Mr Bernard
Whitaker

ting for Catholics among the Michaelhouse community
to nurture and practise their faith, in harmony with the
School's Anglican tradition.

T: Catholic Society continues to exist to provide a set-

Various priests under the auspices of Father Cecil Dowling of
St Joseph's in Howick, including Fr Dowling himself, come
to celebrate Mass regularly in the school's Crypt beneath the
Chapel, and it has been most encouraging to see many families

in the area joining us on these occasions.

2018 was the second year of catechism classes being conducted
on campus by Mr Waldburger, in order to prepare boys for
confirmation in the final quarter of their C Block year. The
classes are based on study of the ancient creeds, the seven
sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. As
Catholic boys from D and C Block represent the core of these
classes, the lessons are run on a two-year cycle.

Confirmation this year took place on 28 October 2018, and

Alexander Bergin, Jaimã© Gomes, Christopher Maartens, and Peter Scholtz were all confirmed.

CONSERVATION CLUB

Master in Charge: Mr Colin White

stages of 2018. This new club is focused on getting the boys outdoors, learning about and enjoying nature, and building their conservation consciousness.

T: Conservation Club was established during the latter

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Two night game drives were held; both in the Michaelhouse Nature Reserve. The first drive, involving 33 boys, was part of an area-wide census for the Balgowan Conservancy. The second, involving 11 boys, was a more social event culminating in a braai. The drives revealed: a very healthy population of reedbuck; that the zebra have settled in well; and similarly, the blesbuck are comfortable.

In 2019, we aim to expand the scope of the club to include various trips to game reserves as well as working towards

improvement of the Nature Reserve (building and upgrading paths, and eradicating alien invasives).

CYCLING SOCIETY

Staff members in Charge: Mr Herman Visagie, Ms Lisa Hardie

Chairman: Grant Hiscock

Deputy Chairman: James Lycett

tain Biking Club. However, with both our Chairman as

well as our Deputy Chairman showing more and more interest in road racing in addition to their mountain biking it was time to fix this misnomer. Both these men showed great commitment to the society throughout the year whilst still being very involved in the other spheres of Michaelhouse life.

T: Cycling Society was previously known as the Moun-

In February this year Grant Hiscock participated in the Illovo Wartburg Classic mountain bike race (45km). He managed to finish 12th overall and fifth in his age group. In April he took part in the aQuelle Tour Durban road race (106km) in which he finished 212th overall and 17th in his age group. The Karkloof Classic (60km) was another fantastic outing for Grant on the mountain bike, as he finished 31st overall and first in his age

James Lycett

group. He then went back on to the tar road to do the 94.7 Cycle Challenge where he finished 814th overall and 27th in his age category. Grant finished the year on a high note by doing the Cascades Cross Country KZN XCO series where he finished tenth overall and fourth in his age group. It was another fantastic year of cycling for Grant in spite of a very demanding A Block year. He can be very proud of the massive contribution he has made to Michaelhouse cycling in his time here.

This year James has concentrated almost exclusively on road racing and with a lot of hard work he has taken his road cycling to the next level. He did a lot of racing, from the aQuelle Tour in Durban in April, where he finished 15th in his age group, to the 100 Cycle Challenge a couple of weeks later where he finished 19th in his age group. His racing did not stop there as he also participated in the Absolute Motion Criterium series one and two, finishing fifth and first respectively. It is clear, however, that his highlight of the year was the Assen International Youth Tour to the Netherlands. Here is a short report from James himself on his experience on the tour in the Netherlands:

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On 27 July 2018, me and 17 of the best junior cyclists in the province departed for Holland to race in the Assen International Junior Tour. This tour is considered to be the hardest multi-stage junior road racing event in the world. Competitors from all around the world travel to the little town of Assen, a two-hour drive outside of Amsterdam, to compete against some of the best junior road racers in the world. In total, including travelling days, we were away for 11 days and we raced for seven of them.

I only started competitive road racing at the beginning of this year, so I feel privileged to have gotten an opportunity to compete

at such a high level so early on in my cycling career. The School was also very considerate to let me out of school for two weeks in my B Block year, so I would like to thank them for that.

This tour has made me realize how hard it will be to make it to the highest level but it has motivated me to push that little bit harder every day to better myself in every way I possibly can.

James has been a fantastic ambassador for Michaelhouse on his bike and has a very bright future ahead of him, especially if he can keep up the passion, drive and work ethic he has shown this year.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Staff Member in Charge: Ms Candice-Ann Roodt-Smith
Staff: Mr Jonathan Smith, Ms Tanith von Mayer, Mr Liam Boshoff

Chairman: Bernard van der Berg

Deputy Chairman: Qaqambile Mehlwana

AWARDS

The Truda Trophy for outstanding performance and commitment to public speaking and debating: Bernard van der Berg

The Coyle Book Prize for the member of the Debating Society who has given their all for as long as they have been a member: Jadin Jordaan

Most Improved Debtor and Public Speaker: Cyle Wilson
Most Promising Junior Speaker: Kwande Dhlomo

Honours: Bernard van der Berg

Colours: Qaqambile Mehlwana, Cyle Wilson, Ayanda Nene, William Marshall, Tapiwa Chikwanda

Half Colours: Hubo Khumalo, Michael Gurney, Jadin Jordaan, Ross Keep, Jason Makhele, Jaden van der Merwe

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL INDEPENDENT DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS -NIDPSC, 2018

• Interpretive Reading: Jadin Jordaan 12th

• Impromptu Speaking: Jadin Jordaan 18th

• Persuasive Speech: Cyle Wilson 19th

• Overall: Jadin Jordaan 25th

• Top 40: Cyle Wilson, Hubo Khumalo

MIDLANDS LEAGUE DEBATING

• Michaelhouse Junior Team - Winners

Michaelhouse Senior Team 2024 Winners

SPEAK COMPETITION

Prepared Speech: Jadin Jordaan 2nd, Hubo Khumalo 3rd

Impromptu Speaking: Jadin Jordaan 3rd, Cyle Wilson 7th

Interpretive Reading: Jadin Jordaan 5th, Cyle Wilson 6th

Overall: Jadin Jordaan 6th, Cyle Wilson 9th

can be proud of all our members who have competed across

different oratory engagements. The first quarter began with the buzz of Cultural Week 2024 Mackenzie being named the public speaking champs, Pascoe winning the junior debating clash, and Tatham the seniors. In the second quarter both our senior and junior teams went on to win the Midlands Debating League. Furthermore, we squeezed in friendly meetings against The Wykeham Collegiate, St John's from Johannesburg and Clifton College, Durban.

It has been an eventful year for the Debating Society and we

In the third to fourth quarters some of our members competed at the Speak Competition and National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (NIDPSC) held at Merrifield College in East London. In both competitions Michaelhouse representatives achieved very high results. With anticipated excitement, Michaelhouse will host NIDPSC 2019. This tournament showcases a wide range of skills and feeds into an international competition placing the best young speakers in South Africa on a world platform.

Bernard van der Berg participated in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) for a second time, where he excelled across the board. This year's global event, with over 100 participants, was hosted in Cape Town. Jadin Jordaan has been invited as part of the 2019 South African delegation which will be heading to Toronto, Canada.

Bernard van der Berg and Qaqambile Mehlwana led the society to new highs. They have set a precedent through their commitment, participation and achievements. What makes a speech great is its choice of words, the feelings expressed, the passion with which it is delivered and the lasting effects the speech has had on its audience to either think or to do. Both these young men have been examples of this.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Masters in charge: Mr Sibusiso Nceamani, Mr Sizo Chalufu
Leadership team: Hubo Khumalo, Nikil Lyer, Takwana Shava

society and one which boys in C, D and E Blocks find use-

T: Junior Public Speaking Society remained a very active
ful in preparing them for various speaking opportunities.

In the first three quarters the society hosted two meetings. Each meeting had a different focus ranging from workshopping various speaking skills to practising impromptu and delivering prepared speeches. All speeches are delivered with evaluation for each speaker provided by the more experienced boys in the society.

All of our meetings were relaxed in nature and this afforded the boys an opportunity to practise their pieces without

unnecessary pressure. However, the expectation was for the boys to deliver their best speeches yet. The boys got to learn from their mistakes when evaluated by their peers or by being given feedback by their teachers.

One of the attractions for the boys is seeing the majority of the C Block boys who have been part of this society participating in Inter-House and other external speaking competitions as well as being accepted into Toastmasters in their B Block year.

This yearâ\200\231s C Block leadership team is to be commended for a job well done. We congratulate those who have been accepted to Toastmasters next year. We also bid Mr Chalufu farewell after six years of involvement with our society. We wish him the best in his future endeavours.

FIRST AID SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Bailey Coxon

Staff: Mr Craig Pieterse

Interns: Mr Sihle Mdladla, Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane,
Mr Mduduzi Mthemba

Chairman: Garin Phillips

Vice-Chairman: Cyle Wilson

Level 3 First Aid qualification; a further 38 have a Level 2 First Aid qualification and nine boys assist on match days as runners.

T: society includes 49 members, two of whom have a

The aims of the First Aid Society remain:

1. To encourage and instill a sense of service before self.
2. To instill confidence, pride and personal growth.
3. To be good ambassadors for Michaelhouse and a tangible

support for the boys playing sport, the staff and Sanatorium Sisters.

Many of the new E Blockers were curious about the First Aid Society stand at the Society Fair, which was held on the first

Friday of the School year. The first official meeting of the year was held on Thursday 25 January to elect a new chairman and to plan the year ahead. This involved looking at the expectations of members who had signed up for First Aid and the commitments required during both the Pentecost and Michaelmas quarters.

Dave Adam from Rencor First Aid ran a refresher as well as a Level 2 First Aid course this year. The Level 2 course was held in February; five boys and three interns qualified. It must be

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noted that boys who are unable to attend this training course due to other commitments are not excluded from joining the society and can assist qualified first aiders, the San Sisters and staff as runners. It is encouraging that a number of E Blockers became runners this year and many of them have committed to completing a Level 2 course in 2019. It is my aim to encourage more juniors to become involved in this society and to emphasise the importance of this life skill. James Fleming showed members of the society and the San sisters some different strapping techniques, which proved most interesting and valuable. It is my vision to expose more senior boys to basic strapping methods, so that they are able to help their fellow team members before and during matches.

During the Pentecost Quarter, meetings were held on most Thursday evenings before a Saturday home game. This was to plan and discuss the following weekend's fixtures, to go through some of the basic skills required in an emergency and to discuss general protocol on and off the field while on duty. Some of the skills refreshed included boarding, re-strapping a trauma board, slings and bandaging.

During the Michaelmas Quarter, boys helped on the side of the soccer fields and it was encouraging to see the level of commitment here.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the first aiders for the countless hours spent on the side of the fields assisting their peers, the San Sisters and Medics on duty. Their efforts are much appreciated and valued and I look forward to their continued service and commitment next year. Five hundred and eighty-six cumulative hours were spent on the side of the rugby, hockey and soccer fields in 2018.

Congratulations must go to the following top ten members for their positive contributions throughout this year:

Cyle Wilson: 21 hours of service

Neil Johnston and Peter Scholtz: 26 hours of service each

Hamish Henderson, James Dawson and Joshua Bergin: 25

hours of service each

Jonathan Segar: 31 hours of service

Ayanda Nene: 38 hours of service

Ryan Davies: 45 hours of service

Garin Phillips: 79 hours of service

Master in Charge: Mr Chris van der Berg

Chairman: Bernard van der Berg

Secretary: Kiyan Singh

his has been my fifth year of running the Film Appreciation Society and I continued to focus on making it a society for an elite group of boys that really appreciate the art of film.

It remains a massive challenge to find dates for Film Society meetings, as the boys have very busy schedules.

When we did get together, we watched films like Loving Vincent, the first animated film of its kind â\200\224 it consists entirely of oil paintings; we invited the Art Department to join us and our two Art teachers used the opportunity to educate us on Vincent van Gogh and his work. We also enjoyed Baby Driver, a musical caper that is the ultimate expression of what it means to be cool. Three

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Colours Blue is a very impressive French art film dealing with mortality. We invited the French Department to join us. Finally, A Quiet Place, which is a unique horror film using silence as its main device to scare its audience. The boys continued to astonish me with their insight and knowledge around the art of film making.

The fact that the Schlesinger Theatre now has its own film projector and big screen made the meetings much more effective and enjoyable. Movies are definitely meant to be watched on the BIG screen!

Next year we will be joining forces with the English Department. The Film Society will watch, analyse and discuss some of the films that are part of the AP English syllabus (The Grand Budapest Hotel, Atonement, The English Patient and The Piano), thus giving the society some academic value. I look forward to this new chapter.

FLY FISHING CLUB

Master in Charge: Mr Righardt Kotze
Chairman: Luke Taylor

Semonkong in Lesotho in the second half of the year.
A five-day hike deep into the spectacular Maletsunyane Gorge turned out to be quite an extreme expedition with thunderstorms, lightening, rain and high winds. That didn't put off the fly fishers though, with over 60 fish caught. Drew Reynolds took the prize for the biggest fish caught, John Hulley caught

T: Michaelhouse Fly Fishing Club went on a trip to

the most species and Mr Kotze showed everyone who the boss was by catching the most fish on the trip. We got to see how the Basotho people in those areas live and what a spectacular part of the country it is. We fished right up to the Malesunyane Falls, a 192m sheer drop into the gorge. It was a spectacular trip.

On the trip was Tom Tom Walters, John Hulley and his dad Barry, Lawrie, Adam, and their parents Nicci and Barry Hawke, Travis Green and his dad Andrew, Drew Reynolds and his dad Lane, and Mr Kotze.

FLYING CLUB

Master in Charge: Mr William Silk
Chairman: Bailey Green

a few trips down to Umkomaas to World of Wings Flight

It has been a good year for the Flying Club. We have had School in order for boys to have an opportunity to fly either

a Bantam or Sling. I have also done a few presentations at school on various topics such as airspace and radio for the boys in the club. Mr Silk's Bushbaby was also finally completed and took to the skies for the first time in October. To end a great year a few boys from the club had the opportunity to experience gliding at the Howick airstrip. It was a great year filled with lots of flying and fun.

INVESTMENT CLUB

Masters in Charge: Mr Ernest Rindfleisch, Mr Jason Wulfsohn

investment related topics. As per usual the boys were keen to discuss share tips. We also spoke about a variety of other diverse topics in 2018, including: the Steinhoff saga, Viceroy allegations regarding Capitec, different trading platforms, technical analysis, socially responsible investing, shares

T: Investment Club met twice every quarter to discuss

with high dividend yields, the power of compound interest and the poor performance of the JSE All Share Index this year.

Members of the club in 2018 included Tristan Vermeulen, Michael Gurney, Kiyan Singh, Kgosi Matola, Oliver Currie and Nathan Bau. I would like to thank Mr Jason Wulfsohn in particular for his enthusiasm, ideas and regular attendance at

meetings over the last two years. His presence and thoughts will be missed next year.

PRESIDENTâ\200\231S AWARD

Staff member in charge: Mrs Riette White
Chairman: Ben Chance

AWARDS

Gold Medals: Tom Harper, Warren Yoko, Luke Taylor, Simon Browse, Ryan Davies, Michael Rautenbach (Under assessment: Makomborero Kamba, Cyle Wilson)

Silver Medals: Andrew Britton, Neil Johnston, JP van de Velde

Bronze Medals: Matthew Browse, Sam Frost, Raiffe Ingledew, Tapiwa Chikwanda, Joshua Bergin

full member of the Duke of Edinburghâ\200\231s International

T: Presidentâ\200\231s Award for Youth Empowerment (TPA) is a
Award for Young People. The International Award Founda-

tion oversees the award programme in over 140 countries globally, with 25 countries participating in Africa. The programme currently has over a million active participants globally with over 250 000 of the total participants based on the African Continent. Every year, over 16 000 young people from across South Africa's nine provinces are working towards completing a bronze, silver or gold award.

Participants are required to complete the requirements in each of four sections: physical recreation, skills, service and an adventurous journey. The requirements become more rigorous as they advance through the bronze to gold levels. The gold level requires participants to also complete a residential project where they spend time living with people who are not their usual colleagues or friends, in an unfamiliar setting.

The goal of the award is to demonstrate a young person's commitment, perseverance, emotional maturity and willingness to give of themselves.

The Michaelhouse President's Award Society offers members the opportunity of using the activities they participate in at

Michaelhouse to assist them in achieving this internationally recognised award, which is also recognised on university application forms as indicating a well-adjusted individual.

Currently, 122 Michaelhouse boys are registered for one of the award levels.

The physical recreation, skills and service requirements are all readily met by the general Michaelhouse extramural schedule. Additionally, the D Block Hike and C Block Journey also qualify a boy for the adventurous journey portion of the award. Boys who wish to complete their gold award may use an exchange programme to complete the residential project award criteria or are ably assisted by organizations such as WESSA to spend the required amount of time with them.

Mrs Christine Wyngaard is the KwaZulu-Natal regional President's Award manager and her close relationship with Michaelhouse, where she visits the School at least annually, allows us to motivate and assist our boys in obtaining the desired level of achievement in this award.

RAP, RHYTHM AND POETRY SOCIETY

Staff Member in Charge: Mrs Asha Royappen
Chairman: Khanyo Ndlovu

This year saw the inception of a new society, the Rap,

Rhythm and Poetry Society. With the number of boys with

an interest in, and love for, rap, music and poetry growing in the School, the need for such a society was inevitable.

The society was formed as boys needed a space to share the work they were creating and to express their creativity. A number of boys write poetry, lyrics and create rap music and this became a platform for boys to gain exposure and share their passion with each other. However, the society runs a little deeper. As any artist uses their art as a form of expression and a voice to highlight issues, so too are these boys doing the same. Often they are writing about social injustices, politics or perspectives on life and these topics then form the basis of the conversations that follow after listening to the boys

reading their poetry, singing or rapping. These topics lead to deep philosophical discussions as well as debates about social injustices.

The meetings start with an open mic session, someone playing their music or reading poetry. Boys can also bring us the album of their favourite artist or poetry from their favourite poet. The idea is for all members of the society to be exposed to as many different genres and styles as possible.

There are boys who share their music on SoundCloud and the boys are very supportive of their friends's attempts. PeeKrazy aka Asanda Dlodla also shares his skills on how to use the music composer apps to create a track. He exposes us to the technology and skills he uses to create such music. He has also been helping interested boys in learning and understanding how to develop a concept, write lyrics and create a track. Even though the boys are amateurs, the society is one that is new and growing and we have many exciting ideas for 2019.

READERS'S SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Jed Coventry

dominated by new membership from the junior Blocks. Meetings consisted of the usual book show and tells, and quiz and movie nights. The club read and investigated the novel The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis

T: Readers's Society met eight times this year and was

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Stevenson, as well as its influence on culture and thought. Our members trialled and piloted the School's new eBook library, hosted by Snapplify. This eBook platform will be rolled out to the rest of the School at the start of 2019. Towards the end of the year the society found diversion in sending cryptic, coded messages to other book clubs from around the world using simple and complex ciphers.

SCUBA-DIVING CLUB

Staff Members in Charge: Ms Jenni
Mr Clint Sliedrecht

Chairman: Sean Fitzsimmons

Maurice-Green,

AWARDS

PADI Open Water Diver: Edward Hamilton, Jared le Court
de Billot, Gabriel Baynes, Matthew Lambert, Adrian Hill,
Jack Jones, Sean Hough, Dean Hough, Rupert Hechter,
Mr Clint Sliedrecht, Mrs Elmarie Sliedrecht

PADI Advanced Open Water Diver: Hussein Mohamed,
Karan Chauhan, Thomas Hill

dive and appreciate the ocean. We have lessons every

Thursday in the Lent Quarter with a highly professional
instructor, Beryl Evans from Africa Blue, who has thousands of
dives under her belt. Beryl has been an integral part of the club
for over 30 years. This year we had a bumper crop of course
participants. We ran two pool sessions for our 16 open water
and refresher course divers and had five more advanced divers
join the boys who were trying to complete their courses carried

The Scuba-Diving Club strives to teach pupils how to both

over from last year.

When the time comes to dive in the sea, it's an early start
as the bus leaves at 4am for the dive site at Aliwal Shoal, a
marine protected area. We do two dives every time we have
a dive trip. We managed to get down to African Adventures,
our dive centre in Scottburgh, six times this year including two
overnight stays at the beautiful Bush Lodge to avoid our usual
early start. On a couple of occasions we had to take out two
boats to accommodate the number of boys interested in joining
us. Being in the ocean and breathing underwater is amazing.
Seeing whales, turtles, rays and sharks and a multitude of
tropical fish is breathtaking and this year we even got to swim
with a curious pod of dolphins as well as complete two dives of
the wreck of The Produce.

The Scuba-Diving Club is active throughout the year with two
dives scheduled every term weather permitting. There are
members from Grade 8 up to Grade 12, course participants as well
as boys who dive socially. As club members, we are offered an
experience to qualify in something that can be used throughout our
lives along with the growth of great friendships and camaraderie.

SPORT ARCHIVES SOCIETY

Masters in Charge: Mr Ian Crawford, Mr Dean Forword
Chairman: Christopher Butcher

were very privileged to have guest speakers who were

either Old Boys or long-serving staff members talk at our meetings. The boys thoroughly enjoyed viewing old photos which were on display and in particular those of present staff members. The society is ecstatic at the completion of the Heritage Centre.

TÂ° Sport Archives Society met twice a quarter and we

The society continues to do research on various sporting codes at Michaelhouse and the following on cricket may be of interest to some. Much of the information was compiled by Mrs Lynn van der Vegte, the previous staff member in charge of the society:

Previously known only as the Oval the Roy Gathorne Oval was planned and created by Charles Bok Hannah. Hannah came to Michaelhouse in 1898 when he was 20 and taught at the School for 32 years (Robin Hall taught at Michaelhouse for 37 years, from 1967-2002, having first been a scholar here from 1952-1957). Hannah started a field as soon as the school moved to Balgowan in 1901, using just a roller to flatten some

veld grass. The first match ever played produced a win by a single run against Maritzburg College. Team makeup varied from staff to young staff children. College reached 105/4 declared. Michaelhouse, or rather Louis Sullivan, made 106! A new pitch was later laid with ant heap in 1903. A heavy roller was bought to roll the wicket flat and two oxen were used to pull it. Hannah introduced the idea of â\200\234Treesâ\200\235 where a boy who made 50 runs was awarded a tree and the honour of planting it. In 1903 a move was made to build a pavilion â\200\224 a 30x10ft building with a verandah which cost Â£150. In those earlier days the boys were responsible for the upkeep of the pitch and grounds. The pavilion was completed in 1904 and the first match against Hilton College ended in a draw. In 1906 the first athletics meeting was held on the Oval. By 1918 a few more pitches were available, the Coltâ\200\231s field being developed where Hannahs is currently situated. In 1930 the Oval was grassed with proper grass and Michaelhouse became the first school in South Africa to have a turf wicket. A match against a Berea Country Club XI was played on 5 April 1930 to celebrate the opening of the turf wicket. Charles Hannah faced the first ball. While this grass was taking root, matches were moved to Meadows. By 1932 Michaelhouse had four turf wickets, including the old Coltâ\200\231s ground which had been renamed Hannahs. The Hannahs pavilion has been retained and a new pavilion which was donated by the Old Boys, was built in 1994.

SURFING SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Lee-Roy Storm
Captain: Andrew Cameron
Vice-Captain: James Gush

e finally reached the end of 2018, but the beginning of WWievrrssins big for Michaelhouse surfing, starting with

Michaelhouse being invited to participate in the Kwa-

Zulu-Natal Schools Surfing League (KZNSSL). The season ran from mid-April to mid-June and saw Michaelhouse enter a first surfing team into the KZNSSL for the very first time ever to participate in a tag team surfing competition with 16 other school surfing teams. This format boded well for an exciting season for

both surfers and supporters and although it was not always easy to surf due to some less than ideal conditions, the team exceeded

all expectations. The team's making it into the top eight, where we were able to compete for a place in the finals was a thrilling achievement. In the next heat and after some luck and an outstanding performance from Christian Brand, we placed in the top five, qualifying us for the finals. We would go on to place fourth in the final heat, leaving us lying in fourth position overall, a magnificent all-round team performance and a wonderful way to end Michaelhouse's inaugural competitive season.

The Surfing Society enjoyed the most successful year with each outing being very well supported by both boys and parents alike. Next year we intend entering the KZNSSL again and will try to arrange an overnight surf trip to Green Point along the south coast, in the hope that we can one day go on an overseas trip to Indonesia.

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Old Boy, Bilal Naby via Instagram

THEATRE TECH SOCIETY

Masters in Charge: Mr William le Cordeur, Mr Fish Ndlovu
Head Technicians: Ben Connolly, Bailey Green

AWARDS

Honours: Ben Connolly, Bailey Green

Colours: Molate Mahowa

Half-colours: Daniel Sabatta, Heinrich Reyneke, Cameron McLean-Banks, Nhlanhla Dlamini

blooding a new group of committed and diligent techni-

cians, as well as saying farewell to stalwarts Ben Connolly and Bailey Green. Ben and Bailey will be sorely missed, as they led the society for the past two years, handing over the baton to the very capable Molate Mahowa for the 2019/2020 seasons.

T: Theatre Tech Society has never been stronger, with 2018

The cultural week in the first quarter is always the best way to engage with the society's ability. Thomas Barnes, Nhlanhla Dlamini, Khabane Jonathan, Jonathan Segar, Ethan Stewart and Frederick Waller all joined for the first time, adding greatly to the society. Daniel Sabatta continued his excellence on

lights, while Cameron McLean-Banks and Heinrich Reyneke continued their energetic service to stage management and follow spot control. Molate Mahowa, continues with sound and overall management.

Two exciting technical additions were introduced to the theatre in 2018. The powerful new high-definition projector and full-size cinema screen are in constant use for presentations, film showings and theatre special effects. This device has revolutionised the theatre as a space. There is also a new lighting console, a digital Eos range professional light console that has been of serious benefit to the theatre and new LED light control. Daniel Sabatta and Jonathan Segar have shown great interest in the board, while Ben Connolly and Bailey Green were instrumental in setting up the higher grade installation. Training was provided with the new console.

The theatre is in a good space technically as we look to improve on the building and more intelligent lighting solutions all round. The society members provide an outstanding service to the School and community with the work they do. The more digital and intelligent equipment becomes, the more these bright young minds seem to excel at using it to its full ability.

TOASTMASTERS SOCIETY

Staff Members in Charge: Mr Dominic Gruijters, Mrs Mary McMichael

Chairman: Bernard van den Berg

Deputy Chairman: Ntsako Maluleka

Secretary: Qaks Mehlwana

gave their first speeches in the society as far back as

February 2017 with the ominous theme for the evening:

Am I the problem? Of course, our current committee members were not a problem at all and they slotted quite naturally in to our long-standing and prestigious society. In fact in their 2018 year in office both Oaks and Bernard excelled in impromptu speaking and evaluation, winning best speaker in these categories on several occasions; while in his two years in the society Ntsako fulfilled the most speaking roles of all Toastmasters. He also excelled in the prepared speech section presenting five prepared speeches in eight meetings.

T: 2018 committee members and some of their peers

Our new committee took office in November 2017 with the B Block only meeting where some of the new members were initiated into the society with their ice breakers. This meant that at the start of the 2018 year, at our 255th meeting, the senior speakers were ready to take on a greater variety of roles in the society. The theme of the evening was The time has come, a suitable theme for one speaker who turned 18 on the day. From there we enjoyed two meetings each quarter, with some hilarious speeches and some serious ones in which the boys

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revealed a maturity of thought and insight into many of our current socio-political issues.

A highlight for many of the boys was our August meeting when the Epworth girls joined us for an evening of speeches and social interaction under the theme: /ts not you, it's me. Mr Chris Waldburger had the room's full attention when he gave the key note address (without any notes) and showed the young speakers how to mix humour and wit with an earnest and sincere message. Certainly, this is a meeting we would like to repeat next year as the boys and girls all had a fabulous evening.

As always, at the parents and sons evening, the many boys surprised their parents with polished and highly amusing speeches. We had naturally been enjoying their talents for months, but some parents were astounded at their boys' confidence and eloquence. Jack Parsons stole the limelight when, for the third time, he took on the most difficult role of sergeant at arms a role in which one must sum up each speech in a witty one-liner while also recording each speaker's time. His summation had everyone in raucous laughter and it seemed a most fitting culmination to a happy and successful year.

In the closing comments, Bernard was awarded the Jack Crutchley award for excellence in public speaking while Ntsako won the Dudley Ford trophy for the promotion of excellence and Liam Laidlaw was named the most improved speaker for the year.

WORLDVIEW SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Leon Roets

Michaelhouse societies family. The aim of the society

is to ask questions and find answers to life's biggest problems in the 21st century. No question is taboo as we seek truth in answering questions regarding religion, life and the future. The four basic components of a worldview are origin, meaning, morality and destiny. We looked at all of these during the year under the different topics that were up for discussion.

The Worldview Society was a new addition to the

Our first topic was Homo Deus: The future of Humankind. We delved into the challenges that modern technology brings into the spheres of genetics, reproduction, morality and ethics. It was well-attended by around 55 boys and it was a good start for the new society on the block.

The second topic, which we spent three sessions on, dealt with evolution. Under this, we looked at the basic principles of evolution, evidence for this theory, arguments for and against the theory, the highly unlikely probability for life by chance, the evolution of strange animals and the evolution of reproduction. This was the topic that drew the most attention of the year and was well-attended by more than 60 boys. The boys engaged well with the content and asked really insightful questions which took the discussion constructively further.

During the Pentecost and Michaelmas Quarters, the focus was on meaning and morality. Mrs Grethe Roets, who has attended lectures at the highly esteemed Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics (OCCA), with guest speakers such as Ravi Zacharias and John Lennox, presented these sessions. During the three sessions the origin of religion and the question: 'Do all religions lead to the same God?' were discussed.

She also focused specifically on the four components of a coherent worldview and the session on beliefs, entitled 'Are all thoughts equal?' was very interesting and aroused plenty of debate.

We also had the privilege of welcoming Mr Mahlatsi Mashua, South African Director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), and Mr Mike Day, itinerant speaker for the South African RZIM chapter, at Michaelhouse from 29-30 July. These speakers, along with Prof Reitze Rodseth, anaesthesiologist at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's medical faculty who also holds an MA in Apologetics from Southern Evangelical Seminary in the USA, challenged the boys' thinking about identity, scientific knowledge's ability to answer all our questions and the challenges of living in a world where fake news and research has become the norm.

During the Christmas Quarter, we ended with a discussion on the age of the Earth.

Special mention to A Block: Callum Houston, James Kiln, Dominic Leslie; B Block: Thomas van der Hoven; C Block: Michael Gurney; D Block: Tristan Baker, Mitchell Flanagan, Callum Porrill, Connor Sesink-Clee; E Block: Tristan Hoyle and Skulule Ngejane, for their constant support of the society.

CS Lewis wrote: 'If the whole universe has no meaning, we

should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. Dark would be without meaning.â\200\235 It is my hope that every boy that walks down Warriorsâ\200\231 Walk at the end of his time at Michaelhouse would have dealt with this statement and come to a sufficient conclusion which is both relevant and coherent for the times we live in.

ULTIMATE SOCIETY

Master in Charge: Mr Lee-Roy Storm

Captain: Luke Taylor

Ultimate Society started off well with us introducing an U Inter-House competition in the first quarter where boys were introduced to the ways in which Ultimate is a unique team sport. However, the competition was cut short by a magnificent Midlands thunderstorm.

Unfortunately, during the next few quarters the Ultimate Society struggled to gain momentum, with traditional pick-up

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games being cancelled due to captainsâ\200\231 practices and various other School commitments which overlapped during the remainder of the year.

Nonetheless the society is still alive and well and next year we hope to get some new members and with two clubs in our immediate area perhaps to arrange outings to play club-level Ultimate with more experienced players. This will enable those who are a little more competitive to continue learning the rules as we wait in anticipation to find out whether Ultimate will eventually become an Olympic sport.

ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY

A major focus at Michaelhouse is to develop a lifelong service ethos in our boys. Coupled with this, Michaelhouse actively adopts a holistic Environmental Education Programme, ensuring that our boys are constantly aware of the social and economic environments they inhabit. The School's Community Partnership and Environmental programmes are aimed at educating the boys and staff to appreciate and deal with environmental and social issues, and to administer and manage the School in appropriately sensitive ways. Michaelhouse provides excellent facilities to sustain and support these programmes. These resources are managed through the expertise and dedication of the members of the Buildings, Grounds and Environmental Committee.

NATURE RESERVE

Master in Charge: Mr Paul Fleischack
Nature Conservation Intern: Mr Sabelo Sithole

The small herd of zebra purchased from St Ives has settled well and are a regular feature on visits to the reserve. The blesbuck have produced only one lamb so far this season and we hope for a few more before Christmas. On a happy note, two Oribi have recently been sighted in the reserve.

In my virtual absence from the reserve this year, Mr Sabelo Sithole, along with Mr Sbu Khumalo and Mr Michael Ndlovu, have managed the reserve and the Nguni herd.

The reduction in cattle numbers has brought the necessity to burn a large portion of the grassland. This has been done on the strength of the grassland quality assessment which was undertaken in February. This showed large volumes of moribund grass resulting in serious thatching, leaving burning as the best management option.

Conservation Outcomes has again supported us in the development of the management plan for the reserve, in alien plant control and also in the process of endorsing the title deeds

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of the property to ensure the legal status of the land as a reserve. This has been a long and arduous bureaucratic exercise.

Mr Colin White, a practising Environmental Scientist, who recently joined the Intern Programme, has played an active role in the reserve management and has also re-kindled the boys' interest in conservation by starting regular game drives and outings. We look forward to more developments here.

After the 30-year Gaudy this year a group of keen Old Boys enjoyed a nostalgic visit to the reserve, recalling many happy Sundays on Free Bounds roaming the hills, collecting snares and enjoying the best of the countryside.

Boys have continued to enjoy camping in the reserve and another successful E Block Survivor Camp was held in

September, under the leadership of Nico Boshoff and Sabelo Sithole.

The hiking trail through Gleneagles Bush to the Mvuleni Lapa continues to be used and offers a wonderful walk through both grassland and established forest.

MICHAELHOUSE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Written by Mrs Sibu Chalufu

OUR GOAL

Michaelhouse@125 To ensure that service is an integral component of the experience and education of all at Michaelhouse.

VISION

Quality livelihood and a cohesive community built through partnerships with all stakeholders in the community.

MISSION

To partner with the greater Balgowan community in improving the quality of life through service in education and health.

VALUES

• Integrity

• Humility

• Compassion

• Courage in Service

BOY SERVICE PROJECTS

In 2018 the boys' involvement in service projects was a little different from previous years. In the past they have carried out projects per House, this year they carried them out per Block as shown below. The programme was designed to ensure that boys take part in projects that require serious commitment.

• EBlock Esiphethwini Sendiza Primary School homework support.

• D Block Khazimula Orphanage homework support and local school visits during the Integrated Studies Programme where they get to assist teachers in various ways in their classrooms.

• C Block Sunfield Home and Howick SPCA spending time with residents and animals.

• BBlock SMILE English Literacy Programme.

• B Block boys collect lesson preparation notes from the Community Partnership office in preparation for the lessons with the 64 Grade 4 and 5 learners from Jabula Combined School in Lidgetton. With the assistance of Mrs Kate Smedley, Mrs Charlie Ross and Ms Ngobile Zuma the boys then facilitate the lesson activities. Both boys and Jabula Combined School learners look forward to Wednesday afternoons.

• A Block Various one-off or annual outreach events.

Nottingham Road Primary Reading Project A group of learners from the school go to the Media Centre on Monday afternoons for reading and some computer lessons.

OTHER PROJECTS

MANDELA DAY 67 MINUTES

Boys and staff made in excess of 1 000 sandwiches for local

primary schools and early childhood development centres.

SINGAKWENZA WASTE2TOYS WORKSHOPS

Boys attended these educational toy making workshops and donated the toys to the local early childhood development centres who are using them regularly.

We appreciate the involvement of the Housemasters, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mr Nkosi Mahlaba, Mr Jed Coventry, Intern Staff, Capitol Caterers, Denver Kalika and drivers of the Michaelhouse Transport Department and other staff members who ensure the seamless running of projects.

WILDLANDS

Boys who are part of the sustainability committee led by Mr Clint Slidrecht delivered six double desks at Jabula Combined School's primary section in lieu of the cash rebate for the recycling done in 2017.

SHOE COLLECTION PROJECT

At the end of 2017 our boys donated shoes which were donated to Gamodinyesane Section of Tlaskgameng in the North West Province. We then received the brand new shoes to donate to learners in the area, from the Blue Sky Soul to Sole Foundation and Lion Match. We were then able to receive 210 pairs of brand new school shoes donated to Jabula Combined School in Lidgetton and Dargle Primary School. A group of boys went to the schools to help the learners put the school shoes on. We look forward to a larger donation this year from our boys.

DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS

ESIPHETHWINI SENDIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL

This school continues to grow in excellence through the partnerships with different stakeholders. In 2018 N3TC funded the upgrade and maintenance of computers. In addition to that they funded the part stipend for a teacher assistant to fill in with computer skills, maths and literacy teaching. This has provided reinforced learning. This school continues to benefit from various contributions from local and visiting donors in various ways.

The Reading Grannies is a group of local ladies who visit the school once a week to run a literacy programme. This programme has increased the love of reading and speaking English, which is the language of teaching and learning from Grade 4.

2018 has, again been a successful year. At the end of 2017 we established from schools that they would like help with instilling a love for reading for enjoyment in isiZulu from Grades R-3 and from Grades 4-7. We supplement their English with the SMILE Readers as they are CAPS curriculum aligned and would be a revision of what was taught in class already.

As a means to gauge the successes of the programme we run a reading competition for the eight schools I visit. We have some learners read in English and isiZulu. The schools compete in dramatizing a story we have read. This year's story was extracted from the SMILE Books Core Reader, Grade 4, called: The Ant and the Dove. The schools' commitment and effort was humbling. Teachers and learners made costumes from all sorts of recyclable materials. It was a fulfilled educational day!

The results of the competition are as follows:

First: Jabula Combined School
Second: Lions River Primary School
Third: Corrie Lynn Primary School

A special thank you to the judges, Mrs Leigh Kotze, Mrs Asha Roopayen and Mr Jed Coventry. We also extend our gratitude to the schools for their commitment to literacy and continuously appraising us of the effectiveness of the programme.

CHOIR AND ART COMPETITION

Art: Ms Jenni Maurice-Green, who is the Head of the Art Department at Michaelhouse, conducted a workshop for a group of local school teachers on working with different materials in art. This was well received and evident in the art produced by learners this year. The theme was Under the Sea and the learners' imaginations were ignited in many ways. As usual, the winning entries were displayed at the foyer of the Schlesinger Theatre.

Choir: The competition was well attended yet again by the schools who came to sing courageously. The prescribed song for primary schools was Jesus loves me and for high schools was Alleluia by Mozart.

This year Mr Nkosi Mahlaba organised for a group of Grade 5 learners from eight schools to sing We are the World by Michael Jackson. While the judges tallied their results, we had a theatre performance by the Lidgetton Theatre Group fondly known as Mahlekehlathini performing a piece called; The thing about wolves. Their performance kept the young audience captivated as most of the play is mimed.

A special thank you to the judges, Mr Simon Zondi, Mr Nkosi Mahlaba, Ms Jenni Maurice-Green, Mr Fish Ndlovu and Mrs Michelle Huntley for all their efforts in ensuring the annual success of this event.

We are indebted to Mr Paul Barnett, who generously supports the Art and Choir Competition.

At the beginning of this year Michaelhouse, One Digital Media and the Ligbron Academy committed to supporting the live streaming of Maths and Science lessons for Grade 11 and 12 learners at Shea Oâ\200\231 Connor Combined School. In addition to these lessons, teachers and learners are able to download lessons, tests and memos for all grades and teachers can use them to supplement their lessons. Learners have a renewed love for Maths and Science and more are willing to take up these subjects in 2019.

We extend our gratitude to Mr Nxumalo (Principal) and his school management team and teachers for their commitment to ensuring that the school logs in to lessons timeously and continues to provide feedback on the effects of the project.

E-LEARNER CLASSES

Co-ordinator: Mrs Robyn Gruijters

The 2018 E-Learner Programme got off to a bursting start with our class being at capacity for most of the first quarter. Unfortunately, as has become the trend, our learner numbers have dropped to around 18 at present who have attended classes religiously throughout the year and are set to complete their certification by the end of 2018. We broadened our horizons this year in learner recruitment and have been happy to see a number of learners coming from the surrounding communities to attend class. Our team consists of myself, as well as two ex-learners of the programme who bring along the benefit of translation but also assistance, having recently completed the course themselves.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Co-ordinator: Mrs Robyn Gruijters

Adult Literacy is designed to improve the quality of the lives of those within our community who left school at an early age or were not able to complete their schooling. Our focus in this course is English Language â\200\224 comprehension, reading and speaking. This course is computer and workbook based allowing learners to go at their own pace whilst having facilitated group work. Once again, this year, we extended our scope by inviting learners from surrounding communities to attend our lessons on a Monday afternoon and early evening. Our facilitators have co-ordinated lessons both in the afternoon and in the evening to accommodate the work demands of the learners. This has been favourably received by all. The course is facilitated by Mrs Robyn Gruijters, who is ably assisted by two previous learners â\200\224 both domestic workers at Michaelhouse â\200\224 who give a large amount of their time and energy to this project.

SUPPORT STAFF TRAINING

Co-ordinator: Mrs Robyn Gruijters

The June/July holidays saw our Adult Learning Team getting involved in running a condensed workshop on the Work Readiness Programme How to manage your finances in collaboration with the Michaelhouse Human Resources Department. We ran four workshop sessions over four days with approximately 30 staff in each. Facilitation and course material

was orchestrated by Robyn Gruijters and Londi Hearthstones (HR), with facilitation support by two of our Adult Learning team. The course was immensely well received and we hope to do something similar in the future.

ST RAPHAELS CARE CENTRE

The caregivers provide basic home-based care for ill and terminally ill patients in their homes within the local villages and farms. The caregivers bathe, and dress wounds and clean the home of the ill patient to provide them with dignity. If it is difficult for the patient to get to the clinic to receive chronic medication, the caregivers bring the medication to the patient.

Having a vehicle has enabled the caregivers to reach patients whose homes are either difficult to reach or not reachable by public transport.

They are also able to follow up on defaulting patients and work together with the Balgowan Clinic in counselling patients on the importance of adhering to medication. Two of the caregivers are members of the Balgowan Clinic Health Committee and they hold regular meetings with the clinic management and sisters to bring health and social issues to the attention of the clinic. The clinic is also able to communicate barriers to their carrying out the health service.

The caregivers are also part of the War Rooms set up by local ward councillors. Meetings are held every month where most government departments are present and an opportunity is available to raise issues of concern with the relevant departments.

Out of the health issues, many social issues arise. The St Raphael's caregivers connect the community members or affected patient with a social worker or relevant department to help them resolve the social issues that often lead to ill-health. They have strong networks with other key stakeholders in the community and government departments.

The caregivers also run alternate health clinics for the elderly in the Lidgetton and Zenzane Villages. In these clinics the elderly get their vitals checked as well as chronic medication delivered so that they don't have to queue at the clinic.

The Michaelhouse support staff hugely benefits from the services of St Raphael's. Instead of taking a day off to visit the clinic to fetch their chronic medication, they leave their clinic card at the Community Partnership Office and a caregiver will fetch their medication, provided they are on the MEDIPOST programme. This is a convenient way for patients in state health institutions to receive chronic medication, provided they do not default. This is time saving both for Michaelhouse and staff because they need to go for a routine check-up every six months instead of monthly.

The caregivers also visit the eight schools that are visited by the Mobile Library to identify any health, learning barriers and social issues of learners in order to refer them to the relevant departments. The presence of the caregivers provides parents with the confidentiality and means to intervene in their children's health and social issues.

At schools they also run talks for groups as the need arises. This year's topics were teenage pregnancy and bullying, which were requested at schools as they seemed most problematic. The talks include a description and ways to prevent incidents that

are not favourable as well as channels to follow if one comes to know of incidents of abuse and/or bullying.

Through the caregivers being the eyes and the ears in our community they were able to come to know of six-year-old Awande Ndlovu, who is disabled. The Rotary Club of Mooi River was able to raise funds for him to get a wheelchair.

A tragic incident this year was when the informal settlement at Nottingham Road was burned down. The St Raphael's caregivers worked tirelessly helping with cooking, cleaning and distributing food and clothing to the fire victims.

Every month Mr Nkosi Mahlaba takes a monthly trip to Mphophomeni to buy groceries with the ladies from Sizanani Widows Support Group. Gogo Olga Mashego has led an amazing group of ladies in cooking a daily meal for over 150 children from child-headed households. They use the funds received to buy the groceries and pay monthly electricity charges. We continue to take care of these Gogos by doing a health check on them every time we meet for the monthly grocery shopping.

Sadly Sr Hayley Woolridge resigned as the caregiver supervisor after a fruitful four years. We thank her for her invaluable contribution to St Raphael's work. Her passion for seeing holistic recovery of a patient is treasured. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

In September we were joined by Dr Mary-Anne Kendon, who also works at the Balgowan Clinic some days in the week. We welcome her and look forward to her contribution and involvement with the local community which is an advantage in our mission to support the local clinic and community. Her goal is to have more preventative health initiatives run for the communities.

We thank the caregivers for their commitment and patience with patients and families. Theirs is a calling. They are faced with many challenges in the community but continue to serve with courage. They, too, live by the principle of taking the journey with the patient and seeing them to complete recovery.

We would not be able to do the work we do, if it were not for the donors who give so generously.

Special thanks to donors The Thorrington-Smith Trust, Mr Hamilton-Potts, Mr R le Sueur as well as locals who, from time to time give food, clothing and blankets for children and patients.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

This year's Soccer and Netball Tournament was once again well attended with 600 learners from nine primary schools and four high schools. This tournament runs over half-term of the third quarter. There was U14 and U19 for both soccer and netball.

TOURNAMENTS RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

NETBALL U14

First: Esiphethwini Sendiza Primary School
Second: Asithuthuke Combined School
Third: Crystal Springs Primary School
NETBALL U19

First: Jabula High School

Second: Ngcedomhlophe High School
SOCCER U14

First: Bruntville Primary School
Second: Lions River Primary School
Third: Jabula Combined School
SOCCER U19

First: Emiyezaneni High School

Second: Shea Oâ\200\231Connor Combined School

Third: Ngcendomhlophe High School

The schools always express gratitude to Michaelhouse for opening up their fields for this tournament, which is always filled with excitement.

A special thank you goes out to Nottingham Road SPAR for preparing food packs for the learners.

I relocate to Gauteng in 2019. I am eternally grateful to the communities I have served. The lessons I have learnt from them are unforgettable. I have learnt resilience and courage from principals, clinic managers as well as the ordinary folk we interact with on a daily basis. I am grateful to have been used by God through Michaelhouse

Ms Amy Webster joins the Community Partnership Office as the manager from January 2019. I wish her all the best in this both challenging and fulfilling role.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Written by Mr Damien Rautenbach

In 2015 the 2Michaelhouse@125 strategic plan was announced following a lengthy and detailed co-operative process involving

all Michaelhouse stakeholder groups. Contained within this document was an ambitious and lengthy infrastructural development plan which would take place over the next few years, commencing that same year. We now find ourselves four years later, having embarked on the greatest phase of infrastructural development that Michaelhouse has seen in very many decades which has resulted in many changes around our estate.

In 2018 two projects of strategic significance were completed and are fully operational.

The first project being the completion and opening of the new Sciences Centre in early 2018. This facility includes two Housemasterâ\200\231s houses and a solar power installation of PV panels across the north-facing roof of this facility. This project

took just less than 18 months to complete and involved the complete demolishing of the existing Science Centre, making use of the original footprint, expanding somewhat where necessary.

The second project completed in 2018 is the Heritage Centre / Old Boys's Club facility. Construction on this project took slightly longer than 18 months to complete, including the museum installation. However this has been a project in the pipeline for many years. The origin of this can be traced back to 2013 when the digitisation process of Michaelhouse archive material

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began. John Cheshire, the President of the Michaelhouse Old Boys's Club at the time, was involved in taking what was then just an idea and assisting in forming the concept of the building as it is now. John then handed the Presidency on to Mark Lynn, who continued to build on this momentum and was largely responsible for instituting the fundraising initiatives throughout the entire Old Boys's community, which enabled this project to become a reality. Mark's term as President came to an end, with Ross Armstrong assuming the position just as construction was about to commence. What followed was 18 months of construction, fundraising and design work culminating in the Heritage Centre and Old Boys's Club in its final form. This project truly has been a team effort.

At the same time, arguably the largest two strategic projects to date also broke ground this year. These being the construction of Ralfe and McCormick boarding Houses. Work has been progressing throughout 2018 at a steady rate and the completion date is set for the end of 2019 to be ready for the 2020 intake. These Houses will effectively address a key strategic goal in the Michaelhouse document which is to enhance School infrastructure for optimal pastoral care, with modern, enabling facilities. These Houses have been designed with exactly this in mind and will no doubt set the standard for all other boarding Houses as the refurbishment programme commences.

As is established practice at Michaelhouse, ongoing operational Capex must still continue throughout the year and considerable work has been done in this regard as well. Some notable projects worth mentioning are:

Â¢ Motor vehicle replacement policy. Three vehicles were replaced in 2018 as per the Michaelhouse fleet rotation policy. A long-term schedule is in place to continue replacing vehicles as required.

Â¢ Further investments into the cricket facilities were also made. New cricket nets have been installed, with the Gathorne Pavilion also enjoying an upgrade this year.

e Annual staff housing maintenance and upgrades continued throughout 2018.

Â¢ Improvements in IT infrastructure as well as upgrades to the IT labs were undertaken.

Â¢ Classroom upgrades were necessary as part of the impact that the new Boarding Houses have had. The Afrikaans Department relocated during 2018 to make way for construction to begin on McCormick House. This necessitated full classroom design and refurbishment before the Afrikaans Department could take occupation.

Â¢ The entire telephone system upgrade commenced in 2018 with final rollout expected in the first month of 2019.

e Investments were also made into estate machinery and equipment. Systematic replacing of support department equipment is critical to the ongoing functioning of the School.

Mention also needs to be made of Andrew Bretherton for his tireless efforts and commitment to the job in his first year as Operations Manager at Michaelhouse. Much of this year has been spent assessing systems, structures and efficiencies through the support departments, taking into account their impact throughout the School, recommending improvements and implementing facility management software products to

streamline current processes. Implementing new systems does not come without some headaches, however great strides have been made in this area. The benefits and impact of these new systems will surely be experienced throughout the School.

Michaelhouse continues with its interests in environmental awareness. We remain actively involved in the Wildlands Recycling for Life Project, constantly assess the impact and efficiency of the PV solar installation on the Sciences Block to determine ongoing feasibility and scalability of the project in other areas of the School. The School's energy usage is monitored throughout the estate, with smart monitors generating detailed monthly reports. With this information we are then able to plan according to surges in energy consumption, and ultimately utilise this information to drive further alternative energy initiatives.

We cannot only look back at the projects that have been completed over the last few years without looking forward to those that are yet to begin. 2019 holds many exciting developments: the anticipated completion of the two boarding Houses, the installation of a second water-based astro on Punchbowl alongside the existing Aitkens astro which is due to begin in January 2019, the gym refurbishment and the ongoing annual operational capex schedule.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing input and

involvement of a number of key stakeholders. The generous benefactors who continue to support Michaelhouse each year, the members of the Building and Grounds subcommittee, board members, the School architect, and of course, the Michaelhouse staff. We remain forever grateful for the support that the School receives from all of these parties, as well as many others involved throughout the year.

SPORT

The educational programme of any top school should reflect a balance between academic, cultural, environmental and sporting activities. In this respect, Michaelhouse endeavours to

remain at the cutting edge of each pursuit. Michaelhouse offers a vibrant sport programme with

a choice of 16 sport options. We are fortunate to enjoy some of the finest sporting facilities in the

country. Our boys' athletic talents are acknowledged at zonal, provincial and national level, with

inter-school fixtures played at first league level. Michaelhouse has produced in excess of 120 sportsmen who have played at international level.

AQUATICS

Master in Charge: Mr Bradley McManus
Captain: Andrew Cameron

AWARDS

Honours: Finn Elliot, Andrew Cameron

one of growth. The team has swelled in numbers, com-

radery and competitiveness, lead phenomenally by the captain Andrew Cameron. Despite an injury sidelining his own swimming plans for most of the season, Andrew ensured a friendly yet determined air through the team at all times.

T: 2018 swimming season was one of firsts as well as

Many swimmers swam personal best times during the season, with many coming just short of Colours times. All galas saw improved times and finishing places in comparison to 2017. Following from these we had two swimmers making it to KwaZulu-Natal championships in Finn Elliot and Joshua

INTER-HOUSE GALA RESULTS

SWIMMING

Haswell, with the latter being selected to swim for KwaZulu-Natal at an inter-provincial meeting in December.

During a busy season, the team participated in the Clifton Invitational, the Michaelhouse Individual Sprint Gala, the Dimont Invitational Co-Ed Gala, the Howick Invitational Gala, the KwaZulu-Natal Top Schools Gala, and the KwaZulu-Natal Championships.

INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Junior Individual Medley: Benjamin Lister
Senior Individual Medley: Finn Elliot
Junior Victor Ludorum: Joshua Haswell

U17 Victor Ludorum: James Murray
Senior Victor Ludorum: Richard Dobeyn
Open Freestyle Relay: Founders

Winning House (Relays): East

Overall Winners: East

Gold Silver Bronze

ul4 Joshua Haswell (We) James Thomson (Fo) Caleb Bryden (Fa)
UI5 Ben Lister (Ma) Oliver Bass (Ta) Luke Hooker (Ea)
U16 James Murray (Ta) Jared Meiring (We) Ethan Hartwell (Ba)
UI7 Finn Elliot (Ea) Oliver Cradock (Pa) Luke van Rooyen (Fo)
ul9 Richard Dobeyn (Ea) Andrew Cameron (We) Michael Daffy (Pa)

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 Fourth Row: Julian Daffy, James

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Lenferna De La Motte, Finn Elliot, Oliver Cheales, Second Row: Caleb Bryden, Byron Mitc
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Houston, Hunter Whittle, James Thomson, Samuel Berchowitz, Front Row (seated): Michael
 Herbert, Ms Karin Moffat, Andrew
 Cameron, Mr Bradley McManus, Richard Dobeyn

AQUATICS â\200\224 WATER POLO

Masters in Charge: Mr Matthew Higginson, Mr Matt
 Stringer (from May)

COACHES

First Team: Mr Matt Higginson
 Second Team: Mr Bernie Whitaker
 Third Team: Mr Peter Stevens
 Fourth Team: Mr Bailey Coxon
 Fifth Team: Mr Leon Roets

U16A: Mr Matthew Higginson
 UI15A: Mr Matt Stringer

U15B: Mr Lee-Roy Storm

UI14A: Mr Brad McManus

U14B: Mr Lee-Roy Storm

AWARDS

Colours: Michael Daffy

Half Colours: Christopher Butcher, Samuel Casher, William Crutchley, William Marshall, Jamie Deeble, Oliver Cradock, Richard Dobeyn, Samuel Lombaard, Ryan Davies, Luc Lenferna De La Motte, Matteo Cozzi, Julian Daffy, Thomas Walters, Timothy Harding, Connor Stanton

ater polo is a sport with a long history. In 1900 water polo was one of the original games played at the

Olympics, but it was not until 1929 when an interna-

tional water polo committee was formed that all nations agreed to a formal set of rules, and today in South Africa, water polo is recognised as one of the fastest growing school sports.

The year was a difficult one for Michaelhouse water polo but that didn't stop the boys and coaches from working hard and putting in the required effort. Bevan Manson and Matt Stringer joined the water polo programme from April and added the crucial next step in taking Michaelhouse water polo to a competitive

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2018

Back Row: William Marshall, Richard Dobeyn, Christopher Butcher
Middle Row: Samuel Lombaard, Oliver Cradock, Michael Daffy, Jamie Deeble
Front Row (seated): Samuel Kasher, Angus Ferguson, Mr Matthew Higginson, Michael Herbert, Callum Houston

level. This can already be seen in the junior teams with the improvement in their results. Once again the boys competed in various tournaments at different levels. Attending tournaments is a vital part in improving one's game as it allows you to appreciate the level at which the top players are performing.

WATER POLO 2018

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The first team, coached by Matthew Higginson, enjoyed having the experience of Bevan Manson joining them for the first quarter. Bevan added a relaxed yet professional approach to the team, making sure that the boys knew the basic game plan. The team benefitted from his knowledge of the game. Results might not have gone their way but the team spirit and work ethic was excellent. The boys were prepared to train at every practice, with most of them doing pre-season for their winter sport.

The boys again entered the Durban Winter League in the third quarter, which gave them focus and drive to improve their water polo every week. Even though the weather conditions in the Midlands were not great during the third quarter, the boys still made a massive effort to attend every practice. Their motivation was amazing. The team have spent a great deal of time improving their fitness, strength and body movement in the pool, leading to some excellent results and incredible improvement in all of the

Thomas Walters

William Marshall

players. Due to the players' consistency and willingness to work as a team, they all looked forward to practice and spending time with each other. The transition from the third quarter into the Clifton Tournament and Top Ten was seamless.

This positivity continued into the fourth quarter, with boys often going down to the pool by themselves to shoot and spend time in the pool on their off days. Thanks and praise must go to Michael Herbert, who led the team with distinction and by example.

The second team, coached by Bernie Whitaker, had a slow start to the year at the Pearson Tournament but it was impressive to see how they improved with every game. Their team spirit was unbelievable. On return from the Pearson Tournament the team enjoyed great wins over St Charles, Jeppe, Maritzburg College and Hilton College, losing only to St John's in Johannesburg.

In the fourth quarter the team had another great win over the St Charles first team and against Kearsney. We then played in the St Charles Stayers' first team tournament with an almost entirely new side where the team placed a credible third. Unfortunately, the season ended with two losses to College and Hilton. This team needs to be commended for their positive approach and wonderful team spirit.

The third team had a difficult start to the year, playing matches against the top schools in the province and often against schools' first or second teams. However, fortunes changed during the second half of the season with four successive wins being recorded. The players have continued to develop and we look forward to many of these boys being included in the 2019 Stripes teams.

The fifth water polo team enjoyed game time and practices where the focus was on basic skills, positive sportsmanship and participation. The team was led by various A Block boys throughout the season including the first team rugby captain, Christian Opperman, Phillip Thomas, Johan Steyn and Kyle O'Brien. The win against Westville Boys High (6-5) was the game of the season.

It was a tough year for the UI5A boys. With the arrival of Matt Stringer in April, they had a change in coach halfway through the season and therefore had to adapt their style of play, not an easy task for even the most experienced of players. They bought in well, however, and started playing as a real team with an amazing work ethic towards the end of the season. Although the results may not reflect it, the boys did grow in leaps and bounds throughout the course of the year. For the first time ever the boys participated in the third quarter Durban Winter League and showed a lot of commitment to brave the arctic conditions. At the Top 10 Tournament the boys once again showed that the potential for them to achieve is there.

The U14 water polo season has seen much growth from the members within the core player set up. Most of the players had never played water polo until their arrival at Michaelhouse and had to learn under immense pressure. The players continued to grow after the very disappointing first quarter, suffering some difficult results at the hands of far superior opposition. Much hard work was put in during the third and fourth quarters and yielded some very positive results at the Top 10 Tournament.

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Including the very positive results at Top 10, the team has managed four wins, one draw and one loss in the last quarter's results. The team will continue to grow in the coming years and could perhaps be the strong foundation on which the new brand

of Michaelhouse water polo can be built.

This year the Inter-House water polo took place in the fourth quarter. With each House putting forward a junior and senior team, a total of 176 players took part in the event, with plenty others coming down to support their friends and Houses.

First: East
Second: West
Third: Tatham

Thirty-two players and three staff members enjoyed a 14-night tour of Hungary and Austria in mid-June, where they were exposed to water polo World Series fixtures, world-class coaching sessions, a few games and a lifetime of cultural memories.

FIRST TEAM WATER POLO

Date	Opposition	Result	GF	GA
18 Jan	St Charles College	Won	18	4
20 Jan	Northwood	Won	5	3
20 Jan	= Clifton College	Lost	2	25
3 Feb	Northwood	Lost	6	9
10 Feb	St John's College	Lost	3	15
10 Feb	= Jeppe	Lost	5	13
24 Feb	Selborne College	Lost	1	8
24 Feb	Pearson High School	Lost	8	9
24 Feb	St Andrew's College	Lost	6	13
28 Jul	= Kearsney College	Lost	7	11
4 Aug	Northwood	Won	9	3
4 Aug	Hilton College	Lost	2	18
25 Aug	= Clifton College	Lost	3	18
25 Aug	Westville Boys' High	Lost	5	10
1 Sept	Glenwood	Lost	2	7
1 Sept	DHS	Won	7	6
10 Sept	St Charles College	Won	22	8
12 Sept	Thomas More College	Won	6	5
28 Sept	St Stithians College	Lost	2	16
28 Sept	Clifton College U18B	Lost	2	14
29 Sept	Pearson High School	Lost	1	7
30 Sept	ein Pawar vil Lot		3	9
30 Sept	Maritzburg College	Lost	6	7

1 Oct DHS Won 14 6
6 Oct St Charles College Won 22 2
12 Oct Glenwood Lost 0 3
13 Oct Hilton College Lost 1 9
13 Oct Reddam, Umhlanga Won 10 3

13 Oct Maritzburg College Lost 2 6
14 Oct DHS Won 7 6
14 Oct Northwood Drew 4 4
3 Nov Maritzburg College Won 8 5
10 Nov Hilton College Lost 7 12

ATHLETICS

Master in Charge: Mr George Ferreira

Coaches: Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Sibs Ncamani, Mr Peter Stevens

Captain: Michael Gomes

AWARDS

Honours: Zola Sokhela

house athletes can reflect on a successful year. They

achieved admirably against top-class opposition inside and outside the province. Some of the oldest Michaelhouse records have been broken.

Despite the lack of competition opportunities the Michael-

Our athletes participated at the various KwaZulu-Natal League meetings at Kings Park in Durban where they competed against athletes from various schools and clubs. We also competed at the Kingsway High School and St Charles College meetings. Due to bad weather, the Michaelhouse meeting was cancelled.

Unfortunately, the KZN Championships clashed with winter sports trials. Consequently, the majority of our athletes preferred not to compete at this meeting. However, Zola Sokhela who

is still an U16 athlete, won a bronze medal in the U17 800m running the fastest time ever by a Michaelhouse boy in any age group in the process. He also represented KZN at the South African Youth Championships where he performed admirably.

Three athletes participated at the Jim Fouché meeting in Bloemfontein on 20 October against athletes from across the country. Zola produced the standout performance with his victory in the U16 3000m during which he ran the fastest ever 3000m by a Michaelhouse athlete. Joshua Voget finished fourth in the U16 800m and Ian Parsons placed eighth in the U16 discus.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS RELAYS

The Five Age Relay (Grant Cornish Bowden Floating Trophy):
Founders

The 4x 100m Relay (David Chance Floating Trophy): Founders

The Senior 4x800m Relay (West 1971ers Challenge Trophy):
Farfield

Winning House (RH Harris Floating Trophy): Farfield

Gold Silver Bronze

U114 Luke Farndell (Fa) Mvelwenhle Guma (Ba) Anothile Nzimande (Fa)

U15 Sedipa Ramokoto (Fa) Connor Oellermann (Ba) Joshua Samuels (Pa)

U16 Zola Sokhela (Fa) Mugabi Lubinga (Fa) Kwanele Khumalo (Ba)

U17 Finn Elliot (Ea) Luc Lenferna De La Motte (We) Matthew Williams (Fa)

u19 Liam England (Pa) Daniel Dillon (Fa) Frazer Jones (Fo)

Junior Victor Ludorum (Paul Nash Trophy): Luke Farndell (Fa)

U17 Victor Ludorum (Martin Rose Floating Trophy): Finn
Elliot (Ea)

Senior Victor Ludorum (John Odams Trophy): Zola Sokhela (Fa)

Standard Points (John Odams Trophy): Not Awarded

U19 100m Sprint (D Barford Trophy): Michael Gomes (Fo)

Best Single Performance in a Field Event (Mike Gledhill

Cup): Kwanele Khumalo (Ba)

Best Single Performance in a Track Event (Steven Weidelich
Floating Trophy): Kwanele Khumalo (Ba)

Best Single Performance in a Javelin Event (JR Cairns
Trophy): JC Oelofse (We)

Best Middle Distance Athlete (GD Barrie Trophy): Zola
Sokhela (Fa)

Best Single Performance in Any Event (ST Evens Trophy):

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Third Row: Michael Gurney, Ian Parsons, Luke Farndell, Thomas van der Hoven, Senzo Sokhela

Middle Row: Matthew Gibson, Dominic le Sueur, Oluwaseun Afolayan, Xhanti Gqweta

Front Row (seated): Mr Sibusiso Ncamani, Mr George Ferreira, Michael Gomes, Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Peter Stevens

Kwanele Khumalo (Ba)

20x100m Combined Aged Relay (J Cahill Floating Trophy):

Tatham 4x100m Relay: Baines 46,63sec

Service to Athletics (M Jeffrey Memorial Tray): Michael U16 High Jump: Kwanele Khumalo 1,86m

Gomes (Fo) U16 100m: Kwanele Khumalo 11,11sec

Winning House (Eric Strapp Memorial Trophy): Farfield U15 100m: Joshua Samuels 11,31sec

Master in Charge: Mr Sizo Chalufu Fourth Team: Mr Mparama Msimang

Fifth Team: Mr Sizo Chalufu

Sixth Team: Mr Sizo Chalufu

U16A: Mr Bongani Khumalo

First Team: Mr Bongani Khumalo, Mr Simphiwe Xulu, U16B: Mr Siphesihle Mdladla

Mr Joshua Knipp U16C: Mr Mduduze Mthembu

Second Team: Mr Allan Laing UIS5A: Mr Clint Sliedrecht

Third Team: Mr Elmar de Klerk U15B: Mr Msizi Mchunu

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Third Row: Sivabonga Balisa, Ellis Dougall, Nkosâ\200\231yelanga Mgeyane, Zozi Pasiya, Jayden Sacks
Middle Row: Siyanda Mkhize, Lehlogonolo Mabaso, Sonwabo Gigaba, Joshua Witherspoon
Front Row (seated): Bhekumuzi Shezi, Mr Bongani Khumalo, Takudzwa Tongoona, Mr Joshua Knipp, Joseph Jangulo

UI5C: Mr Sibonelo Khanyile
UI5D: Mr Sizo Chalufu
U14A: Mr Simphiwe Xulu
U14B: Mr Righardt Kotze
U14C: Mr Gareth Van Wyk
U14D: Mr Gareth Van Wyk
Captain: Takudzwa Tongoona

Colours: Joseph Jangulo, Ellis Dougall, Sonwabo Gigaba, Nkosâ\200\231yelanga Mgeyane, Siyanda Mkhize, Jayden Sacks
Half colours: Zozi Pasiya, Joshua Witherspoon, Siyabonga Balisa

LMSBA Inland U18: Jayden Sacks, Ellis Dougall, Nkosâ\200\231yelanga Mgeyane, Joseph Jangulo

LMSBA Provincial U16: Luke Stubbs, David Stubbs, Kwanele Khumalo, JC Oelofse

Basketball South Africa Provincial Representation U18: Kwanele Khumalo, JC Oelofse

asketball continues to be a popular summer sport

option for boys at Michaelhouse. Only three schools were

able to match us team for team and two of those happen to be three times the size of Michaelhouse in terms of their enrolment.

The year kickstarted with a camp held in the Indoor Centre for the then U16A and first teams. Mr Khumalo, Mr Xulu and Mr Knipp had a well-planned and researched programme for the boys. Mr Khumalo had spent a large part of his December holiday designing an individual playing plan for each player and Mr Knipp continued with a conditioning plan that he had put together the previous year. The unbeaten season of our Stayersâ\200\231 team in the fourth quarter highlighted the success of this initiative. We finally managed to beat Kearsney and St Charles, the two schools which we had struggled to beat for quite some time.

Our first team played in the annual St Johnâ\200\231s College Festival in Johannesburg in the first quarter. They demonstrated courage, winning most of their games and narrowly losing a few which could have seen them play in the final, had the result gone their way.

Our U16A team played at the inaugural St Stithians U16

Tournament in Johannesburg and was ranked second out of 12 of the top schools in South Africa. They lost to a St Stithians side that had won the Junior NBA Africa Tournament earlier in the year.

In July, 32 boys and three staff members went on an international tour to Spain. The purpose of the tour was to expose our basketballers to different styles and to offer them opportunities to be coached by some of the most experienced coaches in Europe. The boys learned a lot in the master classes and it was pleasing to see them hold their own against some highly skilled clubs.

BASKETBALL 2018

Team Played Won Drew Lost

Ist 28 20 0 8
2nd 11 5 0 6
3rd 10 4 0 6
4th 9 7 0 2
5th 7 1 0 6
6th 4 3 0 1
7th 3 1 0 2
U16A 20 18 0 2
U16B 7 4 0 3
U16C 5 3 0 2
U15A 13 12 0 1
U15B 12 12 0 0
U15C 10 5 0 5
U15D 6 3 1 2
U14A 14 7 0 7
U14B 13 2 0 11
U14C 12 4 1 7
U14D 8 2 0 6

Totals: 192 113 2 77

FIRST TEAM BASKETBALL

Opposition Result PF PA

Clifton College Won 62 26
St Charles College Lost 58 62
Carter High Won 81 24
Northwood School Won 99 30
Westville Boysâ\200\231 High School â\200\224_ Lost 70 75
Maritzburg College Won 75 56
International School of SA Won 38 12
Welham Boys' School (India) Won 29 23
St John's College Lost 22 27

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Back home at the Independent Schools Stayersâ\200\231 Tournament held at Kearsney College, our stayersâ\200\231 team narrowly lost a match that would have taken them to the final had they won. The boys played skilful basketball and demonstrated determination and good sportsmanship in every game. Interestingly, our team beat all the KwaZulu-Natal teams they encountered.

My task was to revive and improve the basketball club at Michaelhouse. I can safely say that this has been accomplished and a foundation laid for my successor, Mr Sliedrecht, to take the club to greater heights. One of the challenges that will need attention is to obtain and retain competent coaches.

PF PA PD Win Ratio

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343 324 19 45.5%
227 267 -40 40.0%
296 197 99 77.8%

116 144 -28 14.3%
114 87 27 75.0%
71 92 -21 33.3%
834 411 423 90.0%
153 116 37 57.1%
117 86 31 60.0%
493 246 247 92.3%
462 231 231 100.0%
159 167 -8 50.0%
130 83 47 50.0%
311 289 22 50.0%
162 326 -164 15.4%
112 183 -71 33.3%
109 205 -96 25.0%
5714 4448 1266 58.9%
Ebeneza (Limpopo) Won 42 35
Norkem Park High School Lost 26 27
Jeppe High School for Boys Lost 32 41
St Andrew's College Won 37 22
Sena Mount Waldorf Lost 3 33
Hilton College Won 31 15
St Benedict's College Lost 52 65
St Andrew's College Won 50 10
Clifton College Won 51 40

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School Won 71 33

St Alban's College Lost 40 41

Kearsney College Won 40 33

St Charles College Won 50 47

St Charles College Won 66 42

Kearsney College Won 59 54

Treverton College Won 39 15

Glenwood High School Won 122 15

Maritzburg College Won 62 55

Hilton College Won 78 36

CANOEING

Masters in Charge: Mr Paul Snyman, Mr Richard Snowden,
Mr Gerhard Erasmus

Captain: Bradley Boulle

Vice-captain: Dominic Leslie

Secretary: Daniel Dillon

AWARDS

Honours: Bradley Boulle, Daniel Dillon, Dominic Leslie,
Luc van der Westhuysen, Samuel Butcher, Ross Leslie
Colours: Craig Pitt, Warren Yoko, Connor Stanton, Brett
Oellermann, Jack Edmonds

Stuart Maclaren Floating Trophy for the Best Senior Canoeist:
Bradley Boulle & Dominic Leslie

Michaelhouse Junior Canoeing Champion: Samuel Butcher

INTER-HOUSE CANOEING

First: East

Second: Tatham

Third: Farfield

ixty-five Michaelhouse boys are currently registered

with the KwaZulu-Natal Canoeing Union and have

had some exposure to this wonderful sport during their
time at Michaelhouse. Not all of them have persevered with
the sport but the club has about 40 boys who paddle regularly.
The club's aim is to develop healthy, capable and resilient
young canoeists while attaining widespread, inclusive, sus-
tainable and enjoyable participation and success at all levels.
These goals were achieved with some success over the course
of the year.

KZN INTER-SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The club continues to participate in this league which runs in
the first, third, and fourth quarters. The league's aim is to give
paddlers exposure to the various disciplines within canoeing:
KI flat-water sprints and marathons, K2 flat-water marathons,
river marathons, canoe polo and slalom.

We finished in second place again this year, five points adrift

of worthy winners â\200\230Maritzburg College. It remains a point of pride that Michaelhouse again exposed more boys to the inter-schoolsâ\200\231 league than any other school.

KWAZULU-NATAL INTER-SCHOOLS LEAGUE: FIRST TEAM COMPETITION

This competition is decided, in individual races, by the combined results of a schoolâ\200\231s top four paddlers.

Dash â\200\230n Mooi Marathon

Overall Crash . KZN River Bushmanâ\200\231s_ Surf Ski ss Ten lap

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Race event

Race

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College

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College

Hilton College 4th 4th 3rd 4th 4th 3rd 4th 4th 4th

KWAZULU-NATAL INTER-SCHOOLS LEAGUE: INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Positions on this log are earned through accumulated points based on times achieved in the various events over the course of the

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Back Row: Sean Fitzsimmons, Philip van der Hoven, Thomas van der Hoven, James Dawson, Richard Taylor, Duncan Cribbins, Joshua Baillie, Reuben Baldry, Fourth Row: Anthony Turner, Timothy Whitaker, William Selby, Liam Bekker, Thomas Hill, Matthew Millward, Michael Brown, Xhanti Gqweta, Christopher Langebrink, Third Row: Warren Yoko, Kian Edwards, Matthew Henderson, Carter Karan, Samuel Butcher, Sebastian Huggins, Jack Irons, Oliver Bekker, Luke de Heer, Luc van der Westhuyzen, Niel Bierman, Tom Harper, Second Row: Benjamin Connolly, Jack Shooter, Chase Leisegang, Jack Edmonds, Jared Le Court de Billot, Murray Behn, Joshua Heafield, Connor Leisegang, Sebastian Langebrink, Front Row (seated): Nicholas Stainbank, Robert Officer, Mr Richard Snowden, Dominic Leslie, Mr Paul Snyman, Bradley Boulle, Mr Gerhard Erasmus, Daniel Dillon, Craig Pitt, Barry Bierman

first, third and fourth quarters 35

Tom Harper
36 James Dawson
38 Neil Bierman
Position Name Surname 39 Barry Bierman
8 Sebastian Huggins 41 Sebastian Langebrink
10 Daniel Dillon 57 Robert Officer
12 Sean Fitzsimmons 62 Kian Edwards
13 Nicholas Stainbank
16 Bradley Boulle
17 Warren Yoko
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18 Dominic Leslie
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19 Craig Pitt
24 Luc van der Westhuyzen Matthew Millward
29 Benjamin Connolly 3 Ross Leslie
30 Richard Taylor 6 Connor Stanton
32 Timothy Whitaker 7 Matthew Henderson
33 Duncan Cribbins 9 Pierre van der Westhuyzen

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Christopher
Murray
Heinrich
John
William
Brett
Oliver
Jessie
Xhanti

Leisegang
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In addition to the inter-schools's league held in KwaZulu-Natal, the boys are lucky enough to be afforded the opportunity to enter into most of the KNCU and CSA events that happen across the country over the year, approximately 30 events in 2018. Major events on the CSA calendar are highlighted below:

Eighteen boys and three staff headed off to Underberg for the two-day 65km Drak Challenge Canoe Marathon.

Age

Name Age Canoe group Overa .
group position position
Sam Butcher U16 K1 1 37
Dominic Leslie U18 K1 4 41
Daniel Dillon U23 K1 22 72
Ross Leslie U16 K1 3 89
Matthew Millward U16 K1 4 91
Connor Stanton U16 K1 5 106
Matthew Henderson U16 K1 6 118
Brett Oellermann U16 K1 7 119
Warren Yoko U18 K1 14 121
Sebastian Huggins UI18 K1 17 137
Mr Snyman Snr
and Christopher Men K2 49 170
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Jack Edmonds U16 K1 11 182
Chase Leisegang U16 K1 14 210
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Benjamin Connolly U18 K1 24 317
Michael Brown U16 K1 20 274

DUSI CANOE MARATHON - 13, 14 &15 FEBRUARY

Twelve boys and three staff members completed the arduous
paddle from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. It was a K2 year and
Daniel Dillon with his brother Patrick, a Michaelhouse Old
Boy, lead the Michaelhouse charge. Ross Leslie and Samuel
Butcher won the U16 category comfortably â\200\224 a top-50 finish
for them was a remarkable achievement.

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Samuel Butcher U16 Ke I 49
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and father men Ke 34 63
Warren Yoko and
Craig Pitt UI8 Ke 6 65

Mr Snyman and Snr K2 8 14

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Stainbank and K2 74 163

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and father men Ko 81 V2

Mr Snowden and Snr K2 om) 185

Mr Erasmus men

Bradley Boulle Snr

and Sebastian K2 13 215
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Matthew U16 KI 4 247

Henderson

KWAZULU-NATAL K1 AND K2 MARATHON
CHAMPIONSHIPS - 19 & 20 MAY

Two Michaelhouse boys, Samuel Butcher and Matthew Millward, competed in this event in their age groups. Samuel Butcher won the U18 K2 event with his U18 partner. Matthew Millward finished fourth in U16 in his K1 event and third in U16 with his partner in the K2 event.

SOUTH AFRICAN K1 AND K2 MARATHON
CHAMPIONSHIPS - 15 & 16 JUNE

Samuel Butcher and Matthew Millward took part in this event. Samuel Butcher and his U18 partner finished fifth in the U18 K2 category. Matthew Millward and his partner also raced in the U18 K2 category finishing seventh. Matthew Millward also raced in the K1 U16 category where he finished seventh.

BREEDE CANOE MARATHON SOUTH AFRICAN K2
RIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS - 25 & 26 AUGUST

Ross Leslie and Samuel Butcher made the long journey down to the Cape to compete in this event. They performed very well indeed, finishing first in U16 (K2) and 11th overall, thus making them South African U16 K2 Champions for 2018.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS LIEBENBERG VLEI
RACE - 15 & 16 SEPTEMBER

Five boys travelled up to the Orange Free-State to compete in this event, which doubled as the South African Schools River Championship. Our strong U16 age group acquitted themselves very well indeed.

Age

Age Overall

Name row Canoe group position

group position P

Sam Butcher U16 K1 1 27

Matthew Millward U16 K1 3 34

Jack Edmonds U16 K1 5 70

Chase Leisegang U16 K1 6 104

Connor Leisegang U14 K1 5 200

FISH CANOE MARATHON SOUTH AFRICAN K1 RIVER
CHAMPIONSHIPS - 6 & 7 OCTOBER

This was arguably the club's most successful outing of the year. Thirty boys made the trip down to Cradock for this two-day paddling experience. Our strong U16 age group led the Michaelhouse charge. They dominated the U16 podium and regained the Laurie Dippenaar Schools' Trophy. This trip was a memorable and valuable experience for the boys.

Full Course Results

Age Age Overall

Name row Canoe group position

group position P

Sam Butcher U16 K1 1 31

Ross Leslie U16 K1 2 32

Matthew Millward U16 K1 3 62

Jack Edmonds U16 K1 4 64

Dominic Leslie,
sister and father NA KB 27 65

Mr Snyman,
Timothy Whitaker Snr K3 42 104

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Westhuyzen U18 K1 11 109

Chase Leisegang U16 K1 7 136

Sebastian Huggins
and Daniel Dillon 023 Ke 28 160

Matthew U16 K1 9 177

Henderson

Mr Snowden, Mr

Erasmus and Mrs NA K3 23 212

Snowden

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Luke de Heer and

Anthony Turner U6 Ko M1 285

Sean Fitzsimmons

and Jack Irons U18 Ke 24 302

Bradley Boulle

and Connor U18 K2 26 309

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Christopher

Langebrink U16 K1 14 403

Short Course Results

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Thomas Hill and

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Oliver Bekker U16 Kl 3 3
Sebastian

Langebrink and U18 K2 2 9
Niel Bierman

Phillip van

der Hoven and U16 K2 5 10
Heinrich Reyneke

Jack Shooter U114 Kl 1 12
Liam Bekker U16 Kl 6 13
Reuben Baldry U14 Kl 3 18
Jared Le Court de

Billot U114 Kl 4 22

JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES, ARGENTINA,
OCTOBER 2018

Pierre van der Westhuysen was selected to represent South Africa in the sprint and slalom disciplines. He qualified for the finals in the sprints event and finished a commendable seventh overall. He was one of the youngest competitors in this event. He competed in the slalom event too but did not proceed to the finals.

The prospects for the Michaelhouse Canoe Club in 2019 look encouraging. The current U16 age group in particular have trained hard and they have reaped rewards. As first year U18s they will challenge those a year ahead. A number of enthusiastic junior paddlers have had their first taste of what canoeing has to offer and we look forward to their contributions next year.

CRICKET

Master in Charge: Mr John Crawford

COACHES

First XI: Mr Dean Forword, Mr John Crawford, Mr Jason Wulfsohn (Sports Scientist)

Second XI: Mr Chris van der Berg, Mr Lodewyk Vosloo

Third XI: Mr Richard McMichael

Fourth XI: Mr Paul Mackay

UI6A: Mr Ian Crawford, Mr Emmanuel Mkhize

U16B: Mr Olwethu Hugo

U16C: Mr Liam Boshoff

UI15A: Mr Craig Pieterse, Mr Chris Waldburger

UISB: Mr Xabiso Bika

UISC: Mr Nico Boshoff

U14A: Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Simon Greyvensteyn

UI14B: Mr Ernest Rindfleisch, Mr Gareth Macaskill

U14C: Mr Jonathan Smith, Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane

U14D: Mr Gareth van Wyk

AWARDS

Honours: Michael Brownlee, Thomas Trotter

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Name Opponent

Thomas Trotter St John's Harare

Colours: Declan Newton, William Norton, Liam England, Jared Meiring

Half Colours: Thomas Quin, James Kiln, Christopher Hardie, Ben Rebeck, Roeland van den Berg

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

South Africa U19: Fraser Jones

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19: Fraser Jones, Michael Brownlee
(Thomas Trotter, Gift Mokoena reserves)

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U17: Jared Meiring

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U15: Adrien Fisher, Ayanda Cele
Kingsmead Mynahs: Ryan Stringer

AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE FIRST XI
CRICKET DINNER

The Henry Fotheringham Batsman of the Year: Thomas Trotter

The Ravenor Nicholson Bowler of the Year: Michael Brownlee

The Craig Sugden Playerâ\200\231s Player of the Year: Thomas Trotter
The Dale Benkenstein Player of the Year: Fraser Jones

Jesse Rencken St Charles College
Adrien Fisher Westville

Adrien Fisher St Davids

Josh White St Johnâ\200\231s (JHB)
Ryan Stringer Kalutara Vidyalaya (Sri Lanka)
Jeremy Foss Kingswood
Thomas Quin Bishops

James Gush Clifton

Feroz Amod St Charles

Fraser Jones Bangladesh

Alan Buttle Westville

William Norton Maritzburg College

Michael Brownlee

St Andrewâ\200\231s Gâ\200\231Town

Kenton Melville Hilton College
James Fleming King Cetshwayo CD
Fraser Jones St Charles College
Matthew de Villiers Glenwood

Team Achievement
Ist XI 124

4th XI 150*

UISA 114*

UISA 203

UISA 99*

Sri Lankan Tour XI 124

U14A 118

Ist XI 5/17

2nd XI 5/35

U14C 7TN2

SA U19 5/33

3rd XI 5/8

Ist XI 5/54

Ist XI 10/80 (Match Figures)
UISA 5/34

U17 5/32

Ist XI 5/13

U14B 5/13

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here was again plenty of activity within the Michael-
house Cricket Club this year. On the tour to Sri Lanka, I came across this quote from Sir Donald Bradman, framed in one of the change rooms. "Played in the right spirit there is no sport which is capable of developing man's finest qualities. Common clay must go through heat and fire of the furnace to become porcelain. But once through the furnace it can never be clay again. In the same way a man's character must remain permanently enriched by his experiences at cricket." There is much wisdom from The Master in that quote.

The year started with Fraser Jones representing the country at the U19 World Cup in New Zealand. We were frustrated that he didn't get much game time but were delighted that when he did he took 5/33 against Bangladesh and was the man of the match.

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity of touring Sri Lanka with 14 dedicated cricketers and a wonderful supporting group of parents. We took the opportunity of having a spin clinic with one of the top spin coaches in Sri Lanka on an off day and it proved invaluable. The tour increased the depth of our talent in the open age group for 2019 and overall it was a fascinating experience. The first XI was also honoured to be invited to play the Oppenheimer XI at their home ground at Randjesfontein. It was an experience none of the players will ever forget.

We built on the Spring Cricket Programme started in 2017, which enabled keen cricketers to work on skills and learn new skills during the third quarter. Old Boy, Ugasen Govender was at many of those sessions as well as being a regular visitor to the School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the season. Prenelan Subrayen kindly shared his spinning knowledge with the boys during the Spring cricket season.

The Michaelhouse U17 Festival was held again and the weather was remarkably kind to us over that weekend. We welcomed a team from Zululand and were able to have two Michaelhouse teams playing. In fact over the Michaelmas holidays about 50 of our boys were involved in top competitive cricket. This can only have benefitted our cricketers.

Exciting developments have occurred to our wonderful facilities. Pickets now surround the RG Oval with the rope inside as the boundary marker. The area around both pavilions at the main oval has been upgraded and the old, sad-looking concrete nets have been replaced with wonderful, full-length astro nets. Five of our fields have sight screens now. Is this a first for the country? Observers can be critical of our pitches from time to time but when one considers that we have seven turf fields to prepare plus five turf nets, our grounds staff often do a remarkable job. Being a curator at one stadium with one field is a very different proposition. Pop-up irrigation systems have also been extended to more pitches which helps with their preparation.

My thanks are extended to our coaches. A great number of extra hours were put into coaching boys by them. Hopefully the players

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know how lucky they are. Chris Anderson, an expert coach of many years' standing, helped with the U15 on a Wednesday in the first term, which helped add value to the age group.

CRICKET 2018
Team Played Won Lost Drawn
Ist XI 21 8 10 3

2nd XI 10 6 1 3
3rd XI 11 6 3 2
4th XI 9 4 4 1
5th XI 1 1
6th XI 1 1
U16A 5 2 1 2
U16B 5 2 2 1
U16C 2 1 1
U15A 16 7 6 3
U15B 12 2 10
U115C 4 2 2
U14A 13 3 7 3
U14B 14 7 5 2
U14C 12 3 8 1
U14D 4 4

TOUR TO SRI LANKA

Coaches: Mr Dean Forword, Mr John Crawford

Players: Michael Brownlee, Thomas Trotter, Liam England,

Declan Newton, Thomas Quin, Cameron Leer, Ryan

Stringer, Gavin Veenstra, James Gush, Jack Trotter, Harry

Nel, Jared Meiring, Roeland Van Der Berg, Luke Gammie

W: a prayer by Alan Smedley and then we were off to

King Shaka Airport for an eight-hour flight along the eastern coast of Africa, across the Saudi desert towards Dubai

and then on to Sri Lanka, where a sign assuring us that drug traffickers would be executed was quite eye-catching. More

perturbing was the downpour that battered the terminal. We

were reminded that it was monsoon season. It was then that we

first met Suren, who was to be our guide, friend, critic, fount of

much knowledge and superb humourist. We also met up with

the miracle driver â\200\224 one needs divine intervention to drive in Sri

Lanka â\200\224 and bus attendant who packed our cases so many times, cleaned the bus every day and never stopped smiling.

ednesday 20 June saw 14 of us gather in the Chapel

We thought our trip to Kandy was going to be a breeze as it was only about 70km inland. It turned out to be a four-hour trip negotiating narrow winding roads teaming with buses and Tuk-Tuks. How everyone escapes serious injury is a mystery. Precipices along the road and fairly inclement weather made it seem even worse. Suren assured us that this was calm compared to India! What a welcome site then was hotel Trilanka where

we soon settled into rooms with flying foxes roosting nearby.

Our first match was at the the University Ground. Weâ\200\231d hoped to play one of the games at the Pallakelle International Test Venue but the ground was being prepared for the game the Proteas were about to play there. The humidity made conditions almost suffocating and a stint in the field was tackled with a degree of trepidation. Michael Brownlee, however, used all his bowlers brilliantly and Jack Trotterâ\200\231s 3/5 was the highlight. Mention must be made of Michael Brownlee. A skipper supreme who looked after everyone before himself. Our premier spinner, yet he didnâ\200\231t bowl himself making sure that everyone else was catered for first. Simply remarkable to say the least. Jared Meiring and Luke Gammie batted with exceptional maturity. Luke was out for 41 while Jared carried his bat for 47 to see us win by nine wickets. A great start but we were aware of greater challenges ahead.

We travelled into the valley the next day to play against the Rathnapura XI on a ground that looked slightly run down but its clubhouse indicated the high levels it had once enjoyed. It had been used as a 50-over international venue in its heyday and ranks as the highest international ground in the world. Our hosts made 73. Declan Newton took 4/4 and although Cam Leer was hit for a few he did produce the unplayable Gattling ball to castle an unfortunate batsman. Although Sri Lanka is famous for its spinners we didnâ\200\231t encounter wrist spinners, only finger spinners. Cam and James Gush thus enjoyed quite a lot of success with their wrist spinners. Although it was a small total the wicket was tricky and we needed a no-nonsense innings from Tom Trotter to stamp our authority on the game and comfortably win it.

The game finished early so that we could start the trek to Colombo. Although it was a relatively short distance in terms of kilometres it took us at least six hours to complete the trip. Once again our driverâ\200\231s skill was welcomed by us all. Monday dawned to the realisation that we had business to attend to as it was our third match in as many days. St Josephâ\200\231s College were our opponents at the P Sara Oval, which had been used for Test matches in the past.

Thirty degree temperatures and 90 percent humidity made conditions very difficult and full marks to Tom Trotter who played a sublime innings and was so unlucky to miss his century by just two runs. A good, solid start and support from others allowed Tom to take us over the 200 mark to a competitive total. St Josephâ\200\231s got off to a blistering start but interestingly once our spinners came on we tightened the grip. It took a stunning catch by Jared Meiring at long off to get rid of their key batsman, and once he departed Michael Brownlee took 4/29 and Cam Leer 3/24 to see us home to a 49-run victory against a good team.

After booking out of our hotel the next morning we went to a spin bowling clinic with a top spinning coach, Ajith Ekanayake, who boasts over 1000 first class wickets. It was really worthwhile and the six spinners in our group certainly learnt a lot from it. From there we ventured south to Waskaduwa.

This was tsunami territory. The 2004 tsunami had smashed into the coastline and destroyed everything. The game was played at the Surrey Village Grounds. This facility was built by Surrey Cricket Club with funds raised by them after the tsunami struck.

They also built homes for the villagers, who had theirs destroyed. Streets around the ground are named after Surrey players and officials. Our game was against Kalutara Vidyalaya. Jared Meiring again got into the 40s with a really sound innings and Tom Trotter scored a magical 41 but the innings was dominated by asuperb 121 by Ryan Stringer. It was a great innings, showing

his increasing maturity as a cricketer and in torturous conditions too. 281 in the allotted 45 overs was an imposing total. The match started late due to rain but again we were fortunate to get in an almost complete game in their wet season. The spinners once again bowled well after a fiery spell from Roeland van der Berg. This time it was James Gush's turn to shine and he ended with 4/24. Another victory, this time by 114 runs.

On Thursday 28 June we travelled back towards Colombo to another venue that had been used as a Test ground, the Moratuwa De Zoysa Stadium. Once again the humidity made it oppressive. We knew that this would be a big test for us against a strong combined academy team. In truth we were not really up to the challenge and we realised that our total of 154 was too little. Our inability to build meaningful partnerships was the problem and once Tom Trotter was brilliantly caught in the slips our task was going to be difficult. One of their batters, Vishwa Chatharanga, is a name to look out for. He made 105 in 62 balls. Unfortunately Declan Newton had him brilliantly caught by Michael Brownlee but it was off a no ball. The LR Cricket Academy were worthy five-wicket winners.

The following day saw us pack up and travel further south towards Galle. On the way we stopped at a turtle hatchery, where eggs are brought in by fishermen and hatched before release. This increases their chances of survival from 1% to 3%. On the Saturday we played against Dewapathiraja College at the MCC Lords Ground. Again this was a ground built after the tsunami with funds donated by the MCC at Lords. It is surrounded by dense forest, so many balls are lost and this was the case during our match too.

We bowled first - a good overall display with everyone doing a fine job. Cam Leer took 3/16 and James Gush 2/12, which just underlined how well our wrist spinners fared on tour. Liam England and Jared Meiring gave us a good start, which was vital in chasing the 133. Jared battled through to a gutsy 45 and with Ryan Stringer took the score to 96. A really valuable partnership against an all-spin attack. Not one medium pacer bowled, it was all spin and they were pretty good ones too. Tom Trotter again produced a gem to see us home by six wickets. Mention must be made of Liam England's keeping on tour. He was simply outstanding in very trying conditions. Tiring wickets and incredible humidity didn't put him off. He was top class.

Our final game was some distance from the hotel at Matara. Here again we played at a once proud stadium, the Uyanwatha Stadium. Our opponents were St Thomas College and we knew that it was going to be a tough game, especially after looking at the wicket. This was a typical sub-continent track and the toss would likely determine the outcome. Once again the humidity was almost unbearable and unfortunately we lost the toss too. Declan Newton bowled with great control but again the spinners were the key wicket takers. Tom Quin 3/16, Michael Brownlee 3/26 and Cam Leer 4/33 saw them out for 145. We bowled too many - 234 - balls though and should not have allowed them much beyond a score of 110. Luke Gammie looked unfazed up front but got himself

out and Tom Trotter once again looked cool and threatening but wickets fell, with only Gavin Veenstra, playing a really brave innings, standing firm. We eventually lost by 40 runs.

MICHAELHOUSE XI TOUR OF SRI LANKA

This once-in-a-lifetime tour left every member of the party with memories of magical experiences.

Date Opponents Performances Result

23 June Kandy District Team J Meiring 47*, L Gammie 41, J Trotter 3/5 Won by 9 wickets
24 June Rathnapura XI D Newton 4/4, M Brownlee 3/13 Won by 7 wickets
25 June St Joseph's College T Trotter 98, M Brownlee 4/29, C Leer 3/24 Won by 49 runs
27 June Kalutara Vidyalaya R Stringer 121, J Meiring 41, J Gush 4/24 Won by 114 runs
28 June LR Cricket Academy Lost by 5 wickets
30 June Dewapathiraja College C Leer 3/16, J Meiring 45, T Trotter 31 no Won by 6 wickets
1 July St Thomas College C Leer 4/33, T Quin 3/16, M Brownlee 3/26, T Trotter 33 Lost by 40 runs

FIRST XI CRICKET

Coaches: Mr Dean Forword, Mr John Crawford
Sport Scientist: Mr Jason Wulfsohn
Captain: Michael Brownlee

FIRST TEAM

Michael Brownlee, Fraser Jones, Thomas Trotter, Liam England, William Norton, Declan Newton, Thomas Quin, Cameron Leer, Christopher Hardie, James Kiln, Gift Mokoena, Ben Rebeck, Jared Meiring, Roeland van den Berg, Ryan Stringer, Oliver Morgan, Luke Gammie, Jack

Trotter, Callum Porrrill, Adrien Fisher
| Churchies from Brisbane. It was great to host them again. Immediately after the game we moved to Hilton to the Independent Schools' Festival. The team was without Fraser Jones, who we were hoping would get a fair chance and perform well at the U19 World Cup in New Zealand. The team and School were very proud of his achievements. Tom Trotter played a fine innings to get the side out of a bit of trouble against St John's Harare, after which we played Bishops. A very creditable seven-wicket win followed, with Tom Quin bowling exceptionally well. The festival ended with a great win over St David's. Jared Meiring was called up at the last minute for the festival, due to illness in the camp. Jared had performed brilliantly at the U15 Inter-Provincial and he certainly slotted into the team easily and never looked back.

his year's cricket season started off with a fixture against

The school season started off with a disappointment against Clifton College. We then headed into the National T20 programme where we reached the regional semi-final against St Charles. That game went into a super over, a new experience for

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the team but Tom Trotter played it as if he had done it all his life. We went on to lose the regional final to Hilton. When Fraser Jones rejoined the team it was obvious how we had missed his all-round ability. His mature innings against Westville enabled us to secure an impressive victory. The two-and-a-half-day game against

College was a tough affair. The team again missed Fraser's all-round ability and we were soundly beaten by a better side over the three days. It was thus impressive that the boys bounced back well at the St Alban's Festival in their game against St Andrew's, although losses were suffered against St Stithians and Hilton.

The new season started with a fine win over Westville at home before the team moved down to Pietermaritzburg for Michaelmas Week. Throughout the year when the team played to their full potential they could take on anyone, but all too often they let themselves down in one of the areas of the game. This was clearly evident at Michaelmas Week. Against Grey and Jeppe we were below par, then against St Alban's we were very good. In the final game against Hudson Park we were docked ten penalty runs for running on the pitch. In reality this was a really tough call and it ultimately cost us the match. Two excellent victories followed against St Charles and Glenwood. The team then had the rare honour of being invited to play the Oppenheimer XI at Randjesfontein. What a day it turned out to be at that most unique and beautiful cricket ground and all of us will have life-long memories of the occasion.

The final two games were disappointing, although a very young side did show glimpses of potential against College. Our run chase against Hilton was poorly judged. Mention must be made of Michael Brownlee, who played an amazing innings and brought respectability to the result. All through the year he was a thoughtful, imaginative captain who gave his all to the team. His leadership was simply outstanding.

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Back Row: Oliver Morgan, James Kiln, Christopher Hardie, Thomas Quin, Declan Newton, Liam England,
Middle Row: William Norton, Cameron Leer, Benjamin Rebeck, Gift Mokoena,

FIRST XI CRICKET

Date

9 January
10 January
11 January
12 January
20 January
27 January
10 February

23 February

1/2 March

3 March

Opposition
Churchies

St John's Harare
Bishops

St David's
Clifton

St Charles
Westville

Maritzburg College

St Andrew's (GHT)

Hilton

Mr Jason Wulfsohn, Thomas Trotter

Performances

G Mokoena 4-20, T Trotter 124, M Brownlee 31
W Norton 3-26, T Quin 5-17, T Trotter 49
T Trotter 46, B Rebeck 33, D Newton 3-35

D Newton 3-34, J Meiring 3-33, T Trotter 83

M Brownlee 4-34, W Norton 37, T Trotter 31, F Jones 45*

W Norton 5-54, B Rebeck 49*

M Brownlee 4-52 and 6-33, J Kiln 42, T Trotter 49, F Jones
87, L England 55*

C Hardie 55, F Jones 38

Front Row (seated): Mr John Crawford, Fraser Jones, Mr Dean Forword, Michael Brownlee,

Result

Won by 7 wickets

Draw

Won by 7 wickets

Won by 10 runs

Lost 47 runs

No result

Won by 5 wickets

Lost by an innings
and 65 runs

Draw

Lost by 7 wickets

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4 March

St Stithians

15 September Westville C Leer 3-19, T Trotter 50*, W Norton 48, F Jones 30

29 September â\200\224_ Grey College W Norton 68, J Meiring 45

30 September Jeppe

1 October St Albanâ\200\231s W Norton 43, F Jones 59, R Van den Berg 3-3

2 October Hudson Park J Meiring 37, F Jones 34

6 October St Charles J Meiring 31, F Jones 5-13, T Quin 3-16

20 October Glenwood M Brownlee 4-31, T Trotter 50, W Norton 47

27 October Oppenheimer X1 J Meiring 52

3 November Maritzburg College L England 46

10 November Hilton M Brownlee 75

Lost by 93 runs

Won by 8 wickets

Lost by 4 wickets

Lost by 6 wickets

Won by 63 runs

Lost by 3 wickets

Won by 8 wickets

Won by 6 wickets

Lost by 7 wickets

Lost by 6 wickets

Lost by 49 runs

CROSS COUNTRY

Master in Charge: Mr Nico Boshoff

Captain: Reece McLuckie

AWARDS

Colours: Senzo Sokhela

participating in seven events and the final relay and

prize-giving event. Races were run at Collegians (hosted by â\200\230Maritzburg College), The Wykeham Collegiate, Michael-house, Treverton College, Grace College, Cascades (hosted by Epworth High School) and Linpark High School.

T:: inter-schoolsâ\200\231 cross-country league saw our runners

Our juniors finished second in the league. Matthew Gibson finished third in all the league events he competed in and came third overall in the final league standings, followed by Luke Farndell (8th), Kyle McCoy (9th) and Mvelo Guma (10th).

The seniors also finished second in the final league standings and will be disappointed with their second half of the season as they were leading the point standings at the halfway mark with only four points separating first and second place. Senzo

Sokhela made a remarkable transition into the senior league by winning all eight league meetings convincingly. Senzo was the overall league champion followed by Finn Elliot (Sth) and Reece McLuckie (8th).

At the final relay race, held at St Anne's Diocesan College on 6 June, our junior team came second in a highly competitive race and our senior team, consisting of Senzo Sokhela, Finn Elliot, Joshua Voget and Reece McLuckie, enjoyed a runaway victory margin of over a minute.

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The following boys were selected for the Inland team to compete in the regional district championships: Luke Farndell, Mvelo Guma, Matthew Gibson, Kyle McCoy, Letlotlo Kebonang, Joshua Voget, Senzo Sokhela, Finn Elliot and Reece McLuckie. Some noteworthy achievements were:

- e Mvelo Guma 10th U14
- e Matthew Gibson 3rd U15
- e Senzo Sokhela 1st U16
- Â¢ Finn Elliot 4th U17
- e Reece McLuckie 4th U18

Matthew Gibson was the sole Michaelhouse representative when he took part in the KwaZulu-Natal Cross Country Championships in Newcastle, where he finished in a respectable tenth position in the U15 age group.

A new introduction to the calendar this year was participation in the 5km Groundcover Trail Race, with seven boys taking part. Finn Elliot won the event and was the first finisher overall across all categories. Matthew Gibson had a wonderful run and was the second runner home and still made it back in time to School for his hockey match. For most boys cross country is their second-choice winter sport and I appreciate their efforts in participating in the league events.

Our boys were regular runners in the Saturday Park Runs at Piggly Wiggly as well as an introduction to the hilly course of the newly established Nottingham Road event. Participating in Park Runs is a useful way of monitoring our runners' progress from week to week.

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Fourth Row: Kian Edwards, Luke Farndell, Luke van Rooyen, Michael Buxton-Tetteh
Third Row: Joshua Voget, Gareth Kemp, Makomborero Kamba, Jack Irons, Thomas Barnes
Second Row: James Kennedy, Kyle McCoy, Peter Calcott, Reuben Baldry, Matthew Gibson, Mvelo Guma
First Row (seated): Michael Kimber, Richard Bam, Reece McLuckie, Mr Nico Boshoff, Finn Elliot,
Thomas van der Hoven, Senzo Sokhela

Senior runners for 2018: Reece McLuckie, Richard Bam, Bradley Boule, Michael Kimber, Raymond Liversage, Luc Delaporte, Thomas van der Hoven, Lombe Chibwe, Leruri Sealetsa, Finn Elliot, Luke van Rooyen, Michael Buxton-Tetteh, Kian Edwards, Makomborero Kamba, Senzo Sokhela, Joshua Voget,

Zakithi Nhlangulela, Letlotlo Kebonang, Jack Irons, Gareth Kemp, Lehlohonolo Mapetla, Ross Leslie, Tapiwa Chikwanda

Junior runners for 2018: Matthew Gibson, Peter Calcott, Kyle McCoy, Arden Scholtz, Reuben Baldry, Thomas Barnes, James Kennedy, Luke Farndell, Mvelo Guma

Master in Charge: Mr Brad Flanagan

First Team Coach: Mr Brad Flanagan

Assistant Coaches: Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Lodewyk Vosloo
Captain: Alan Buttle

Vice-Captain: Thabang Moephuli

First Team: Lance Tratschler, Alan Buttle, Thabang Moephuli,

Joff Dougal, Ben Rebeck, Jabu Price-Moor, James Kiln, Derrick Pienaar, Aiken Olivier, Tshepo Sono, Danilo Ceronio

Half Colours: Aiken Olivier, Derrick Pienaar

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Back Row: Lance Tratschler, James Kiln

Middle Row: Tshepo Sono, Benjamin Rebeck, Jonathan Dougall, Derrick Pienaar

Front Row (seated): Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Alan Buttle, Mr Brad Flanagan, Thabang Moephuli, Mr Lodewyk Vosloo

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19A**: Alan Buttle

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19B: Thabang Moephuli, Joff Dougal

**There are two bodies governing junior golf in KwaZulu-Natal, namely KZN Schools and KZN Foundation. KZN

Schools colours are only awarded for bona-fide full-time scholars and are selected solely on the results of the eight qualifying tournaments. The schools IPT is held in September and not all provinces take part, South African Schools colours are awarded based on the results of the IPT. KZN Foundation colours are awarded at various different age groups and have a different set of qualifying criteria. The U19 IPT is held in December of each year and all provinces are represented.

hat should have been a great year, turned into an anniversary of a disaster for golf during 2018. The year started

brightly enough with us winning three, losing two, with one match abandoned in the annual summer league. Both losses were to Maritzburg College, which were not unexpected as they provided pretty much the bulk of the Inland team. We beat St Charles twice and then beat Hilton once, with the other match being abandoned due to the weather. The second team won four and lost two, both to College, much improved

from a single win in 2017. Results were pretty much as expected, our juniors were developing well and the seniors starting to show some consistency. We did, however, have a very disappointing two days in the KwaZulu-Natal School Championships in February, with our top four coming 11th and our next four, 17th out of 20 teams.

We also, for the first time in our golfing history, took 12 boys (two teams) to the AHS (Affies) Festival, where our first team finished a credible fifth and our juniors came in 12th. Fourteen teams participated in the festival. Sadly, this is pretty much where the good news ends. We lost two up-and-coming D Block golfers during the course of the year. Both were potential provincial and possibly even national players, and losing them was a major setback for the future of golf at Michaelhouse.

We managed to supply one Inland A-team golfer in Alan Buttle and two B-team players in Thabang Moephuli and Joff Dougal. Unfortunately, none made it through to the final KwaZulu-Natal team. I had the privilege of taking the KZN school team to the tournament in Middelburg, where the team made up mostly of College, Westville and Clifton boys finished in a very creditable second place, with KZN B finishing third.

In the third quarter we finished in seventh place in the KwaZulu-Natal School Championships, two positions down from our position in 2017. This is truly disappointing considering the tournament was held in Pietermaritzburg, so no excuses for wind or lack of local knowledge. We also ventured with our U16 team to the Grey High School U16 Links Festival, played over the St Francis Links and Humewood links golf courses. Fortunately the wind was kind to us this year and we managed some fine individual scores. The rain disappointingly reduced the St Francis links outing to a nine-hole competition. The team received some invaluable experience and managed a repeat of our 2017 result, finishing in fifth place out of the ten teams represented.

The last event of the year, the Douglas Cup, was probably the most spectacular underperformance of the year. We were probably slight favourites going into the tournament, however we slumped to a record loss and have no excuses. We went in with probably our most experienced team ever, with ten Grade 12 boys and one Grade 11 boy and lost to a team filled with youngsters, which does not auger at well for the future. The only positive is that our second team managed a win on the day.

The boys who are leaving the School have put in yeoman service to golf and I would like to thank them all. I have genuinely enjoyed their camaraderie and all those fun and competitive match-play matches that we have had together over the years. I think I took our losses a lot harder than most of the team.

My final message is to say goodbye, to my best mate, a golfer

extraordinaire, not necessarily in ability, but definitely in variety, good and bad. I have had both the privilege and misfortune of having this man as the golf number two at Michaelhouse for 18 years. We have celebrated, very well occasionally, the highlights of which there have been many. Think Stephen Swanepoel, Matt Saulez, Louis Albertse and numerous other highly talented golfers that have passed through this fine institution. For two years running, 2014 and 2015, we had Brendan Bergs and Matt Saulez elected as sportsmen of the year at Michaelhouse. However, I digress, this gentleman has also been there in the dark moments, always with the ability to take the negatives and turn them into experiences and move forward. Jaap, you are irreplaceable and as somebody once said, you are difficult to remember but impossible to forget! Thank-you from all of the Michaelhouse golfing fraternity and good luck for your well-deserved, but possibly premature retirement. â200\234Vaarwelâ200\235 to Jaap van der Vegte!

FIRST TERM LEAGUE

Played Won Lost Halved
A League 6 3 2 1
B League 6 4 2

KWAZULU-NATAL SCHOOLS DURBAN
COUNTRY CLUB (TEAMS OF FOUR)

Michaelhouse 11th and 17th out of 20 teams

AHS FESTIVAL

Michaelhouse fifth and 12th out of 14 teams

KWAZULU-NATAL SCHOOLS VCC (TEAMS
OF EIGHT)

Michaelhouse seventh out of 12 teams

GREY HS U16 FESTIVAL

Michaelhouse fifth out of ten schools

DOUGLAS CUP

First team lost by 174 matches to 64
Second team won by 11 matches to 7

HOCKEY

Master in Charge: Mr Mike Thomson

COACHES

Consultant Coach: Mr Jock Coombes

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First XI: Mr Richard Snowden, Mr Grant von Mayer
Second XI: Mr Mike Thomson, Mrs Win de Wet

Third XI: Mrs Mary McMichael, Mr Mpa Msimang
Fourth XI: Mrs Candice Smith

Fifth XI: Mr Colin White, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield

U16A: Mrs Tanith von Mayer, Mr Ian Crawford
U16B: Mr Lee-Roy Storm, Mr Jaap van der Vegte
U16C: Ms Lisa Hardie

U16D: Ms Karin Moffatt

U16E: Mr Bailey Coxon

U14A: Mr Paul Snyman, Mr Jonathan Smith
U14B: Mrs Zani Bretherton

U14C: Mr Msizi Mchunu

U14D: Mr Craig Pieterse

Sports Scientist: Mr Joshua Knipp
Captain: Mubeezi Lubinga

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

South African U17 High Performance Squad: Ben Rebeck
South African U16 High Performance Squad: (Defender of
the Tournament U16 IPT) Mugabi Lubinga

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U18A: Ben Rebeck

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U18B: Thabo Dlamini
KwaZulu-Natal Inland U16A: Mugabi Lubinga, Michael
Christodoulou, Jason Williams

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U16B: Hilton Giles, Kenton Melville,
Zola Sokhela

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U14A: Kamo Rathepe, Anothile
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KwaZulu-Natal Inland U14B: Jeremy Foss

has its origins in antiquity and from areas around the world.

Hockey-style games can be seen in sources from ancient Egypt, Greece and China in the 5th Century BC as well as medieval England in the 14th century where a proclamation was issued in Latin by the king banning frivolous games, one of which according to some scholars was hockey. The modern game, however, dates from 1849 when the first hockey club was established in Blackheath in England. From there it has grown and spread to over 100 countries, making it the second most widely played sport in the world after soccer, and last year it ranked third as the most widely spectated game in the world. So this sport that we play, coach and watch and that we celebrate here, is one which has a rich heritage.

| f you delve into the history of this sport you find that hockey

As I believe it is proper when starting a report at the end of a season I would like to publicly thank the work horses of Michaelhouse hockey; that group of people who give generously of their time and effort week in and week out, are joyous in victory, miserable in defeat, impartial with a whistle and yet are generally the most publicly criticized over the course of a season, and that is the coaches. This group of people who accord me an amount of respect that I do not deserve, are the heart of this hockey club and it has been a pleasure to

HOCKEY 2018
Team Played Won Draw
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work for you this season. Your dedication, concern and desire to improve must not go unnoticed and to misquote what has erroneously been attributed to the French philosopher Voltaire, but actually comes from his biographer Elizabeth Hall, "while I might not agree with some of your selections, I will defend to the death your right to make them." You are a special team!

In statistical terms, we commenced the season with 14 teams, the largest number that I can remember, and achieved a win/draw percentage of 55,4%, an improvement on last year. The full season's statistics appear at the end of this report. However, statistics are mere numbers and do not give a full picture of the season.

We began this season with a coach's seminar, facilitated by our consultant for the year, Jock Coombes. He tried to stress to us that success for the Michaelhouse Hockey Club is a journey and one that is built on values, and I sincerely believe that the values we have begun to lay down for our hockey will lead us to great success in the future, but that we are only just starting out on that road. This was also reinforced by the SA High Performance Coach, David Viney when he and national player Tyson Dlungwa came down to run another course for boys and coaches.

From there, with a rapid changeover of seasons, we were catapulted into a hectic few months which saw the U14s, U16s and first XI all travelling away on tours, and matches being played every Saturday by almost every team. This season for me had many highlights. The first-team win over a fancied Hilton side in their first encounter was especially thrilling, as was their performance against a previously unbeaten Clifton side. The U16A side were a joy to watch when they were on song and they thoroughly deserved to be thought of as one of the best U16 sides in the country. Our U14A side might have lacked a bit of speed and physical size, but they always played with big heart and determination, and to watch that side play and improve throughout this season, irrespective of their results, continued to build my faith in Michaelhouse hockey. While our lower teams did not have as much success as they have had in some previous seasons, I always enjoyed watching them play and the second XI in particular were a very special bunch of boys to coach.

So what do we need to improve next season? Well firstly, we need to continue to build on the values and culture that we are trying to create in the club. We will also need to work with our players a little more in the off season, particularly in terms of conditioning, and it is pleasing to see that this has started with Mr James Fleming running sessions for hockey players. We have also increased our exposure to 5s hockey in the so-called off season, and with our own sideboards out on Aitkens, there have been regular practices as well as teams playing tournaments and social games, all of which is going towards improving the skills and abilities of our players for 2019.

Lost GF GA

2nd XI 12 6 3
 3rd XI 12 8 2
 4th XI 9 2 3
 5th XI 7 2 2
 U16A 15 12 0
 U16B 1 2 1
 U16C 10 3 3
 U16D 10 1 2
 UI16E 9 2 1
 U14A 15 6 0
 U14B 13 5 1
 U14C 9 4 2
 U14D 9 4 1
 Totals 157 66 21

3 39 21
 2 25 9
 4 18 15
 3 8 1
 3 45 13
 8 12 29
 4 14 13
 7 1 27
 6 1 22
 9 27 27
 7 33 30
 3 14 1
 4 21 15
 70 318 279

FIRST XI HOCKEY

Coach: Mr Richard Snowden

First Team: Khanyo Ndlovu, Mugabi Lubinga, Dominic
 Leslie, Rorke Melville, Thomas Gibson, Benjamin
 Rebeck, Angus Ferguson, Thabang Moephuli, Michael
 Christodoulou, Thabo Dlamini, Reece McLuckie, Levin
 Kamau, Jack Perkin

Captain: Mubeezi Lubinga

Vice-captain: Thabang Moephuli

018 saw two fixtures scheduled for the Lent Quarter, with
 2 the first fixture scheduled for 10 March away at Kearsney
 College. This would be followed by a further 15 fixtures,
 including the Independent Schoolsâ\200\231 Hockey Festival hosted by
 Uplands College in Mpumalanga over Easter, finally culminat-
 ing with the second Hilton fixture on June 16.

The first XI had an inauspicious start, losing four of our first
 five matches. The Kearnsey result was the most comprehensive
 defeat of these initial matches. It was followed by a delightful
 and narrow win over Westville, which included two of several
 sublime finishes over the season: a Rebeck tomahawk and a
 Moephuli square cut. The three losses that followed were all,
 frustratingly, by a single goal. In the first two matches we were,
 admittedly, below par, but the third, against Bishops, was one
 of our better performances and crucial in setting up what was to
 be an impressive run of seven consecutive victories.

Two victories in the â\200\234golden runâ\200\235 are worth comment.
 Northwood College, a capable side, suffered their worst defeat

of the season as Michael Christodoulou netted a hat-trick. The weekend prior to this was, perhaps, the highlight and came in the form of a 4-1 victory over Hilton in a match that also contained a hat-trick, this one coming from Benjamin Rebeck.

The seven-match winning streak ended with a disappointing loss to St John's College, who travelled down from Johannesburg in a match that was arguably our worst performance of the season. It is testimony to the team that they bounced back to contest a 12-goal thriller against Maritzburg College. While we lost 5-7, this was undoubtedly one of the most exciting matches of the season and perhaps of my coaching career thus far. A narrow win against a more than competent Clifton College was a delightful result for the Matrics in their final match on Aitkens. The fairy tale did not have a happy ending and Hilton College levelled the season after our victory earlier in the year with a well-earned victory on their part.

Upon reflection, the season's successes hinged on a particularly impressive leadership unit. The 2018 captain deserves high praise and received due accolades at the annual hockey dinner. He was ably supported by his passionate and inspiring vice-captain and the Matric unit of players, who can be proud of their efforts over the course of this season.

2018 AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE FIRST
X1 HOCKEY DINNER

Butcher Stick: most improved player in his first season in the

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Third Row: Rorke Melville, Reece McLuckie, Levin Kamau, Jack Perkin, Mugabi Lubinga
 Second Row: Thabo Dlamini, Khanyo Ndlovu, Michael Christodoulou, Christakis Christodoulou
 First Row (seated): Dominic Leslie, Angus Ferguson, Mubeezi Lubinga, Mr Richard Snowden, Thabang Moephuli, Thomas Gibson, Benjamin Rebeck

1st XI: Mugabi Lubinga;

McDonald Trophy for the Playersâ\200\231 Player: Mubeezi Lubinga Cornwall Hill College Won 1
 Dowie Family Trophy â\200\224 for skill, sportsmanship, service and Crawford College Lomehill Won 5 0
 humility: Thabang Moephuli ; .
 Fraser Scott Trophy for the Player of the Season: Mubeezi St Albanâ\200\231s College, Pretoria = Won 2 1
 Lubinga Durban High School Won 5 1
 St Charles College Won 3 2
 Hilton College Won 4 2
 Opposition Result PF PA
 Pposm " Northwood School Won 4 0
 Kearsney College Lost 1 4
 . . St John's College Lost 0 5
 Westville Boys' High School Won 2 1
 St Andrew's School Lost 1 2 Maritzburg College Lost 5 7
 St Benedict's College Lost 2 3 Clifton College Won 2 1
 Bishops Diocesan College Lost 1 2 Hilton College Lost 1 4

RUGBY

Master in Charge: Mr James Fleming

COACHES

First XV Head Coach: Mr James Fleming

Assitant: Mr Ryan Strudwick

Second XV: Mr Greg Muirhead

Assistant: Mr Olwethu Hugo

Third XV: Mr Brad Flanagan

Assistant: Mr Xillen van Rooyen

Fourth XV: Mr Paul McKay

Fifth XV: Mr Richard McMichael

Assistant: Mr Emmanuel Mkhize

Sixth XV: Mr Elmar de Klerk

U16A: Mr Andr   van Wyk

Assistant: Mr Xabiso Bika

U16B: Mr Righardt Kotze

U16C: Mr Leon Roets

Assistant: Mr Sims Xulu

U16D: Mr Ernest Rindfleisch

Assistant: Mr Mpa Msimang

UI15A: Mr George Ferriera

Assistant: Mr Sibs Neamani

UISB: Mr Dean Forword

UI5C: Mr Bernie Whitaker

Assistants: Mr Sibs Khanyile, Mr Bradley McManus

U14A: Mr Peter Stevens

Assistant: Mr Lodewyk Vosloo

UI14B: Mr Clint Sliedrecht

Assistant: Mr Sihle Mdladla

U14C: Mr Herman Visagie

Assistant: Mr Chris Waldburger

AWARDS

Honours: Dane Fisher, Andrew Holt, Christian Opperman

Colours: Seun Afolayan, Liam Friend, James Moodie,
Thami Zakwe

Half Colours: Michael Brownlee, Daniel Dillon, Liam
England, Brandon Jewell, Michael Gomes, Torin
Mecklenborg, Mpho Mthethwa, Luc Pousson, Lance
Reynolds, Luke Taylor

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal U18 A: Dane Fisher

KwaZulu-Natal U18 Academy XV: Andrew Holt, Christian
Opperman

KwaZulu-Natal Executive Committee: Mr Andr   van Wyk
KwaZulu-Natal Craven Week Assistant Coach: Mr Sam
Mofokeng

SPECIAL AWARDS

Brett Davidson Most Improved Player: Mpho Mthethwa
Floyd Patterson Stripes Trophy: James Kiln

Jonathan Shedlock Memorial Trophy: Michael Gomes

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Pat Lambie Player of the Year Trophy: Andrew Holt

Pat Cilliers Most Valuable Player: Christian Opperman
Kevin King U16 Most Valuable Player: Mark Grant

Ruan Combrinck U15 Most Valuable Player: Connor Sesink-Clee

Ross Cronje U14 Most Valuable Player: Rupert Hechter

fire for many reasons and one that will not be remem-

bered as one of our finest. It was also one of change, having said goodbye to Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mr Michael Schwartz and Mr André van Wyk, all of whom had played major roles in the success of rugby at Michaelhouse.

TE 2018 Michaelhouse rugby season was a baptism of

The U14s battled, with the As the only team in the age group to register any wins, four in total. They will require a lot of attention, introspection and hard work next season. The U15s made some good progress, especially the As who showed great potential in winning six games compared to only two in 2017. The U16s were the most successful age group in the School with their A side winning eight of their 13 games. The seniors averaged about a 50% win ratio barring the firsts who managed only 33%, which was a real disappointment.

What is most important to me is how we bounce back. To do that requires us firstly to diagnose the key challenges that we face and then put into place coherent actions to address these. I do expect to look back in years to come and reflect on how the 2018 season was exactly what we needed to kick-start another successful era of Michaelhouse rugby.

It is quite clear that Michaelhouse is not a rugby school, but a school that plays rugby. So while we may never compete with top-tier rugby schools like Grey Bloem and Paarl Boys, we certainly need to be able to compete on an equal footing with rivals more similar to us. Michaelhouse do not recruit aggressively and therefore need to focus hard on developing the boys we have. The key challenge is to strive to be the best we can be at our coaching and conditioning.

By coaching, I mean we need to understand and implement a style of play that is suited to our boys.

I believe that Michaelhouse should be looking to play a skilled and intelligent style of rugby at high tempo. We need to lay the foundations for this at U14 level and add layers over the subsequent age groups through to the Opens.

We will be introducing a new system of specialist coaches from 2019, so that every team through the school receives the same message. The key areas are the scrum, lineout, defence, breakdown and ball-handling skills, all essential to playing the game successfully. Scrum and tackle technique are also critical to ensure player safety and will be a priority.

Conditioning is the other area that needs addressing, not only

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to be able to compete for the full duration of a game, but also to have the confidence and strength to take on the opposition. There was a very concerning trend of poor results and high injury counts at the beginning of the season, which I attribute to a lack of game readiness, and again when we took on Hilton and Maritzburg College who quite simply were far stronger than we were. Boys, like anyone, will take the path of least resistance, so we need to instil in them the discipline to study, train and play hard instead of reverting to a couch, ipad or mobile phone. Already, we have made significant inroads in conditioning this term, and I am enormously encouraged by the turnout and effort put into training during the Christmas

RUGBY 2018

Team Played Won Drawn

Ist XV 15 5 0
 2nd XV 11 5 0
 3rd XV 10 5 0
 4th XV 10 5 0
 5th XV 9 5 0
 6th XV 3 0 0
 U16A 13 8 0
 U16B 10 6 0
 U16C 6 2 0
 U16D 5 1 0
 UI5A 13 6 0
 U15B 10 4 0
 UI15C 9 3 0
 U14A 15 4 1
 U14B 10 0 0
 U14C 7 0 0
 Total 156 59 1

Quarter, particularly from next yearâ\200\231s U16 and Open age groups. This bodes well for 2019.

I strongly believe that rugby is a phenomenal tool to develop and test a young manâ\200\231s courage, character, communication and decision-making under pressure, as well as the ability to work within a team environment, all key components in their education. Itâ\200\231s never fun losing, and training hard and achieving oneâ\200\231s goals requires effort. Once we are comfortable being uncomfortable, our rugby results will be much more desirable and we will be producing young men that will be much better equipped to take on the challenges that life presents them.

Lost PF PA Win Ratio

10 276 390 33%
 6 298 210 45%
 5 299 171 50%
 5 293 230 50%
 4 208 240 56%
 3 22 99 0%

5 374 241 62%
 4 237 211 60%
 4 146 164 33%
 4 66 156 20%
 7 310 250 46%
 6 152 287 40%
 6 206 252 33%
 10 173 486 26%
 10 57 415 0%
 7 79 266 0%
 96 3196 4068 35%

FIRST XV

Head Coach: Mr James Fleming

First Team: Brandon Jewell, Luke Taylor, Daniel Dillon, Oluwaseun Afolayan, James Moodie, Liam Friend, Liam England, Christopher Hardie, Torin-Scott Mecklenborg, Michael Gomes, Thamsanqa Zakwe, Philip Thomas, Luc Pousson, Lance Reynolds, Mpho Mthethwa, Michael Brownlee, Dane Fisher, Mr Ryan Strudwick, Christian Opperman, Mr James Fleming, Andrew Holt, Mr Jason Wulfsohn

Captain: Christian Opperman

counts. There was a change in coaching personnel be-

T: First XV endured a tough 2018 season on many fore and during the season as well as a hurried transi-

tion from summer into winter sports, which left the team on the back foot from the outset. Once the season kicked off, it felt like we were on a runaway train and it was very difficult to put on the brakes or change direction. The results unfortunately tell the story.

This report seeks to look at the positives from the season, with a view to learning from our mistakes to ensure we don't allow history to repeat itself.

It was my first season in charge and one of mixed emotions. I had the pleasure of working with and getting to know a group

Fourth Row: Brandon Jewell, Luke Taylor, Daniel Dillon, Oluwaseun Afolayan, James Moodie, Liam Friend, Liam England
Third Row: Christopher Hardie, Torin-Scott Mecklenborg,
Second Row: Michael Gomes, Thamsanqa Zakwe, Philip Thomas, Luc Pousson, Lance Reynolds, Mpho Mthethwa
First Row (seated): Michael Brownlee, Dane Fisher, Mr Ryan Strudwick, Christian Opperman, Mr James Fleming,
Andrew Holt, Mr Jason Wulfsohn

of fine young men, a real perk of my job. I just wish Iâ\200\231d had the opportunity to meet them a few years back. The downside was seeing them giving of their best and not getting the results they so desperately wanted. It is not easy to keep picking oneself up after a string of defeats and going into battle again only to suffer the same fate. A huge amount of credit has to go to Christian Opperman who lead from the front in extremely trying circumstances.

The season can be broken down into four chapters. The first being the two first term games and the St Stithianâ\200\231s Festival, which we unfortunately started with five defeats on the trot. While we never really looked like we would win any of the Kearsney, Westville, SACS and St Andrewâ\200\231s games, we were not badly beaten. It was only in the Bishops match that we were completely outclassed.

It was quite clear that the team needed to be fitter and stronger to compete, so we revved the engines much harder at the start of the second term and definitely saw an improvement in our performances. We lost to DHS away â\200\224 again not badly â\200\224 and then picked up our first win of the season against St Charles on Meadows. The game was a real arm wrestle before we scored three tries in the space of ten minutes to secure the win. It was more a feeling of relief than elation for the team and came at just the right time before our first Hilton game, at home.

Hilton were already on a roll and looked ominous. Our boys were up for the challenge, perhaps not with the inner belief that they could win, but certainly that they could put up a fight â\200\224and that they did. The final score of 22-5 to Hilton sadly did not feel like a true reflection of how the team had performed. I felt we were running Hilton ragged for large parts of the game, but regretfully we were just unable to score. We missed a few

key chances, whereas Brad Macleod-Henderson's boys were clinical and took theirs.

The next fixture was Northwood at home, which unfortunately was called off due to lightning. We will never know what would have transpired, but I do know that it cost us in terms of momentum and match sharpness as we had three weeks before St John's visited us.

The St John's game was the start of the third chapter. We were horribly off the boil and taught a rugby lesson by a team that could do little wrong on the day. It was a humiliation on Meadows that I believe kicked the team into action. Again I emphasize how difficult it is to pick oneself up after a disappointing season and a defeat like that, but the team earned great respect in my eyes for the way they dug deep to finish the season with their heads held high. We narrowly lost 27-23 to Maritzburg College on Meadows (which felt like the one that got away) and then just beat a really good Clifton side 33-31, twice coming back from being two scores down.

The final game of the regular season was the return Hilton game. The hosts were unbeaten and we had won only two games, yet I genuinely felt we could surprise them on the day. The team had trained really well, was extremely focussed and we had worked out a game plan that we believed could topple Hilton. We were on the front foot for most of the first half despite going into the break 10-6 down. It felt like something special could happen out there. But that was not to be, as the very clinical Hilton side ground us down in the second half, scoring three penalties and a try before Christian Opperman ended the game by scoring in front of the Michaelhouse boys. We lost 26-11 but were certainly not disgraced.

So how many positives can one draw from a season with two wins out of 12? Not many, one would think, yet there certainly were. Firstly, the way the team rallied together to win those two games after five defeats on the trot, came so close to beating College and pushed an unbeaten Hilton team twice. Secondly, there were some star performers who were rewarded with KZN Schools colours. Andrew Holt at loosehead was immense, incredibly competitive and courageous, and Christian Opperman, a fantastic player and leader as well as our top try scorer, made the Sharks Academy side. Dane Fisher was exceptional at outside centre, having returned from shoulder surgery, and was selected for the Sharks Craven Week team, only to miss out due to a concussion in the College game. A real disappointment for Dane and us all.

A couple of others deserve mentioning: Michael Gomes missed out on provincial trials and the end of the season due to a knee injury, but was exceptional on the right wing; Mpho Mthethwa for the way in which he developed as a lineout thrower during the season. This is one of the most pressurized roles in rugby and not only did he overcome the yips, but he ended the season with a near perfect record, not unlike his general play - a real testament to his character and work ethic.

Another real positive for me was how some of the younger

players settled into the team. We ended the final fixture of the regular season with five B Blockers as starters, with James Moodie and Thami Zakwe having played in all but one of the games. This bodes well for 2019.

The final chapter of the season was the Independent Schools, Festival in Grahamstown hosted by Kingswood in the June

holidays. We travelled down with a very young side lead by Luke Taylor with a view to enjoying ourselves and providing an opportunity to the next generation of Michaelhouse boys. The team played some brilliant rugby and ended up finishing the tournament unbeaten, with wins over St Stithian's, St Alban's and St David's.

So a tough season ended on a high with much to look forward to. We have identified the boys' conditioning and core skills as real work-ons for 2019 and will be significantly better prepared. Rugby is a sport that tests many aspects of one's character and I firmly believe the experiences of this season will leave the boys much richer for it.

Thanks to the team, my assistant coach Mr Ryan Strudwick, trainer Mr Jason Wulfson and physio Miss Kirsty Marsh for all their hard work and dedication.

FIRST XV

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
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10 March	Kearsney College	Lost	17-27
17 March	Westville Boys' High	Lost	20-31
29 March	St Andrew's College	Lost	15-24
31 March	SACS	Lost	17-27
02 April	Bishops	Lost	12-40
21 April	DHS	Lost	14-27
28 April	St Charles College	Won	29-17
05 May	Hilton College	Lost	5-22
12 May	Northwood College	No Result	
26 May	St John's College	Lost	10-43
02 June	Maritzburg College	Lost	23-27
09 June	Clifton College	Won	33-31
16 June	Hilton College	Lost	11-26
23 June	St Stithians College	Won	22-17
25 June	St Alban's College	Won	15-12
27 June	St David's College	Won	33-19

SEVENS RUGBY

COACHES

First VU: Mr Xabiso Bika
Second VII: Mr Greg Muirhead
Junior VI: Mr Ryan Strudwick
Conditioning: Mr Jason Wulfson
Captain: Andrew Holt

AWARDS

Honours: James Moodie
Colours: James Murray

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

Sharks U17 VII: James Moodie

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mark Richards Most Valuable Player: James Murray

he sevens season brought a breath of fresh air to Bal-
| gowan as the Michaelmas Quarter began. The sport is
growing rapidly at schoolboy level, with more festi-
vals popping up and more boys choosing to play the sport.

The season is a short one with only six weekends, and most
festivals host just the first VII teams and occasionally juniors
(U14 and U15).

Michaelhouse played in four festivals and we also started a
series of friendlies with Hilton and St Charles, with each school
hosting a mini tournament. These proved to be a huge success
and we plan to continue them next season.

Where we struggled with fifteens, the sevens sides had much
more success and we enjoyed a fantastic season. The game is
much faster and relies on high levels of fitness and skills, which
suited our players, many of whom were perhaps a little slight
for the full version of the game. It was also very pleasing to
see the boys of different age groups bonding while training and
playing together.

The first VII kicked off the season with a nail-biting 15-12 win
over Kearsney to lift the Crawford Festival trophy while the
second VII and juniors played in a friendly at Hilton with mixed
fortunes. The second festival was hosted by Clifton College
and we travelled down with all three teams. The first VI
unfortunately suffered their first loss of the season to Hilton in
the semi-finals, while the seconds beat St Henry's convincingly
in the Shield Final. The juniors lost two close games and had
a couple of big wins, which gave them the confidence they
needed from which to grow.

The following two weekends were friendlies, the first hosted
by St Charles, and the next by Michaelhouse, which coincided
with our Grandparents' Day and was a wonderful occasion on
Baileys. The firsts were unbeaten over both weekends, including
victories over Kearsney, Hilton and St Charles. The seconds and
juniors again had mixed results, but continued to develop and
played some great rugby, which was extremely pleasing to see.

The first VII travelled to Vryheid to play in the Pioneer Festival the weekend after half-term and performed admirably, winning four of their six games and losing to HTS Middleburg in the Shield Final with only seven fit players remaining. The last festival of the season was the Skonk Nicholson Festival hosted by Maritzburg College. It was an U17 and U15 tournament and also served as KZN Schools trials. The firsts unfortunately lost to both College and Hilton before going on to win the Shield Final by beating Clifton 29-10. The juniors continued to improve and beat Kearsney, St Charles and Westville, only losing to College in the final.

The season was a very enjoyable and rewarding one. It was extremely satisfying to see how the boys grew in confidence and their games developed over the six weeks. The seniors produced some brilliant rugby and great results while the juniors improved every week. I believe that sevens is the ideal way to enhance the game of rugby at Michaelhouse and have no doubt that we will see the benefit of this season in the years to come.

Congratulations to James Moodie for being selected to play for KZN Schools VIIs in Potchefstroom and a big thank you to the coaches and Mr Wulfson for their energy and effort.

SEVENS 2018

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P Ww D L Ratio

1st VII 25 19 1 5 716%

2nd VII 11 5 0 6 45%

Junior VII 18 7 0 11 39%

NORTON OR BROWNLEE GOT THE
ROUGHEST OF DECISIONS WITH AN LBW, ONLY TO
CONDUCT HIMSELF WITH EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR.
WHICHEVER ONE IT WAS, HE DESERVES PRAISE.
IT WAS A SHOCKER!

Headmaster of a major feeder school

SOCCKER

Master in Charge: Mr Chris van der Berg

COACHES

First XI: Mr Chris van der Berg, Mr Joshua Knipp

Second XI: Mr Sam Mofokeng

Third XI: Mr Ryan van Wyk, Mr Richard McMichael

Fourth XI: Mr Sibonelo Khanyile

Fifth XI: Mr Siphesihle Mdladla

Sixth XI: Mr Leon Roets

Seventh XI: Mr Sabelo Sithole, Mr Emmanuel Mkhize

Eigth XI: Mr Msizi Mchunu

Ninth XI: Mr Liam Boshoff

UI16A: Mr Ian Crawford

U16B: Mr Simphiwe Xulu

U16C: Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwana

UI16D: Mr Clint Sliedrecht

UI16E: Mr Bernie Whitaker

UISA: Mr Sibs Neamani

U15B: Mr Sizo Chalufu

U15C: Mr Mparama Msimang

U15D: Mr Gareth van Wyk

U15E: Mr Bongani Khumalo

UISF: Alex Harel

UI4A: Mr Tim Jarvis

UI14B: Mr Ernest Rindfleisch

U14C: Mr Mduduze Mthembu

U14D: Mr Olwethu Hugo

U14E: Mr Paul McKay

UI14F: Tristan Vermeulen

AWARDS

Colours: Noah Stanger, James Gush, Gomolemo Mangena,

Lwandile Ngcobo, Siphokuhle Mokoena

Half Colours: Erik Serton, Siyanda Mkhize, Michael Bradford

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal U19A: Thabo Dlamini

KwaZulu-Natal U16A: Michael Bradford, Michael Ross,
Jarred Meiring

KwaZulu-Natal UI5A: Alex Vermeulen

KwaZulu-Natal U15B: Jason Morby-Smith

SOCCER 2018

Team Played Won Draw Lost

1st XI 17 11 1 5

2nd XI 6 1 3 2

3rd XI 6 3 2 1

4th XI 5 2 0 3

5th XI 5 2 0 3

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TROPHY WINNERS

Impact player of the season: Langa Mgeyane

Team spirit award: Levin Kamau

Most improved player: Noah Stanger

Player of the season: Thabo Dlamini

Playersâ\200\231 player of the season: Thabo Dlamini
occer has retained its unique nature. The boys were keen
S: play after the disappointing winter sport season. We
were able to field 25 teams (as opposed to 23 last year)
on any given Saturday and the boys enjoyed the more relaxed
atmosphere of the soccer season. It remains a massive chal-
lenge to get all the teams to play every weekend, as most other
schools simply canâ\200\231t match us with the number of teams.

From a result perspective, we had a good season overall. Overall
statistics look as follows: we played 139 games in total, won 66,
drew 22 and lost 51. This means that we won or drew 63% of the
games we played. I think that may be regarded as a successful season.

We dominated against Northwood, Kearsney and Kloof, shared
the spoils with Hilton and only came second against Westville.

The first XI statistics read as follows: played 17, won 11, drew
1, lost 5, GF 39, GA 24. Pride has been restored and I am
optimistic that the future is bright when it comes to the first XI.

Six boys were selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal in their
respective age groups: Thabo Dlamini (U19A), Michael Bradford
(U16A), Jarred Meiring (U16A), Michael Ross (U16A), Alex
Vermeulen (UIS5A) and Jason Morby-Smith (U15B). Alex
Vermeulen won the golden boot for most goals scored at their
tournament (for the second year in a row) and both the U15 and
16 sides won their tournaments. I am also pleased to report that Mr
Tristan Vermeulen was part of the coaching staff of the U15 side.

The future looks bright. We are unfortunately losing Josh Knipp at
the end of the year. He has been a magnificent first team coach and it
wonâ\200\231t be easy to replace him. He will definitely be missed next year.
I want to thank him for his wonderful efforts and wish him well for
his future. May we never be on opposing sides on the football field!

A final word of thanks to all the coaches and players involved. I
so enjoyed the smiles on your faces after a good practice session
or a good win on a Saturday. You guys make the sport what it is
and I can never thank you enough for the part you play.

PF PA PD Win Ratio
39 24 15 65%

8 7 1 17%
14 6 8 50%
6 11 -5 40%
9 7 2 40%

6th XI
7th XI
8th XI
9th XI
U16A
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U16D
U16E
UI5A
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16 -7 20%

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10 -4 0%
13 5 8 100%
7 6 38%
13 7 6 50%
22 2 20 80%
7 6 1 33%
6 8 -2 33%
18 18 27%
14 7 7 67%
13 16 -3 33%
15 9 6 50%
22 6 16 75%
9 6 50%
20 11 9 71%
15 11 4 50%
16 12 4 67%
13 12 1 50%
12 11 1 25%
333 244 89 48%

FIRST XI SOCCER

Coaches: Mr Chris van der Berg, Mr Josh Knipp

Captain: Mubeezi Lubinga

First Team: Noah Stanger, Michael Gomes, Michael Bradford, Siyanda Mkhize, Eric Serton, Nick Crampton, James Gush, Gomo Mangena, Gift Mokoena, Levin Kamau, Mubeezi Lubinga, Thabo Dlamini, Lwandile Ngcobo, Langa Mgeyane, Gareth Kemp, Thomas Bradford, Takalani Tshivhase, Luc Pousson, Kopano Leeuw

When we started preseason training midway through the second term, Josh and I immediately noticed that we had the players to play a more attacking brand of

football this season. We got very excited about the talented squad we had.

The anticipation kept building and the first fixture (Northwood, who had convincingly beaten us 2-0 last year) could not come soon enough. The goal was to restore some pride after the underwhelming winter sports season and the phrase, 'the pride of Michaelhouse', was heard frequently in the build-up. Five guys made their debut and we won the game 2-0. Revenge was sweet.

Next we had Kearsney at home. Because this was our first match against Kearsney since the bus accident that claimed Themba Dloti's life, we invited his mom and dad to attend the match as a way of saying that we haven't forgotten their son. We handed

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over a signed first-team shirt to the Dlotis, had a minute's silence and then it was time for the match. At half-time the score was 0-0, but then the boys changed gears and delivered a sublime half of football to give us a 4-0 win, with James, Levin, Gift and Langa (minutes after coming on to make his debut) grabbing the goals.

Then it was off to the St David's Cup Tournament in Johannesburg and we were very optimistic about our chances to win the tournament. We started with an exciting 3-2 win against Sutherland, with James and Thabo scoring and Langa grabbing a late winner.

Prestige destroyed us in the next game (0-4) and made it very unlikely for us to go through to the next round. We were completely outplayed and have no excuses for a poor performance. Luc made his debut in this game.

On day two we faced an excellent Grey College team and drew 2-2 in a game of the highest quality. I was extremely impressed with the heart the boys showed in this game. After leading 1-0, we went 2-1 down, but managed to get the equaliser with five minutes to go (Levin and Mubeezi scored the goals). It meant we had to play in the plate competition and we destroyed St Peter's College 5-0 in the plate quarter-final. James (2), Thabo (2) and Gareth got on to the scoresheet.

On the final day there were no linesmen and two goals scored from offside positions resulted in a 2-3 loss to St John's College (Nick

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SOCCER 1ST TEAM

Back Row: Erik Serton, Noah Stanger, Nkosâ\200\231yelanga Mgeyane, Nicholas Crampton, Luc Pousson, Gomolemo Mangena

Middle Row: Takalani Tshivhase, Lwandile Ngcobo, Kopano Leeuw, James Gush, Gareth Kemp, Siyanda Mkhize

Front Row (seated): Siphokuhle Mokoena, Michael Gomes, Mubeezi Lubinga, Mr Chris van der Berg, Levin Kamau,

Thomas Bradford,

and Mubeezi scored our goals). We beat St Stithians 3-2 in our last game at the tournament, with Levin and Langa (2) scoring for us.

Back home, we had to put the disappointment behind us to start preparing for the battle with our arch rivals: Hilton College. We had not beaten them at first-team level for nine years and that was all the motivation the boys required. The boys were quietly confident in the build-up to the match. It was not a vintage performance. The Hilton boys were up for the fight and I felt we were fortunate to be 2-0 up at half-time (thanks to goals by Mubeezi and Thabo). The Hilton team upped the tempo and ten minutes into the second half, the score was 2-2. We put 16-year-old birthday boy Gareth Kemp on and with five minutes left, he scored to make it 3-2. Hilton did not stop coming and Noah made a magnificent save to protect our lead and give us the victory. The Hilton coach was in tears. It was a very exciting game of football and Josh and I could not stop smiling for days.

The next weekend was all about the Maritzburg Cup: seven games in three days, with all kinds of complications (Matric exams, a B Block excursion to Johannesburg, a player in England, a difficult pool, etc.). We beat Treverton 3-0 on the Friday courtesy of two

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Thabo Dlamini

Thabo Dlamini goals and an own goal, but then the second-game curse struck again and we lost 1-3 against Alex in a game where we got â\200\234Neymaredâ\200\235 with a referee getting deceived time after time by players falling on the ground and crying out in anguish.

On the Saturday we lost 2-3 to Carter (goals for Langa and Gift) in what was a good game of football. A couple of lapses in concentration at the back cost us and the result was a fair one. We then beat Hillcrest 1-0 in our final pool match, with Langa scoring the winner in the dying seconds.

The result was that we found ourselves in the Plate Competition yet again. Credit to the boys, who rallied together and finished with three wins to win the Plate Trophy: 3-0 vs Raisethorpe (Levin and Langa (2) scoring), 2-0 vs Howick (Thabo scoring both) and 1-0 in the final versus Greytown (Thabo scored the goal of the season).

The last match of the season was an away match against Westville: probably our toughest opponents in KwaZulu-Natal. After a week that focused mainly on recovery, we travelled to Durban and had to dig deep against a very motivated Westville

side. We drew level twice in a tough game, but ended up conceding in the last three minutes to lose 2-3 a fair reflection of what happened on the pitch. And then it was over...much too quickly. I want to thank Josh and the players for their hard work, commitment and sacrifice. You are a special bunch of young men and it was a real honour to work with you guys.

Overall statistics look as follows: played 17, won 11, drew 1, lost 4, goals for 37, goals against 21. Thabo Dlamini was the top goal scorer of the season with ten goals, with Langa Mgeyane and James Gush hot on his heels with seven and six. I also have to mention the eight clean sheets we kept this season. It makes for decent reading and pride has been restored. Audere est facere.

FIRST XI 2018

Northwood School Won 2-0
Kearsney College Won 4-0
Sutherland High School Won 3-2

Prestige College Lost 0-4
Grey College Draw 2-2
St Peter's College Won 5-0
St John's College Lost 2-3
St Stithian's College Won 3-2
Hilton College Won 3-2
Treverton College Won 3-0
Alexandra High School Lost 1-3
Carter High Lost 2-3
Hillcrest High School Won 1-0
Raisethorpe Won 3-0
Howick High Won 2-0
Greytown Won 1-0
Westville Boys' High School Lost 2-3

SQUASH

Master in Charge: Mr Peter Huntley

Coaches: Mr Peter Huntley, Mr Mike Thomson, Mrs Mary McMichael, Mr Colin White, Mr Dan Smith (consultant coach)

Captain: Dominic Leslie

AWARDS

Honours: Dominic Leslie
Colours: Kieran Benson
Half Colours: Brett Oellermann

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal U19A: Dominic Leslie
KwaZulu-Natal U19B: Kieran Benson
KwaZulu-Natal U16A: Kameran Jinnah
KwaZulu-Natal U16B: Richard Upfold

squash at Michaelhouse, as we had the Super 8 Schools

League, as well as the KwaZulu-Natal Preseason Tournament and the St Andrew's Festival which the first team attend. Our first team was in a fairly confident mood and looking forward to the tough challenge that awaited them.

T: first quarter, as always, was another busy one for

Our boys started off the year on a positive note, with a number of outstanding performances; beginning with the KwaZulu-Natal Preseason Tournament, where a good number of our boys participated. Special mention must be made of Dominic Leslie, Kieran Benson, Kameron Jinnah and Richard Upfold, who performed well in their respective age groups finishing in the top eight in the province.

The annual tour to Bloemfontein to participate in the prestigious St Andrew's Festival is always special and this year would be no different. This is the premier school squash festival in the country, with champion teams from every province participating and our young and relatively inexperienced team soon discovered the standard required to compete at the top level. Played in stifling heat, our results were a fair reflection of the team's abilities at this early stage of the season, claiming two wins and three losses in five tough matches.

Our domestic results were relatively pleasing in the Super 8 competition and again established us as frontrunners in KwaZulu-Natal. The focus in this first half of the year was almost entirely on the domestic front, with the ultimate goal for our leading players being a KZN Schools selection, but more importantly, our first team contesting the KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools Tournament.

The first quarter had ended on a very positive note with our first team campaign again proving to be very successful, with another high percentage of wins for the team. Our loss against the very wily Des Sacco's Jaguars still proved to be a morale booster; but far more valuable than that was the exposure to some of the great legends of South African squash and again the lessons learned were invaluable. This finished off a memorable Jaguars weekend in the Midlands and suggested that we would again be competitive in the KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools Tournament.

The KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools Tournament saw our first team eager to challenge for the title, although we were considered rank outsiders, especially by the powerful Maritzburg College team. Our highly motivated and fiercely determined team performed with exceptional tenacity and every single player

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Back Row: Mitchell Flanagan, Richard Upfold, Callum Houston, Raiffe Ingledew
Fornt Row (seated): Kameran Jinnah, Dominic Leslie, Mr Peter Huntley, Kieran Benson, Br
ett Oellermann

gave of his all. The College match was the crunch encounter
and by the end of Dominic Leslieâ\200\231s dismantling of the KZN
U19 number one player the match was as good as won â\200\224 a 5-0
victory was justly deserved. Kearsney were swept aside 4-1 and
Glenwood capitulated 2-3. The final was a monumental match
against Westville and sadly we squandered opportunities, to
lose the match and our KZN title 2-3 (9-10).

The Boysâ\200\231 Midlands Wednesday League, which sees our second
and U16 teams competing against a number of local schools was
very successful and both these sides unearthed some talented
players along the way. A good number of our top boys played in
various Menâ\200\231s League teams in the Midlands League and there is
no doubt that they benefitted greatly from this experience.

We also held a successful School Squash Championship, with
our 16 top boys participating in the Senior Championship.
Kieran Benson won his first School title, by beating Kameran
Jinnah, our D Block prodigy, in a hard-fought final â\200\224 and in so
doing claiming the Bradford Cup for the first time. This was an
amazing tournament, with a number of our supremely talented

youngsters showing off their talents in a very meaningful manner.

A most memorable first team squash dinner was held in the
Gathorne Pavilion on 26 August. Dominic Leslie was awarded
the Mike and Karen Short Trophy for sportsmanship, whilst
the Collen Family Trophy for the most improved player was
awarded to Kameran Jinnah. The Deon Royappen trophy,
for achievement and commitment to squash, was awarded to
Dominic Leslie. It was very special to have most parents in
attendance at the dinner, especially given the distances some
had to travel. All players who had regularly represented the first
team at either Super 8 or top-six level were awarded a citation
noting their contribution to the success of the team this year.

The fourth quarter sees high school squash played on a stayers
basis in KwaZulu-Natal. Our Open and U16 teams seemed to
indicate that we again have some good depth at our disposal
over the next few years, whilst our U14 crop has been stronger
than in recent times.

The stayers first team recorded some excellent results at the

tenth Wynberg Stayersâ\200\231 Festival winning two, drawing one and losing two matches. Once again this festival proved invaluable as a learning experience for our new team members. On the domestic front, we recorded a superb win over the Midlands Jesters team; always a memorable fixture against wily opponents. We wrapped up our year-long season with a fixture against St Charles College. (The team had only one C Blocker with the rest being D and E Blockers). Surely a good sign for the future.

It has been another rewarding year for Michaelhouse squash in general, thanks to the committed contributions of all our coaches:

Mary McMichael (U14) and Mike Thomson (U16), along with Colin White, who has stepped into the breach with our more social players. They have all added much to the success and enjoyment of our teams this year. I must make special mention of Daniel Smith (our consultant), who has spent a great deal of time working with a number of boys in his spare time, as well as stepping into the world of first-team tournaments. He has been a tremendous asset, providing both boys and staff with training routines and knowledge of the game. This team of coaches are all responsible for the tremendous squash culture that exists at Michaelhouse â\200\224 where winning comes as a result of enthusiasm and enjoyment. Long may this continue.

TENNIS

Master in Charge: Mr Herman Visagie

Coaches: Mr Herman Visagie, Mrs Win de Wet, Ms Lisa Hardie, Mrs Riette White, Mrs Tanith von Mayer, Mr Nico Boshoff, Mr Gareth Greenwood (professional coach)
Captain: William Norton

AWARDS

Honours: William Norton
Colours: Paul McLellan
Half Colours: Thomas Gibson, Thomas Trotter

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal U19A: William Norton

KwaZulu-Natal U19B: Paul McLellan

KwaZulu-Natal Midlands U19: William Norton, Paul McLellan

KwaZulu-Natal Midlands U15: Kameran Jinnah, Thomas Walters, Joshua Heath

e had another busy and successful tennis year. The W: began with the Denness League as well as the

Inland and KwaZulu-Natal tennis trials. In the second quarter, we played our annual fixture against St Johnâ\200\231s as well Inter-House tennis, while in the third quarter we played the Umgungundlovu League, the annual De Wet Cup and we took part in the Private Schoolsâ\200\231 Tennis Tournament in Sun City as well as the Hilton and St Anneâ\200\231s Doubles Tennis Tournament in Hilton. In the fourth quarter, we finished the School Championships and we had our annual tennis dinner along with fixtures against Westville and Glenwood.

In the first quarter, we entered four teams in the Denness League.

Unfortunately our first team did not manage to retain the trophy and ended up second, two points behind Hilton College. Our Inland and KZN trials also took place in the first quarter and you will see the names of our representatives at the top of the report, but a special mention should go out to Paul McLellan, who made the KZN U18B team and to our captain, William Norton, who not only represented but also captained the KZN U18A team.

The boys continued with the pleasing start to the year by beating St John's College for the second year in a row. This has always been a tough fixture as tennis usually takes a back-seat in the second quarter. However, they managed to practise once a week with Mr Gareth Greenwood in preparation for the big match and it paid off.

In the third quarter, we took part in the Umgungundlovu League. We entered six teams: four in the senior league and two in the junior league. This is an indication of the strength and depth of Michaelhouse tennis. The first team was undefeated once again, winning the senior league for the second year in a row, while our U15A team also won the junior league for the second year running.

After wrapping up the league, the top five ranked boys (excluding A Blockers) Tyler Grant, Luc Lenferena De La Motte, Joshua Heath, Gavin Veenstra and Adrien Fisher participated in the Private Schools Tennis Tournament at Sun City. There was much excitement as visiting Sun City is always a pleasure but the boys were also looking forward to some excellent tennis and they were not disappointed. The tennis proved to be tough but the boys acquitted themselves exceptionally well against some top players in the country. There were many highlights of the tournament but beating St David's, who had the number one ranked player in the country 4-3 on the second day of matches definitely stood out. The boys played some brilliant tennis causing some serious upsets. They were often complimented on their behaviour on and off the court and they are to be congratulated on being excellent ambassadors for tennis at Michaelhouse.

On their return our focus turned to arguably the biggest fixture of the year: the De Wet Cup. When we set tennis goals at the beginning of the year this is always at the top of our list and the boys did superbly well to win it for only the second time this year. We are still 2-6 down overall, but we have won two of the last three clashes and this is all thanks to the positive attitude as well as the time and effort these boys have been putting in on the courts throughout the year.

Michaelhouse was also invited to the annual Hilton and

Back Row: Paul McLellan, Thomas Gibson

Front Row (seated): William Norton, Mr Herman Visagie, Angus Ferguson

St Anne's Invitational Doubles Tournament that took place from Friday 21 September to Monday 24 September. The tournament consisted of three separate categories: Boys' Doubles; Girls' Doubles and Mixed Doubles. We were paired with St Mary's Kloof for the mixed doubles. This is a short report written by Riette White, who was in charge of the tour:

Michaelhouse had some tough competition on the first morning of tennis, taking on St John's College and losing 3-8. The mixed doubles vs St John's/Roedean also got off to a slow start, with matches level at 1-1 when the day's play was called off due to rain. After an afternoon's shopping at the Midlands Mall and a pizza evening with the St Mary's team, the boys seemed much more motivated on Sunday morning. Upon completion of the mixed contest vs St John's/Roedean, each team had won three matches, but Michaelhouse lost on a set count-out.

We won our next doubles fixture vs St Alban's 7-4, with Veenstra and Fisher pulling off a fantastic victory in their match by taking

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the second set in a tiebreak and clinching the third set super-tiebreak. The morale carried over into the mixed doubles, where we beat St Alban's/Clifton Pretoria by six matches to love.

In our doubles play-off match versus Hilton College, we narrowly lost by two matches to one, to be placed sixth in the tournament. Unfortunately, the mixed playoffs were cancelled due to inclement weather setting in on the final morning of the competition.

Overall it was an enjoyable, social tournament with excellent facilities, food and spirit. Thank you to all for supporting our boys.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter we finished off the junior and senior School Championships. Both finals were close as the top two ranked players in both the junior and senior sections made it to the final. We were treated to some fantastic tennis with Joshua Heath (E Block) and William Norton (A Block) walking away as the respective winners.

The fifth annual tennis dinner was held on 5 October and was attended by tennis staff, the top ten tennis players, and their parents. Mr Gareth Greenwood was the guest of honour and was thanked for the immense contribution he has made to Michaelhouse tennis over the last three years. Mr Greenwood will be leaving us at the end of the year as he and his family will be moving to Sweden. We wish them all the best for this new and exciting phase of their lives.

TROPHIES AWARDED

The ER de Villiers Trophy for the winner of the School Junior Championship: Joshua Heath

The Ted Tatz Memorial Trophy for the winner of the School Senior Championship: William Norton

The Strachan Trophy for the most improved player for 2018: Gavin Veenstra

The Richard Ashforth Trophy for service to tennis: Paul McLellan

We finished the year with matches against both Westville and Glenwood, which the boys managed to win convincingly to take our overall win ratio to 80% for the year. This is quite an achievement and the result of an extremely successful year on the tennis courts, and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making Michaelhouse tennis such a great success in 2018. I am very proud to be a part of the tennis fraternity.

DENNESS LEAGUE 2018

U19A

eye Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition = _ Opposition)

22 Jan A MHS A MHSB 12-6

29 Jan A MHS A_ Hilton B 18-0

05 Feb A MHS A_ HiltonA 8-10

26Feb A MHS A StCharlesA = 15-3

U19B

eye Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition _â\200\224 Opposition)

22 Jan A MHSB MHS A 6-12

29 Jan A MHSB College A 18-0

05 Feb A MHSB StCharlesA 12-6

12Feb A MHS B_ HiltonA 4-14

26Feb A MHS B_ Hilton B 18-0

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U19C

eye Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition _ Opposition)

29 Jan B MHSC StCharlesB 18-0

05 Feb B MHS C_ Howick A 12-6

26Feb B MHS C_ Hilton C 9-9

U19D

eye Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition ~ Opposition)

22 Jan C MHS D_ HermannsburgA_ 18-0

29 Jan C MHS D Wembley B 18-0

05 Feb C MHS D GraceA 18-0

12 Feb C MHS D_ Voortrekker A 12-6

26 Feb C MHS D_ Voortrekker B 18-0

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U19 LEAGUE 2018

MICHAELHOUSE A

Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition

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23 Jul A MHS A MHSB 31-13

30 Jul A MHSA StCharlesA 36-8

06Aug A MHS A_ Hilton A 23-21

13 Aug A MHS A_ Hilton B 30-14

27 Aug A MHSA_ College A 34-10

MICHAELHOUSE B

Date League Team Opposition Opposition)

23 Jul A MHS B MHSA 13-31

30 Jul A MHS B_ HiltonA 21-23

06Aug A MHS B_ Hilton B 26-18

13 Aug A MHSB College A 31-13

27Aug A MHSB StCharlesA 29-15

Score (Team

Date League Team Opposition â\200\224 Opposition)

Date League Team Opposition

23 Jul = B MHS C TrevertonA 32-12

30Jul B MHS C_ Howick A 29-15 24Jul A MHS A. St Charles A

06Aug B MHSC StCharlesB 33-11

31Jul A MHS A_ Hilton A

27 Aug B MHS C_ Hilton C 25-19

07 Aug A MHSA College A

Score

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Opposition)

Date League Team Opposition

30 Jul C MHS D Wembley A 25-19

06Aug C MHSD StCharlesC = 37-7 24Jul B MHS B_ Grace A

13 Aug C MHS D VoortrekkerA 31-13 31 Aug B MHS B St Charles B

27 Aug C MHS D _ VoortrekkerB 39-5 07 Aug B MHS B_ St Charles C

Michaelhouse: winners
of the 2018 De Wet Cup

Score (Team

â\200\224 Opposition)

27-17

18-26

23-21

Score (Team

â\200\224 Opposition)

39-5

26-18

37-7

MICHAELHOUSE LIFE

Daily life at Michaelhouse is constantly informed by the concept of high-quality pastoral care in the pursuit of an all-round education. The idea is to provide something to ignite every boy's enthusiasm and enable him to develop useful and lifelong interests. Broader involvement in all aspects of student life at Michaelhouse is encouraged and engenders a great sense of civic-mindedness and inclusion. Our timetable provides ample opportunity to take full advantage of the activities on offer. Daily routines are designed to encourage and allow our boys to expand their involvement beyond individual focus on just academics to sport, music, art, drama, community involvement, spiritual growth or simply taking time out to read a book, thereby ensuring a more open and balanced world view.

SCHLESINGER THEATRE

Master in Charge: Mr William le Cordeur
Staff: Mr Fish Ndlovu

AWARDS

D Redfern Trophy for the most promising junior performer:
Jason Williams

FS Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize for best actor: Hloni
Mapetla

WA van der Walt Dramatic Prize for best novice: Julian Daffy
Van Velden Trophy for the greatest contribution to School
Drama: Menzi Mbuyazi (Honours)

Another wonderful year of new and old creations have
seen the boards of the Schlesinger Theatre, with the
highlight being a play to remember the centenary of the
armistice of the Great War, the well-known musical entertain-
ment play, Oh, What a Lovely War.

The year began with new work. The introduction of the theatre
residency for C Block Drama students was an exciting way to
start. James Cairns and Taryn Bennett, two of South Africa's
leading physical theatre performers, worked with the new
Drama class to create a wonderfully entertaining production that
was shown to the boys of Michaelhouse during congregational

practice. They followed up their residency by performing their
extremely powerful adaptation of Paul Gallico's The Snow
Goose. Guests and boys were blown away by this classic story
retold through mask and imagination, in what set the mood for
a year of award-winning theatre.

The Cultural Week in March was the next major happening,
culminating a quarter's worth of work into a multi-disciplinary
week celebrating culture at Michaelhouse. A number of new
events were added this year as the highly successful event
continues to grow. A highlight was the professional show,
J.Bobs. Live: A Game Show, which was a fantastic mix of

theatre, stand-up comedy and game show genre by the talented Jefferson Tshabalala. The production was later to show on the main at the National Arts Festival, where it was awarded a Golden Ovation. The Inter-House events followed suit with the standard of all events developing into excellent entertainment. Debating and Public Speaking are growing in popularity, with Inter-House Music being a big hit with the boys once again. The Inter-House Drama can be more challenging, as boys often play for easy laughs with in-house jokes. This year saw some very good drama though, as I believe we are slowly growing the standard of this event. The winning House for Drama 2018 was Tatham, with runners-up East and Founders also putting in very commendable performances.

Jason Williams in â\200\234Oh,
What a Lovely Warâ\200\235

In May the Michaelhouse Festival of Music once again filled the Schlesinger Theatre to SRO (Standing Room Only). With all the main festival events taking place in the theatre this year, we were proud to welcome PJ Powers and the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as over 200 choristers and the legendary Kahn from The Parlotones. PJ Powers gave an extraordinary concert to open the festival, where she sang for the boys of Michaelhouse and told her story, which became a history lesson with humour and heart. Kahn played for the boys in the Pennington Quad in a real rock concert event and then joined PJ and the KZN Philharmonic on the final day in a mass sold-out concert in the Schlesinger Theatre. The Michaelhouse Festival of Music is a real celebration of musical culture and gives boys the chance to perform alongside professional music legends and gives audiences the chance to hear quality music, in quality venues.

Each year we host a murder-mystery dinner theatre, and although mostly for guests, some boys are invited to enjoy the event. This year Paul Spence and Annie Robinson performed another of their hit Strange Case series, with the Final Fling gaining many a laugh from keen detectives. Paul Spence has also begun to help the Schlesinger Theatre with an audience development programme through the creation of a drama club for adults. The Upstagers Dramatic Club, as it is named, began meeting in April 2018 and reading scripts. The first production directed and adapted by Paul and inspired by Agatha Christie, called The Diamond Snow, opened to great success in the July holidays. This was followed by a Chekov production in September,

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adapted by Paul and directed by Timothy Redpath. This hugely successful initiative is definitely bringing more people to theatre and growing a curiosity for stories in the Midlands.

The main School production, Oh, What a Lovely War opened in August with a very young cast. They all did brilliantly, with standout performances by Jason Williams, Julian Daffy and Hloni Mapetla. It is very exciting to see the talent in E Block, with a very promising group coming through who have a passion for the stage. The production is by Joan Littlewood and the Theatre Workshop in the UK, who developed the show as musical entertainment in 1967. Using projections from the First World War and telling the story through Pierrot clowns, songs and skits, the cast and live band brought the audience to tears. There were over 300 technical cues all controlled by boys in the Theatre Tech Society, with marvellous costumes by Mrs Candice Smith. Remembering the Great War in this way vitally shows the sacrifice that so many made, for so little reason, and really entertained young and old alike. The image of the young Eton boys marching with guns, off to sign up for service, surely echoes on the walls of the Memorial Hall, where the names of our Old Boys are engraved, those who answered the call to duty.

The year came to an end with Guy Buttery playing one of the most enchanting sets I have heard. Accompanied by sitar artist Dr Kanada Narahari, the audience were spell bound for the entire show. It was a calm and spiritual way to end off the year.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Exchange Co-ordinator: Mr Mike Thomson

Selection Committee: Ms Karin Moffat, Mr Matthew Higginson

Secretary: Mrs Caryl Ballance

year, with all our regular exchanges taking place, as well

as an exchange being rekindled with Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh. New exchanges between Michaelhouse and Brentwood College on Vancouver Island in Canada and Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange, NSW, Australia, were introduced. We also tried to set up an exchange with Blundells School in Devon in the UK, a school headed up by Mr Bart Wielenga, an old Michaelhouse teacher. Unfortunately this fell through at the

T: Overseas Exchange Programme has had another full

INCOMING 2018

Name	Surname	Qtr
Domingo	Lazo	Weiss 1
Ethan	Tan	2
Joshua	Fry	2
Kealan	Noone	2
Killian	Fitzpatrick	2
William	MacDonald	2
Austin	Cornelius	3
Cameron	MacKenzie	3
Joel	Elasty	3
Tom	Caine	3
Zach	Garfinkel	3
Caspar	Schumacher	4
Guy	Campbell	4
Sanjay	West	4
Jack	Wakem	4
Miller	King	3/4

OUTGOING 2018

Name	Surname	Qtr
Gary	Pitt	2
Jordon	Dobson	2
Kiyan	Singh	2
Michael	Gurney	2
Matthew	Henderson	2
James	Fleming	2
Sam	Frost	2
Nikhil	Iyer	2

last minute; however, it is still the intention of both schools to try and get something going. Further, we have had an approach from Radley College in Oxfordshire in England and we are working to try and make that exchange a reality as well.

Back at home, we continue to follow our programme of giving our visitors as much of a South African experience as we can and this entails them visiting Nambiti Game Reserve, and going on other excursions such as shark cage diving, hot air ballooning, and zip lining, as well as visits with our outreach staff to our partner schools and to the more impoverished areas of our community.

Those who have visited Michaelhouse or been out on exchange

for 2018 are listed in the table below.

School Country
Chase Foundation Chile
Christ Church Grammar School Australia
Christ Church Grammar School Australia
Clongowes Wood College Ireland
Clongowes Wood College Ireland
Brentwood College Canada
Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh
Scotch College, Melbourne Australia

Montgomery Bell Academy
Scotch College, Melbourne

United States
Australia

Montgomery Bell Academy United States
Wittelsbacher Gymnasium Germany
Canberra Grammar School Australia
Canberra Grammar School Australia
Kinross Wolaroi School Australia

Woodberry Forest, Virginia

United States

School Country
Clongowes Wood College Ireland
Brentwood College Canada

Chase Foundation South America
Trinity College School Canada
Clongowes Wood College Ireland

Eton College United Kingdom
Trinity College School Canada

Chase Foundation South America

Matthew Winn 2 Merchiston Castle School Scotland

Kieran Martin 3 Christ's College New Zealand

Luke Gammie 3 Christ's College New Zealand

Michael Brown 3 Scotch College Australia

Mark Grant 3 Scotch College Australia

Joshua Bergin 4 Christ Church Grammar School Australia

Michael Bradford 4 Wittelsbacher Gymnasium Germany

Mohale Mogale 4 Kinross Wolaroi School Australia

Michael Ross 4 Canberra Grammar School Australia

Nathan Bau 4 Montgomery Bell Academy United States of America

Ross Leslie 4 Canberra Grammar School Australia

Sean Ramsay 4 Montgomery Bell Academy United States of America

Tapiwa Chikwanda 4 Woodberry Forest School United States of America

Written by Mrs Candice Smith were bystanders speaking about this magical evening.

Following a great deal of preparation, fretting, thought, and

planning, I believe the Matric Ball lived up to anticipated

expectation. The theme was Metropolitan Gala, and I am
sure this event went down as a memorable red-carpet occasion
as it was labelled one of the most beautiful dances yet.

Over this year I have been privileged to hear the comments and
positive feedback from the gentlemen, partners and others that

There were many people involved in making this fantasy
come true, and their hard work produced something that was
truly exceptional. From the food, the invitations and decor, to
organising logistics, the gifts on the tables and the clean up the
day after, the night was everything we could imagine.

This A Block Dance will always be remembered with fondness
and pride.

SANATORIUM

Sister in Charge: Sr Avis Coxon

Staff: Sr Debbie Hayes, Sr Alex McManus

Part-time staff: Mrs Jilly Brewitt, Ms Tracelle Caine
Support Staff: Mrs Mae Villar-Stickley, Mr Elias Benghu,
Mrs Joyce Khumalo

We continue to strive to introduce processes that enable us to deal with emergencies and the usual annual peaks of illness and the ever-challenging rugby and hockey season. This enables us to ensure that we have sufficient stock of medication and strapping and the correct

womanpower available to help deal with the boys who visit the San.

Alex McManus successfully completed the medicine dispensing course and Debbie Hayes did her refresher training in first aid. Jill Brewitt represented Michaelhouse at the annual San Sisters Conference, which was not held in our half-term break so the

other sisters were unable to attend.

James Fleming, our newly appointed Head of Sport Medicine, joined the San team in January 2018. Although the San staff treat the injuries when they occur, the boys are then booked for assessment by James to ensure they receive either physiotherapy or biokinetics quickly, so that they are able to heal as soon as possible. The legislation governing what will be covered by school insurance will be changing in South Africa, although the timelines are unclear. James assesses the boys in order to establish whether the pain is caused by repetitive strain or an unforeseen incident. James is working closely with Kirsten Venning and Kirsty Marsh, our physiotherapists, and Paul Candler, our biokineticist, to ensure that boys are fit and healthy again. James has also established a junior and senior conditioning club. Tailored programmes are created for the boys by the fitness coaches to ensure that they do not lose fitness whilst they are injured.

SOCIALS

Written by Mr Peter Huntley

Over this year and the junior boys in particular (D and E

Block) attended a number of socials at all of the girls' schools in the greater Pietermaritzburg area. Unfortunately, a continuing trend with our boys seems to be cold feet syndrome and they often renege at the last minute. This continues to be a thorny issue for the Housemasters.

The socials programme, as always, proved to be a busy

Our busy calendar opened with the Polar Bear Day, an away fixture in 2018; a joint undertaking with St Anne's which involves the E Block and St Anne's Grade 8s in a very light-hearted icebreaker of sorts, which is most capably run by the School Prefects and often sows the seeds of friendships that last way past the five years of senior school. By and large most of the socials are aimed at our junior Blocks, with St Anne's, The Wykeham Collegiate and St John's DSG hosting

a number 224 ranging from karaoke nights, to U Parties. We have fostered a good relationship with these schools and will look to maintain this in the years ahead. Gratitude must go to our intern staff who willingly give of themselves as chaperones for these occasions.

Our senior boys continue to attend many Grade 11 and 12 formal functions at various girls' schools, clearly a comment of sorts on the quality of our young men. The logistics involved in ferrying boys to and from these commitments often presents major challenges, especially as most of them take place on

Friday nights. The ever-increasing requirement that boys attend the pre-drinks function, photo shoots and the inevitable after party often leads to the need for compromise in certain areas. It is clear that, in certain cases, the after party and pre drinks are far more important than the dance itself. This in itself is a cause for concern.

In addition to the Matric Ball, the B Block also enjoyed a formal dinner and dance, in preparation perhaps for the real thing, whilst over 90 boys attended the Friday rehearsals leading up to the Chanel Ball, hosted by St Anne's. The full programme involved instruction in a number of formal dance styles from the waltz through to the foxtrot and expressive South American numbers. Boys also learned about the etiquette involved in such formal occasions, as well as the art of fine conversation. A refreshingly new approach provided by the St Anne's senior staff, ensured that the whole programme was thoroughly enjoyed by boys and girls alike and this culminated in the actual ball being a great success. Our boys were complimented on their excellent form.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in making the socials year a success; in particular Caryl Ballance, our key administrator and liaison person, Shy Bhugwandeem for handling the transport requirements so efficiently, and Johan van Rooyen and Karin Moffat, who assisted so ably as chaperones, bus managers and general go-to supervisors for the Chanel programme.

SPECIAL AWARDS

From left: James Kiln (Nick Crow Good Fellowship Award), Michael Buxton-Tetteh (The Rex and Sarah Pennington Award) and Banele Sithole (Chick Henderson Memorial Award)

NICK CROW GOOD FELLOWSHIP AWARD

This award is made each year to a Matric boy who the A Block body judge to have displayed the qualities and attributes of all-round good fellowship. The recipient is decided by a ballot taken by all Matric boys. The award may be given to any A Block boy who does not hold the office of School Prefect. The award is presented annually at the Leavers' Dinner. In 2018, James Kiln, who was a House Prefect in Farfield, was a most popular and worthy recipient.

THE REX AND SARAH PENNINGTON AWARD

The Rex and Sarah Pennington Award was presented for the first time on Speech Day in 2014. The award is made in recognition of a boy entering A Block who, in the opinion of his teachers and peers, demonstrates the following outstanding qualities during the years leading up to his Matric year:

A willingness to participate and become involved in all School activities

* Service to the School and others
* Kindness and generosity of spirit
* Strong and active personal faith

* A sense of values and the courage to live by them

Michael Buxton-Tetteh was 2018's winner.

CHICK HENDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Banele Sithole is 2018's recipient of this award, which is presented to a C Block boy who has displayed excellent sporting and academic potential, coupled with active involvement in the School's Service programme. The recipient should also demonstrate a strong sense of sportsmanship and comradeship towards peers and staff.

IT IS CERTAINLY AN INCREDIBLY SPECIAL SCHOOL, WITH A VERY HAPPY ATMOSPHERE, WHICH WE COULD FEEL AND MOST IMPORTANTLY JAMES ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT.

Prospective family

HOUSE REPORTS

Central to the Michaelhouse experience is the House system, with each House being home to

approximately 70 boys. There are eight Houses, each one in the care of a Housemaster who

is supported by a management team consisting of an assistant Housemaster, House Tutors, a

Home Room Teacher and a Prefect body. Together they are responsible for facilitating a nurturing

and structured environment where every boy can feel secure and valued. Houses are the focal

point of group identity, friendship and relaxation, and have a healthy rivalry in sporting, cultural and academic arenas.

FOUNDERS

Written by Michael Herbert

Housemaster: Mr Dean Forword

Assistant Housemaster: Mr Chris Waldburger

House Tutors: Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane, Mr Leon Roets, Mr Nico Boshoff, Mr Chris Waldburger, Mr Paul McKay, Mr Sibonelo Khanyile

E Block Tutor: Ms Jenni Maurice-Green

Head of House: Michael Herbert

House Prefects: Menzi Mbuyazi, Michael Gomes, Callum Houston, Fraser Jones, Declan Newton, Dominic Leslie
Privsssnese after Mr Bownes departed at the end of last year to go and work at Curro School in Nelspruit. Mr Bownes had led the House with fortitude for seven years and in his departing it became clear that it would take a strong character to replace him. I did not know Mr Forword well before he became Housemaster, as I had only come into contact with him at U14 rugby practices, so I was dubious about this foreign accounting teacher becoming the new Housemaster. After no time at all it became very clear that he is a true Founders man. Mr Forword has taken on the job wholeheartedly and I am at no qualms about the steady uphill that Founders is on thanks to his strong Christian influence. We have really worked well together

and I have no doubt that he will take this founding House to places it has never been, going FORWARD.

Founders started this year with Mr Forword as our new

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On 12 January the prefects departed on their camp to All Out Adventures, which was followed by New Boys' Day on the 14th. The E Block of 2018 are a very interesting bunch, with the academic and all-round scholarship winners among them. The House Prefects got an early chance to get to know the Cacks on our outing to Sierra Ranch on 21 January. The day could be summed up by Menzi Mbuyazi's awful putt-putt skills and the

Cacks total inability to speak to girls. Nevertheless, it was an interesting day getting to know them over some unforgettable beef burgers. This group did have a tough start to the year. They are particularly diverse in their different backgrounds and cultures. This is something that is common at Michaelhouse but I felt it was more profound this year, which is a huge blessing to the House. One boy is from the mountains of Lesotho, another from Johannesburg, and another from the Midlands. In a place like Michaelhouse you will find that in five yearsâ\200\231 time, these initially so foreign people, will be very close. It became clear that some of them would need some time to adjust to the jungle beat of boarding but I can say confidently that they have all settled in since these tense times. I attribute this to the Cops, who are generally very close with their Cacks.

The Cack-Cop system has had some questioning recently. I believe that it is one of the backbones that make up the true culture of Michaelhouse and without it, this place might be no better than our friends down the road. Of course, there will be no drastic changes in this department anytime soon, so we can all rest easy knowing that respect and service are still highly regarded values.

MICHAELHOUSE

Reena

FOUNDERS

Back Row: Ryan Funston, Luke Van Rooyen, Barry Bierman, Bernard van der Berg, Taku Mado mbwe, Juno Griffin,
Tom Quin, Michael Kimber, Michael Brownlee, Joff Dougall, Nzuzo Tshili, Jason Stead, Mark Grant, Aidan Logan,
Fourth Row: Niel Bierman, Tim Whitaker, Ross le Sueur, Zakithi Nhlangulela, Teboho Sekatle, Alexander Vermeulen, James
Gush, Gomo Mangena, Neil du Toit, Sebastian Langebrink, Tristan Vermeulen, MJ Matjele, Michael Brown, Rex le Sueur,
Murray Odell, Third Row: Mako Kamba, Thabo Dlamini, Simon Williams, Campbell Houston, Dilan Patel, Warwick Yorke
Smith, Xhanti Gqweta, Chris Langebrink, Ross Leslie, Dylan Roberts, Jaden Anderson, James Fleming, Daniel Sabatta, Gabriel
Baynes, Gomi Ratsheko, Jaimã© Gomes, Dom le Sueur, Second Row: Khabane Jonathan, Kwande Camane, Letlotlo Sekatle,
Kamo Rathepe, Joe Price, Joshua James, James Anderson, Robbie Pickard, Jamie Thomson, Diego Fernandes, Kgothatso
Mahowa, Ayuvile Taba, Tom Jonnson, Jonathan Segar, Luke Granat, Front Row (seated): Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane, Dominic
Leslie, Mr Leon Roets, Menziwokuhle Mbuyazi, Mr Nico Boshoff, Declan Newton, Mr Dean Forword, Michael Herbert,
Mr Chris Waldburger, Callum Houston, Ms Jenni Maurice-Green, Michael Gomes, Mr Paul McKay, Mr Sibonelo Khanyile

At the beginning of the year I made it a personal and common goal among the men of Founders to win more Inter-House events as our House board has been very bare of late. Although we did not win as much as we planned, we have become a lot more competitive and I believe a sense of pride has been instilled back into the House. We won the pancake race, won the Cultural Week, came second in the gala and won the spirit award at the gala (thanks to Nzuzo Tshili, who was the war cry leader for 2018), came third in athletics, won chess (for which myself and Juno Griffin take full credit), came fourth in music, and came fourth in water polo. The only way is up from here and I strongly believe that with time we will get back to being top dogs, as I am always reminded by my dad of his time in 1982. This was also the year when these so called "top dogs" almost burned down the School thanks to some smokers from Founders. Good one, Dad.

It was also my goal to bring back the strong Christian drive that has somewhat faded in previous years. I achieved this through the work of Dom Leslie, who has continued leading bible studies on a Tuesday evening and whose job will hopefully

be taken over by Seb Langebrink and Mako Kamba next year. Bible studies is a time for all Blocks to meet together in the dayroom and speak about scripture and all Christian-related matters. It is done in most Houses, so along with Christian Fellowship it forms the centre of Christianity at Michaelhouse. Mr Forword does his weekly devotions which I can say are much appreciated in the middle of a tough week. The B Block are supposed to do devotions in the House business period on a Thursday morning but whether it is a genuine devotion or just unprepared reading is quite debatable. I put up scripture around the House and although it might have inspired some people, most of the pins holding up the readings were stolen. If it did nothing else, at least it helped someone who was short of pins. Michaelhouse was founded in the name of the Lord and

therefore the first House was as well, and for this reason the Christian influence in Founders will go strong into the future.

The Matric Ball took place on 9 March after a hearty pre-function at Callum Houston's house in Gowrie Farm. The Indoor Centre was unrecognizable and the food made us wonder if in fact we were at Michaelhouse. Of course, being

Founders men, all of our dates thoroughly enjoyed the evening and I am sure that the high reputation of a Michaelhouse dance was upheld.

From Founders we had someone in every first team sport except basketball:

♣ Cricket: Fraser Jones, Michael Brownlee, Thomas Quin, Declan Newton

e Squash: Dom Leslie

♣ Soccer: Thabo Dlamini, James Gush, Gomo Mangena, Michael Gomes

♣ Rugby: Michael Brownlee, Michael Gomes, Fraser Jones

♣ Hockey: Dom Leslie, Tom Quin, Thabo Dlamini

e Water polo: Callum Houston, Michael Herbert

I am glad that we as an A Block could set this good example to the rest of the House, not to be good at sport, but to get involved and represent the House and School to the best of your ability. With such beautiful and top-class facilities, there really is no excuse.

With the rise in devices such as iPhones and laptops, it is my great fear that the fields and wilderness surrounding Michaelhouse will go unexplored in the future. I believe that the example the A Block set with persisting in sport does its part in getting people to want to go outside instead of sitting on a device in the House. One example is Joff Dougall, who leads the way in playing touch most afternoons with the whole House. This is something that has probably been happening since the School's inception and it would therefore be such a tragedy to see traditions like this slip away. Trips to Hydro, which is a waterfall nearby, are also still a common occurrence so, for now, we are far from any dire situations where boys would rather watch series than go and mess around outside. My dad always tells me about the days they would spend at Sarsden waterfall. Those days were brought to a sudden end after one of the boys jumped off and hit an irrigation pipe, breaking his leg. I think it's best I don't share this place with anyone because you can trust in a Founders boy to be the first one going over, head first.

It had been four years since Founders departed on the supposedly annual journey of Inghosane. It must have been the fatties in the House who somehow managed to sabotage it every year for four years, but the time had finally come. A total of 65 boys headed out at 00:00 on the morning of 18 March. After walking for seven hours in the pouring rain and making it a few kilometres from the base of the mountain, it was called off and we got shipped off in the bread bin bus back to School. I cannot say that I have ever been in more testing conditions. Our second attempt was on 22 July. The House was under the impression that we were doing the whole thing again but much

to our relief, we decided to go from where we stopped. We took a bus trip to where we left off last time, made the short walk to the base of the mountain, and then summited. The whole process of summiting and getting back down took around two-and-a-half hours. After a House photo on the peak and multiple boerewors rolls (I think the most was five), the majority of the House headed back at full pace. I and a few other prefects

stayed with the stragglers and saw them home after a 12-hour, 30km day. All 65 of them finished.

The men of Founders have had a successful year with the following achievements:

Half colours to Michael Brownlee and Michael Gomes for rugby.

Colours to James Gush, Thabo Dlamini, Gomo Mangena for soccer.

Honours to Dom Leslie, Ross Leslie for canoeing, to Thabo Dlamini for soccer, and to myself for music.

The last of my main goals was to keep everyone on board through the storms and I can say with a happy heart that no one has left Founders this year. I have many people to thank for this. The A Block firstly who set a good example of keeping everyone in your Block close. They have made an effort to not be distant from the rest of House. The rest of the Blocks do the same and they are also aware of the well-being of younger guys. With this being said, the House is still functioning under a healthy and beneficial hierarchy. I believe that it is such a fundamental part of growing up that I am so grateful for. If Founders has taught me one thing, it's that people are strongest when they are together. It has also taught me to protect food above anything else, but that is a separate matter.

I think James Cameron Todd was spot on when he said that a man is largely shaped for life by the school that he goes to. Michaelhouse and Founders have challenged me to the core, but I can say with sound confidence that no other institution would have made me or any other of my Founders A Block mates into better men, and for that I am eternally grateful. I am thankful that this place will keep on producing men of thought, culture, and understanding who will go on, not to lead normal lives, but lives of purpose. Thank you, Michaelhouse; thank you, Founders.

Salvete: Jaden Anderson, James Asherson, Gabriel Baynes, Kwande Camane, Diego Fernandes, Luke Granat, Joshua James, Khabane Jonathan, Thomas Jonsson, Kamohelo Rathepe, Jonathan Segar, Letlotlo Sekatle, Avuyile Taba, James Thomson

Valete: Michael Brownlee, Joff Dougall, Michael Gomes, Juno Griffin, Michael Herbert, Callum Houston, Fraser Jones, Michael Kimber, Dominic Leslie, Taku Madombwe, Menzi Mbuyazi, Declan Newton, Tom Quin, Nzuzo Tshili, Bernard van der Berg

EAST

Back Row: Will Crutchley, Austin Karan, Garin Phillips, Arden Scholtz, James Armstrong, Harry Rowles, Harrison Garz, Joshua Witherspoon, Jack Trotter, Lawrie Hawke, Luke Gammie, Joshua Baillie, Thomas Ringwood, Thomas Jacobsz, Simon Browse, Neil Naik, Fourth Row: Robert Officer, Thomas Gibson, Jeremy Trinidad, Lizwe Bloose, Gareth Kemp, Justin Fyvie, Hussain Mohamed, Gareth Warburton, Asanda Dlodla, Thomas Hill, Luke Hooker, Finn Elliot, Max Rey, Hloni Mapetla, Chris Christodoulou, Richard Dobeyn, Third Row: Joe Vickery, Connor Sesink-Clee, Matthew Gibson, Maghawe Hoohlo, Matthew Browse, Jack Irons, Karan Chauhan, Hunter Whittle, Titana Dube, Tristan Baker, Sam Butcher, Max von Klemperer, Christian Brand, Chase Leisegang, Nikhil Iyer, Lucky Mabuza, Adam Hawke, Second Row: Mr Xabiso Bika, Connor Leisegang, Joe Crutchley, Miso Hlophe, Max Scribante, Byron Mitchell-Innes, Carter Karan, Adrian Hill, Sihle Mokoena, Brandon Van Tonder, William Hamilton, Christopher Townsend, Luc D'Offay, Jack Shooter, Senzo Nyandeni, Mr Xillen van Rooyen, Fourth Row (seated): Mr Abri Venter, Bradley Boulle, Mrs Asha Royappen, Jack Perkin, Mr Joshua Knipp, Seun Afolayan, Mr Bernard Whitaker, Samuel Kasher, Mr André van Wyk, Angus Ferguson, Mr Mike Thomson, Thomas Trotter, Mrs Ilne Visagie, Samuel Lombaard, Mr George Ferreira

Written by Sam Kasher tough times. It is during these tough times that I have truly come to learn of the camaraderie and brotherhood that has been embedded in the heart of this flagship House that we all call our home. The blend of quirky, athletic, academic and culturally talented boys all contribute something to the House and add their own touch of spice to the marvelous recipe that makes East the powerhouse that it is. Although we have experienced success in all aspects of school life, the tradition of loyalty and

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Head of House: Samuel Kasher

House Prefects: Thomas Trotter, Angus Ferguson, Seun

Afolayan, Bradley Boulle, Jack Perkin, Samuel Lombaard The beginning of the year saw 14 new boys entering East and since then the group has seemed to find their feet and the East

family has welcomed them with open arms. The sad loss of a 018 has been an interesting year at Michaelhouse and member early on had the boys on the back foot to begin with. more specifically in East. As a House we have enjoyed However, the situation helped to pull the group together and many successes as well as pushed our way through some — the arrival of Khala Mashiyi allowed the number to be restored

family is what keeps East going.

to the original 14. They are a diverse group with contrasting characters who have kept our hands full during the course of the year. The E Block group has certainly immersed themselves in the Michaelhouse way of life, with many boys participating and achieving in a wide field of activities. Byron Mitchell-Innes and Brandon van Tonder represented both the U14A water polo and rugby teams and Max Scribante joined them in the U14A water polo team. Adrian Hill, Christopher Townsend and Brandon van Tonder all achieved top-ten positions during the course of the year and Khala Mashiyi joined them in the top 20 upon his arrival. Khala also received half colours for drama. Despite their individual successes, the boys have come a long way as a group since their arrival and they have set foundations upon which they will be able to build lifelong friendships. The strength of all of their characters can be seen in the entire group completing the Inhlosane hike. As they head into 2019, they will be faced with new challenges and I have no doubt that they will also achieve more successes.

D Block is a particularly tough year and the D Block of this year certainly faced up to it. Although there were some troubles here and there, the tail end of the year saw a great improvement in all aspects of School life for the diverse and talented group. The boys certainly got stuck into most of what Michaelhouse has to offer this past year. Arden Scholtz, Lizwe Blose, Max von Klemperer, Matthew Gibson, Luke Hooker and Connor Sesink-Clee all represented A teams throughout the course of the year. Arden for cricket and soccer. Lizwe for basketball. Max for water polo, Matthew for hockey and tennis, Luke for water polo and Connor for rugby. On top of this, Lizwe represented the School team for athletics, Matthew the School team for surfing and Connor received the Ruan Combrinck most-valued U16 player award for rugby. Matthew also made the KwaZulu-Natal cross-country team and Chase Leisegang completed both the Dusi and Fish Canoe Marathons. The D Block produced some fine academic results during the year too, with Matthew Browse, Luke Hooker and Connor Sesink-Clee all achieving aggregates of over 80% consistently. Matthew Browse also obtained a Bronze President's Award.

The C Block are a very talented group of boys and I have enjoyed getting to know them better as well as watching them excel through the year. They have really come into their own and I must commend them on all of their efforts and successes. They have set themselves up for success as they move into the final two years of their Michaelhouse careers. Sporting wise, Chris Christodoulou, Sam Butcher and Luke Gammie all played for the U16A hockey team. Chris also played for the first hockey team and Luke Gammie played for the first cricket team. Gareth Kemp played for both the U16A and first soccer teams and also ran for the school cross-country team. Joe Vickery played for the U16A rugby team. Sam Butcher deserves a special mention for being the South African champion for canoeing in both the K1 and K2 categories. Academically they are also a strong group. Nikhil Iyer and Hloni Mapetla were both part of TARPs as they came top five in the grade. Gareth Kemp, Thomas Hill, Christian Brand, Hussain Mohamed and Joshua Baillie all posted aggregates of above 80% over the year. On the cultural front, Hloni Mapetla was part of the Competition Marimba Band that won the marimba competition this year.

The B Block are an extremely hard-working group of boys who have bounced back from a very tough 2017 year. Although many of them are more on the quiet side, it is easy to tell that they are a tight-knit group who will no doubt pull together and lead the

House by example next year. They have achieved significantly well academically, with Finn Eliot and Richard Taylor being part of TARPs and Josh Witherspoon being a part of the top ten consistently. Richard and Josh also received Academic Colours and Academic Half-Colours respectively. Thomas Ringwood and Richard Taylor both received gold certificates in the IT Talent Search. On the sporting side of things there were also some notable achievements during the course of the year, with Joshua Witherspoon being part of the first basketball team as well as receiving his basketball half colours. Finn Elliot was both the swimming victor ludorum as well as the athletics victor ludorum. He also received honours for swimming and was part of the South African triathlon team. Adam Hawke received his KwaZulu-Natal colours for fishing. The B Block boys also got stuck into service and culture this year. Neil Naik received half colours for service and a merit certificate for Grade 2 guitar. Adam Hawke and Rob Officer also received their service half colours. Simon Browse achieved a Gold President's Award certificate, which involves a number of different fields of expertise and this is a huge achievement that is not a regular occurrence. East has produced the head boy for 2019. Our very own James Armstrong will be taking on this role for his last year of school and we are all extremely proud of him and I know that everyone will support him in everything that he does. I wish all the B Blockers the best of luck as they move forward into A Block and I know that the House will be in good hands next year.

Then, finally, there is East A Block. The boys I have spent the past five years with. I can honestly say that I could not have asked for a better band of brothers than the one that I have in my fellow East A Blockers. Individually, there are top performers in all aspects of Michaelhouse life. Angus Ferguson was part of the first hockey team, the first tennis team and the first water polo team and received his colours for hockey. Thomas Trotter played for the first cricket team, the first tennis team, the first hockey team and the first golf team and received his honours for cricket this year. Thomas Gibson played for the first hockey team and the first tennis team and received his colours for hockey. Jack Perkin was also a member of the first hockey team and in addition to this was awarded his hockey half-colours. William Crutchley represented the first water polo team along with Sam Lombaard and Richard Dobeyn, all three of them receiving their half colours. Bradley Boule was our canoeing captain for the year and received his canoeing honours. Seun Afolayan played for both the first rugby and the first sevens teams and was awarded colours for rugby. Titana Dube played for the first basketball team. Culturally there has also been a wide range of achievements this year. William Crutchley received his colours for art, Garin Phillips his colours for service, Thomas Jacobsz his half colours for art, Seun Afolayan his colours for music and his half colours for service and Samuel Lombaard was deputy head of the choir and received his half colours for service. We have gone through many ups and many downs during our time here but, in my opinion, through it all we have become men and more specifically, Men of Michaelhouse. I have always said that choosing to come to Michaelhouse has been one of the best decisions I have ever made, and I have realized that it is

chiefly because of East and those who surround me every day. I hope we can stay the tight-knit group that we are, all the way until we are grandpas and start to forget each other's names. I am so proud of every single one of them and I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a group. We have had our disagreements, we have had our fair share of rough times and we have had a few sad times as well, but, every single one of these boys has stayed true to himself. This is something that I admire so greatly about all of them and I think we can all leave this mighty, old school with our heads held high.

A massive thank you needs to go out to Mr and Mrs van Wyk for all the time and effort that they put into East and into the boys. Mr van Wyk was greeted by a House in absolute tatters upon his arrival. From the stories that I have heard, East was probably the roughest and least requested House in the School but looking at where we are now, it is clear that there has been a drastic change. For the better. Mr van Wyk was at the forefront of this change and even though he was sometimes seen as too strict or harsh on the boys, he was and has continued to be determined to make East a House in which every boy feels comfortable, a House in which the brotherhood runs strongly between the Blocks. Even in a year such as the one we are currently in, where the sailing has not been easy and storms have been raging and rocking the House, Meneer has remained steadfast in his mission and has remained by the boys' side throughout. I have seen what goes on behind the scenes and I have been shocked, time and time again as to Meneer's ability to make decisions for the better of everyone. His broad thinking and understanding of boarding school and more specifically the Michaelhouse environment

make him a remarkable leader, a leader of whom everyone can be appreciative.

Mr Neamani has big shoes to fill but even in my short time with him, it is clear to see that he is up for the challenge and he has made a brilliant start to his term as Housemaster of East. He is committed and strong minded and I believe that he will be able to take East to new heights. I wish him and all of the tutors the best of luck for the years to come.

I have always strongly believed in the fact that Michaelhouse is what you make of it but I have also come to realize that Michaelhouse is also what other people make it for you too. Attending Michaelhouse and, more specifically, being in East has been a chief contributor in turning me into the man I am today and I will be forever grateful for that.

Salvete: Luc Dâffay, Adrian Hill, Miso Hlophe, Carter Karan, Connor Leisegang, Lucky Mabuza, Byron Mitchell-Innes, Sihle Mokoena, Senzo Nyandeni, Max Scribante, Jack Shooter, Christopher Townshend, Khala-Khulu Mashiyi

Valete: Seun Afolayan, Bradley Boulle, Will Crutchley, Richard Dobeyn, Titana Dube, Angus Ferguson, Justin Fyvie, Thomas Gibson, Thomas Jacobsz, Samuel Kasher, Samuel Lombaard, Jack Perkin, Garin Phillips, Thomas Trotter

TATHAM

Written by Nick Rhodes-Jones

Housemaster: Mr Righardt Kotze

Assistant Housemaster: Mr Herman Visagie

House Tutors: Mr Sizo Chalufu, Mr Gerhard Erasmus, Mrs Helene du Toit

Intern Tutor: Mr Jason Wulfsohn

E Block Tutor: Mrs Leigh Kotze

Intern: Mr Simphiwe Xulu

Interim Tutor: Mr Emmanuel Mkhize

Head of House: Nick Rhodes-Jones

House Prefects: Jago Fiore, Kyle Oâ\200\231 Brien, Ntsako Molala, Luke Taylor, Tom Usher

a friendly environment for all Blocks. Thanks largely to the Matric group (both prefects and non-prefects) this aim was achieved in only a matter of months. The seniors in the House really stepped up throughout the year and led by example and were a friendly help to the new boys who were adapting to the hugely different environment. The House prefect body

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did an excellent job in maintaining fair discipline amongst the Blocks and the respect they gained resonated through the House and ensured a well-run House; an excellent example from which the 2019 Matrics can build off. The new boys offered an interesting challenge for me and their Cops: knowing the huge changes that they would encounter, the bonds that have to form and how every individual boy needs a different kind of helping hand. This is something that the Cacks acknowledged and many have told me that the happy, non-intimidatory environment that was created in Tatham was something that really helped them find their feet in their first year.

2018 was the second year of Mr Kotzeâ\200\231s Housemastership. His, and all the Tatham tutorsâ\200\231 workload and dedication to the House must be acknowledged: always offering a helping hand for personal, academic, admin or any other issues that the boys had. Tatham has taken huge strides in 2018 and Mr Kotze and the staff deserve huge thanks for that progress. A personal thanks must also be given to Mr Chalufu, who leaves Tatham after many years and was with my Matric group from day one. Thank you for your compassion and guidance over the last five years.

TATHAM

Back Row: Michael Rautenbach, James Murray, Hloni Mabaso, Rogan Muirhead, Mark Dixie, Matthew Craigie Stevenson, Bailey Green, Zozi Pasiya, Luke Stubbs, Ben Connolly, Tom-Tom Walters, Keegan Oâ\200\231Brien, Rorke Melville, K-J Gaetsaloe, David Stubbs, Fourth Row: Ryan Davies, Connor Muirhead, Jacques du Preez, Ben Jarvis, James Wattam, Tom Nel, Duncan le Roux, Duncan Cribbins, Jarred Booysen, Timothy Goble, Jon-Luke Ferreira, Orateng Mokone, Thomas Hicks, Callum Porrill, Avanda Mde, Harry Nel, Third Row: Vaughan Dorning, Sello Stone-Mboweni, Luke de Heer, Zubin Randeria, Thomas Deist, Kenton Melville, Guy Daugherty, Ntsako Sambo, Hamish Henderson, Mitchell Flanagan, Oliver Bass, Josh White, Robbie Anderson, Siyanda Mkhize, Luke Hamilton-Potts, Kgosi Matola, Second Row: Mr Emma nuel Mkhize, Maye Nene, Junior Ntiyane, Jack Edmonds, Max Walsh, Liam Bekker, Freddie Waller, Ethan Boast, Thomas Barnes, Oliver Bekker, Chris Magero, Andisa Young, Kabo Molete, Oliver Currie, Edward Hamilton, Front Row (seated): Mr Sizo Chalufu, Liam Friend, Mr Nico Keyter, Luke Taylor, Mrs Helene du Toit, Kyle Oâ\200\231Brien, Mr Herman Visagie, Nick Rhodes-Jones, Mr Righardt Kotze, Tom Usher, Mr Leigh Kotze, Jago Fiore, Mr Simphiwe Xulu, Ntsako Maluleka, Mr Jason Wulfsohn

2018 was an extremely successful year for the House, with many boys achieving outstandingly in many different fields. In the A Block, Bailey Green was first in grade for Science, and was awarded the Tim Patrick Award for service (which he shared with fellow A Blocker Ben Connolly). Ben was first in the Grade for CAT. Bailey and Luke Taylor were also TARPs. Luke also won his Gold Presidentâ\200\231s Award, was deputy chairman of African Affairs, won the Richard Hedden Prize for service, was first team sevens and rugby. Jago Fiore and Hloni Mabaso played first team waterpolo and basketball respectively, with Jago narrowly missing out on a first team rugby run-on after an unfortunate injury. Liam Friend completed his remarkable rise from U14D rugby to representing first rugby team for the second year. Rogan Muirhead was a member of the competition winning Marimba Band and directed our victorious Inter-House play. Ntsako Molala was one of the founders of the popular Social Awareness Society that help discussions on topics of social injustices; he and Raymond Liversage took home the trophy for Inter-House Senior Debating, where Ntsako won

best speaker in the final. Academic honours went to Luke, Ray, and Bailey. Tom led our Inter-House Music team to our best performance in years (Tom and Jacques du Preez won the Best Song award for their Tom Odell duet). Tom also received Music honours and has been in contact with major South African bands that want to give his band, Strings Attached some amazing exposure in the future. Kayjay was a valuable member of our winning plays and played a starring role in our adaptation of MacBeth. The A Block set the academic tone in the House, having the highest number of green cards in the School, six boys with 80% plus averages, two consistent TARPs and another two consistent top ten achievers as well as Kayjay being awarded the Most Improved Aggregate and Kyle winning the Most Improved in Mathematics Prize.

The B Block showed impressive leadership throughout the year and were a considerable help to the prefects in maintaining a healthy discipline in the House. They took over duties from the beginning of the fourth quarter and are showing signs of

an exciting 2019 in Tatham. The B Block flew the flag high and represented first teams for cricket, hockey, basketball, water polo, golf, sevens and soccer. Harry Nel, Hamish Henderson, Matt Craigie-Stevenson and Tim Goble achieved A aggregates and a number of boys received green cards. Ryan Davies managed to achieve the prestigious Gold President's Award. Harry and Matt were TARPs and top ten academics respectively, and Harry has also hit the ground running as the new Head of House, doing a fine job with his team of new prefects. I wish them all the best for their final year.

The C Block are starting to make the most of their impressive sporting talent: they had five rugby and sevens starters members. The Stubbs twins represented the first basketball and sevens teams with James Murray. James also played first team water polo and was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal U16 Rugby Selectors XV along with Luke. Jarred Booysen, Luke de Heer and James achieved over 80% averages and a number of the boys received green cards for their academic effort throughout the year.

The D Block is one of the most talented Blocks in the House and in the entire School, with an amazing mix of sport. Over 80% academics: Jack, Josh, Callum, Tom Nel, Mitchell and Jacques, with Callum also winning the junior Mathematics prize. U16 KZN hockey representatives were Josh White and Kenton Melville. Multiple boys who made up the spine of U15 and U16A teams in cricket, rugby, soccer, hockey and tennis. Sello Stone-Mboweni excelled in music yet again, achieving Grade 6 violin, Grade 5 piano, Grade 5 drums and a gold certificate for the double bass, as well as being a member of the KZN Youth Choir's tour to Wales.

In the E Block both Freddie Waller and Maye Nene had 80% aggregates. Andisa Young was the vice-captain of the U14A

rugby and captain of the U14A football (for which he was selected for Midlands) teams, and also won the U14 100m on Athletics Day. Orateng Mokone was a stalwart of the U14A basketball team, where he was captained by fellow Tatham boy Chris Magero. The E Block also more than pulled their weight culturally, with Maye a member of the marimba band, Orateng and Ethan Boast featured in the School play as well as being members of the choir. Oliver Bekker showed his canoeing talent by winning the K1 Fish River Short Course. After joining our E Block in the second term, Ethan Stewart has taken his opportunities extremely well: being selected for the KwaZulu-Natal U13 water polo team and improving on his academic average by 10% in just one term (one of the three boys with such improvements). We also welcomed Andrew Davis to the group in the fourth term, a talented sportsman and academic.

Tatham has been a special place for many people this year. 2018 will be remembered as yet another successful year for this great House. I have all the confidence in the world that 2019 and the years to come will equal and exceed the achievements of 2018 and carry the green flag onwards with pride.

Salvete: Thomas Barnes, Liam Bekker, Oliver Bekker, Ethan Boast, Oliver Currie, Andrew Davis, Edward Hamilton, Thomas Hicks, Christian Magero, Orateng Mokone, Mayenziwe Nene, Ethan Stewart, Frederick Waller, Andisa Young

Valete: Ben Connelly, Jago Fiore, Liam Friend, Katlego-John Gaetsaloe, Bailey Green, Hloni Mabaso, Rogan Muirhead, Ntsako Molala, Kyle O'Brien, Nick Rhodes-Jones, Luke Taylor, Tom Usher

WEST

Written by Qagambile Mehlwana

Housemaster: Mr Jonathan Smith

Assistant Housemaster: Mr Matthew Higginson

Interns: Mr Lee-Roy Storm, Mr Liam Boshoff

E Block Tutor: Mrs Candice-Ann Roodt Smith

Tutors: Mr Pete Stevens, Mrs Julie Flanagan, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mr Jaap van der Vegte

Head of House: Qagambile Mehlwana

House Prefects: Siyabonga Balisa, Andrew Cameron, Murray Finlay, Thomas Grant, Grant Hiscock, Andrew Holt

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Our year began with 15 wide-eyed E Blockers entering the mighty Red-Brick Fortress for the first time. It was made clear to them

since the dawn of time West has set itself apart from other Houses. I struggle to explain this essence that makes West great, as only West boys know what it is.

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that West only wanted excellence and they did not disappoint. This group immediately showed their sporting talents. A number of our E Blockers did not allow the fact that they were new to the School to hold them back on the sports field.

A number of E Blockers went on to represent West in numerous A teams. Joshua Haswell made the Michaelhouse pool his own. He went on to represent the U14A water polo team with Samuel Berchowitz. Both of them also went on to represent the Michaelhouse U16A team at the U16 DHS waterpolo Tournament, while Samuel was also selected for the Midlands U14 water polo team. Joshua's swimming exploits resulted in his being the E Block swimming champion and junior victor ludorum at the gala, where he broke the 50m breaststroke record. Josh also made the U14A rugby team, as did Caleb Vandayer. Jeremy Foss was another sportsman within the group as he made the U14A cricket and fives hockey teams. Jeremy also made the U14A hockey team, and went on to be selected for the KwaZulu-Natal U14B team. Dominic de Billot

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Back Row: Matthew Holt, Tristan Naidoo, Christopher Maartens, Noah Stanger, Andrew Daly, Reinhardt Pienaar, Oliver Morgan, JC Oelofse, Ellis Dougall, James Moodie, Michael Steyn, Luc Lenferna De La Mott e, Ben Rebeck, Richard Esipisu, Liam Laidlaw, Fourth Row: Alan Buttle, Kombo Magara, Kwande Dhlomo, Dominic Le Court de Billot, Matteo Cozzi, Theo Gwiliza, Matt Win, Liam Grant, Jared Meiring, Pitso Sekhoto, Mike Moodie, Banele Sithol e, Okuhle Mndebele, Kiyan Singh, Leruri Sealetsa, JP van de Velde, Third Row: Paul McLellan, Lombe Chibwe, Caleb Vandaye r, Jared Le Court de Billot, Dakalo Nonge, Joshua Haswell, Tshepo Sono, Matthew Henderson, Mr Peter Stevens, Guy Cocksedge, Matthew Lambert, Akeru Fihla, Reuben Baldry, Hilton Giles, Avanda Nongauza, Connor Stanton, Dali Dube, Second Row: Tom Tongoona, Neo Sodi, Adrian Thompson, Bongani Mhlongo, Nicholas Holt, Joshua Heafield, Drew Reynolds, Kyle M cCoy, David Nienaber, Duncan Kenton, Jeremy Foss, Sam Berchowitz, Tomas Szudrawski, Simon le Vieux, Callum Kelly, Da niel Kariithi, Front Row (seated): Andrew Cameron, Mr Lee-Roy Storm, Thomas Grant, Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Andrew Holt, Mrs Julie Flanagan, Grant Hiscock, Mr Jonathan Smith, QaQambile Mehlwana, Mrs Candice-Ann Roodt-Smith, Murray Finlay, Mr M atthew Higgonson, Bongi Balisa, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mr Liam Boshoff

also represented the U14A hockey side, with Jared de Billot, and Callum Kelly. Jared was also named the U14A playersâ\200\231 player of the year. Callum Kelly, Bongani Mhlongo and Tomas Szudrawski all made the U14A fives hockey team. Bongani was also the only West representative in the U14A basketball team. Reuben Baldry finished third in the U14 category of the Fish River Canoe Marathon.

The group showed that their talents also lie elsewhere, with Tomas Szudrawski making the top five in his Block during the third quarter, while David Nienabar made the top ten during the second quarter. Reuben Baldry consistently finished in the top five, finishing second in his grade twice. The West E Blockers also had a few representatives in the cast of this yearâ\200\231s theatre production, Oh! What A Lovely War, with David, Reuben and Dakalo Nonge all involved in the play. Tomas Szudrawski also performed with the Junior Marimba Band. David, Reuben and Dakalo were members of the Michaelhouse Choir. Reuben is also an excellent debater, being awarded best speaker whilst debating against St Johnâ\200\231s.

After a year at Michaelhouse, the D Blockersâ\200\231 growth in maturity paved the way for them as a group to develop as individuals. Their sporting prowess throughout the year was evident with many of them representing Michaelhouse at A-team level, while some even went beyond and represented the province.

Akeru Fihla and Okuhle Mndebele proved their basketball skills as they both managed to play for the UISA basketball team. Hilton Giles then had an excellent year with the hockey stick. He was selected for the U16A hockey team, and went on to represent the KwaZulu-Natal U16B hockey team. His sporting

talents didnâ\200\231t end on the AstroTurf as he went on to represent the U15A soccer team. He was joined by Okuhle Mndebele and Kwande Dhlomo on the U15A tour to St Davidâ\200\231s. Kyle McCoy achieved impressive results for the Michaelhouse cross-country team, which eventually led to his being selected to go to the provincial cross country championships. Tshepo Sono didnâ\200\231t allow the fact that he was new to the School to hinder his sporting opportunities. His love for golf led him to represent

the first team. Simon le Vieux didn't let his diminutive stature stop him from representing the Junior 7s rugby A team.

The D Blockers also achieved on the cultural front, with Drew Reynolds and Simon continuing as members of the Michaelhouse Choir. Akeru's natural sense of rhythm ensured his inclusion in the Junior Marimba Band, which was led by West's very own Nick Holt. Kwande went on to represent Michaelhouse at the prestigious National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships.

Our C Block also earned numerous accolades. Banele Sithole had an amazing year, making the U16A rugby and soccer teams, and also being selected for the stayers' basketball team. Jared Meiring was selected to play for the first cricket team, U16A rugby and soccer teams, and went on to make the KwaZulu-Natal soccer team and the KZN Inland cricket team. Pitso Sekhoto also represented the stayers' basketball team. Matteo Cozzi made the first water polo team. Mike Moodie enjoyed an extraordinary rugby season making the U16A and first 7s teams. Mike also represented the U16A and eventually the second XI cricket teams. JC Oelefse also had a great sporting year, selected as vice-captain of both the U16A rugby and basketball teams. He also made the stayers' basketball team at the end of the year. Chris Maartens made the U16A hockey team.

Academically Matt Winn consistently placed in the top ten, while Tristan Naidoo was a member of TARPs. In terms of culture, Tristan Naidoo was a member of the Michaelhouse Choir and Senior Marimba Band. Along with Kiyan Singh and Guy Cocksedge, these boys sang their hearts out for Michaelhouse. There were also a few special achievements for some of the C Blockers, with Matt Henderson, Matt Winn, and Kiyan Singh all selected to go on exchange to Ireland, Scotland, and Argentina respectively.

The B Blockers were not to be outdone on the sports fields, in the classroom or culturally. Sporting wise, Reinhardt Pienaar played for the second XV, while James Moodie and Andrew Daly both represented the first teams in fifteen-man and seven-a-side rugby. James went on to be selected for the Sharks 7s rugby team, which earned him his rugby honours. Ben Rebeck also had an excellent sporting year. Not only did he make the first hockey XI for the second year in a row, but he was also the top goal scorer for the team. He was also selected for the provincial team and went on to represent South Africa. Ben also made the first cricket XI and was announced as the captain of the stayers' basketball team. He also made first team golf. Reinhardt and Andrew also played second team basketball. Oliver Morgan was named as the vice-captain of the second cricket team, and he also represented the second hockey XI. Ellis Dougall made first team basketball. He was eventually selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Inland team. To cap it off, he earned basketball colours. Noah Stanger was an important part of the first soccer team's defence, and his goalkeeping abilities earned him a spot on the Midlands team. He also earned colours for soccer. Luc Lenferna played first team water polo and was also selected to represent the Michaelhouse first tennis team.

Academically, Leruri was the only West boy in the top 15 in the

Block. Leruri was also a part of the Marimba Band. All of these achieved Leruri his music colours. Andrew, Lombe Chibwe, and Leruri were also members of the Toastmasters' Society. Lombe also achieved half colours for music.

Throughout the years, A Block of 2018 have been the group who

seem to achieve the most. Nothing was out of the reach for the A Block as they achieved in all aspects of life at Michaelhouse. On the sporting front Tom Tongoona was the first team basketball captain, and he was also voted the most valuable player of the season. Tom also went on to represent the second soccer XI. Bongile Balisa also made first team basketball and second team soccer. Paul McLellan won the trophy for the most committed and dedicated tennis player in the School. Alan Buttle was announced as the captain of the first golf team, and for the third year in a row, he also earned his place on the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19A team. The A Block enjoyed numerous rugby achievements, with Andrew Holt in the first XV. His crunching tackles and scintillating runs on the field earned him his place on the Sharks Academy Week Team. He was also the captain of the first 7s side, a team that under his guidance went on to have the best win rate in the School of all team sports. His exploits on the rugby field made him a deserving recipient of rugby honours. Matt Holt played second team for both 15-man and 7s rugby, and he also went on the annual first-team tour to St Stithian's. Tom Grant and Murray Finlay also represented second team for rugby and went on the first-team tour. Andrew Cameron was the captain of both the swimming and surfing teams. He also represented firsts for water polo. His continuous dedication to swimming at Michaelhouse and his results at various inter-schools and Inter-House galas also made him a deserving recipient of swimming honours. Liam Laidlaw made the second teams for both water polo and hockey, while he also managed to play for the first golf team in the annual Douglas Cup against Hilton. He also represented the first 7s team.

The A Block also excelled in the classroom. Andrew Holt and Tom Grant earned academic half-colours. Liam earned a merit certificate for an aggregate above 80%. JP made big improvements in his marks as he had the most improved mark for both Maths Literacy and Afrikaans. Qags Mehlwana and Murray Finlay were part of TARPs throughout the year, with Murray being first in the grade and Qags placing second. Both Qags and Murray deservedly earned academic honours.

On the cultural front, Grant led the way as Head Chorister, with Daniel Kariithi as his vice. Liam, Tom, Grant, Murray and Qags were all a part of the Toastmasters' Society, with Qags filling the role of secretary. Liam also earned the most-improved prize at the A Block Toastmasters' Leavers Dinner. JP earned his Silver President's Award. Qags also won best debater in a debate against St John's College.

This was West in 2018. Our core values of integrity, honesty, and respect were the foundations that laid such an amazing year for us. This built up the loyalty and brotherhood within in the House. The House enjoyed amazing inter-Block relationships, a hallmark of strength during the year translated into success in Inter-House competitions: we earned second-place finishes in Inter-House music and swimming, a third-place finish on Sports Day, and amazing

underdog wins in Inter-House soccer and basketball. Rueben Baldry won the Inter-House poster competition for West. Great thanks are due to Mr Smith and the tutors of West. Their constant effort in ensuring that all House affairs were in order, and that West was the safe, enjoyable environment that was, is appreciated.

Salvete: Rueben Baldry, Samuel Berchowitz, Dominic de Billot, Jared de Billot, Jeremy Foss, Josh Haswell, Josh Heafield, Callum Kelly, Bongani Mhlongo, David Nienaber,

Ayanda Nongauza, Dakalo Nonge, Neo Sodi, Tomas Szudrawski, Caleb Vandayer, Tshepo Sono

Valete: Siyabonga Balisa, Alan Buttle, Andrew Cameron, Dali Dube, Murray Finlay, Thomas Grant, Grant Hiscock, Andrew Holt, Matthew Holt, Daniel Kariithi, Liam Laidlaw, Paul McLellan, Qaqambile Mehlwana, Takudzwa Tongoona, Jan-Peter van der Velde, Duncan Kenton, Liam Grant, Ayanda Nongauza

FARFIELD

Written by Mubeezi Lubinga

Housemaster: Mr Elmar de Klerk

Assistant Housemaster: Mr Ian Crawford

House Tutors: Mr Bradley McManus, Mr Richard Snowden,

Mrs Win de Wet, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Mrs Riette White

E Block Tutor: Mrs Katherine Cass

Intern: Mr Gareth Van Wyk

Head of School: William Norton

Head of House: Mubeezi Lubinga

House Prefects: Ben Chance, Christopher Hardie, James

Kiln, William Marshall, Thabang Moephuli, Craig Pitt

F: must be given to the wonderful boys who live in it. This House is a paradox that is laidback yet competitive; offers

leniency but is strict; affords naughtiness but exercises courtesy.

The inhabitants of this House are a special kind and five years of staying in this four-storey building can really shape a man out of

a bright-eyed boy. Farfield is a House full of tradition and it is renowned for its rich history. After my five years in Farfield it has become clear why it has adopted the motto the team behind the team.

Farfield has enjoyed another successful year and due credit

Farfield continues to be competitive on all fronts. Once again we secured first place on Sports Day, for the 12th year in a row. We remain the only House to win Inter-House hockey since its introduction. We also won Inter-House art and the Pi Day relay for the second year in a row.

After saying a sad goodbye to the A Block of 2017, Farfield was in desperate need of a talented E Block group. Which is exactly what we received. The E Block group have undoubtedly added energy, laughter and charisma to the House and their company was enjoyed by many inside the yellow walls.

This group has a number of things to be proud of and they have proved to be a strong bunch culturally, academically and on the sporting front. We boasted five players in the U14A cricket side (Jack Martin, James Kennedy, M-J Pitt, Josh Heath and Ross Rhodes). Peter Woodland and Caleb Bryden represented the U14A water polo side while Luke Farndell played for the U14A basketball side. In winter, Anothile Nzimande and Ross Rhodes were standout players for the U14A hockey side and it's no surprise that Anothile was selected to represent the

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KwaZulu-Natal Inland side. Josh Heath and Luke Farndell endured a tough season with the U14A rugby team. Luke Farndell has made it clear that he is Zola Sokhela's protégé and he has excelled on the athletics track. Tiatoro and Anothile both also represented the U14A football side. Peter and Anothile, were members of a music band that performed in front of the School and deservedly received a standing ovation. Josh Heath was a member of the first tennis side and earned selection into the KwaZulu-Natal tennis team. Gus Fleming displayed his cultural abilities in the School play. Ross, Peter and James Kennedy all performed superbly academically throughout the year but a special mention must be made of James, who placed first in the Block on more than one occasion and I urge him to keep up this standard through to Matric. I am excited to watch this group grow into men at Michaelhouse.

The infamous D Block. It seems that these boys are starting to find their feet and are finally settling in to the routine and lifestyle of Michaelhouse. They have certainly spent less time on the pond this year than the last. It appears they are starting to comprehend what the term discipline essentially entails. Murray Williams was a crucial member of the U15A water polo side and Max Latter played an essential role in the U15A cricket side. Pierre van der Westhuyzen continued to impress with his canoeing abilities and he participated in the Youth Olympics in Barcelona this year. Jaden van der Merwe, Aiden Mason and Sedipa Ramakoto were pivotal members of the U15A rugby team. Sedipa also played his part for the U15A football side and earned selection into the KwaZulu-Natal U15 football side. The golfing squad comprising Aiden, Jaden, Max Latter and Ross Fleming spent many afternoons at Boschhoek and Gowrie, and I hope all this practice leads to fruition in the years ahead. Jaden and Pierre have performed outstandingly academically this year and have consistently featured in the top ten. I am sure these boys will enjoy the freedom that C Block offers and I wish them the best for the rest of their time at this lovely School.

The C Block boys are a really talented and extremely close-knit bunch. Avela Zungu continues to break ankles in the Indoor Centre for the renowned U16A basketball side. Josh Bergin played for the U15A basketball side. Raiffe Ingledew represented the first squash team with Michael Ross. Raiffe was also the man in charge of community partnership for Farfield and I need to commend him on the wonderful job he did. Zola Sokhela went from strength to strength on the athletics track.

FARFIELD

Back Row: Gary Pitt, Gillespie McCarthy, Kieran Ramsay, Sedipa Ramokoto, Jordan Dobson, Jordan Patrick, Kieran Benson, Erik Serton, Christopher Butcher, Andrew Britton, Jamie Lycett, Matthew Williams, Kian Edwards, James Dawson, Joss Gehren, Liam Fourie, Fourth Row: Matt Steere, Ayanda Nene, Jesse Gewer-White, Michael Christodoulou, Moatle Mabe, Pierre van der Westhuyzen, Mugabi Lubinga, Sean Ramsay, Jaden van der Merwe, Zola Sokhela, Michael Ross, Jack Worthington, Craig Mason, Matthew Marx, Luc van der Westhuyzen, Gavin Veenstra, Third Row: David Blore, Alexander Bergin, Ross Fleming, Siya Ncube, Max Latter, Raiffe Ingledew, Khetha Khoza, Kurt Williamson, Will Selby, Ave la Zungu, Joshua Bergin, Bradley Banda, Murray Williams, Aiden Mason, Jamie Stephenson, Ross Rhodes, Gus Fleming, Second Row: Cale Bryden, Siyabonga Negobese, James Kennedy, Avama Khumalo, Murray-John Pitt, William Harvey, Luke Farndell, Ben Chance, Thabang Moephuli, Tiatoro Sihlaba, Katli Africa, Joshua Heath, Ano Nzimande, Jack Martin, Peter Woodland, Front Row (seated): Mr Gareth van Wyk, Mrs Katherine Cass, Craig Pitt, Mr Bradley McManus, William Marshall, Mrs Winde Wet, Mubeezi Lubinga, Mr Elmar de Klerk, William Norton, Mr Ian Crawford, James Kiln, Mrs Riette White, Chris Hardie, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Mr Richard Snowden

I am incredibly proud of all he has achieved this year and his unbelievable work ethic. He broke three School track records and was the senior victor ludorum on Sports Day. He earned himself the nickname Coach when Sports Day came around. His talent guided Farfield to another Sports Day victory. On the hockey front Zola played for the U16A side and was selected to play for the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U16B side. Michael Ross's leadership skills were utilized as he was the captain of the U16A football and hockey sides. Michael earned himself a place in the KwaZulu-Natal football side. Under Michael's leadership, the U16A side were the most successful hockey team for the year and that feat could not have been achieved without him. Michael Christodoulou and Mugabi Lubinga represented the first hockey side, which is an astounding achievement for any C Block boy. Mugabi was awarded the most improved player of the season as a testament to his efforts. Mugabi and Michael Christodoulou also participated in the U16A KZN Inland side which finished second at the IPT, where Mugabi was awarded defender of the tournament. He was also selected for the South African U16 High Performance Squad. On the cultural side,

Zola, Raiffe, Sean Ramsey, Will Selby, and Jordan Dobson played key roles in the School play and showcased their dramatic abilities in the Schlesinger Theatre on multiple occasions. Sean was also a member of the Midlands Youth Choir.

It is an honour to be accepted on exchange and to be ambassadors for Michaelhouse all around the world and I need to congratulate Sean Ramsey, Michael Ross, Jordan Dobson, Josh Bergin and Gary Pitt on their deserved selections. They flew the Michaelhouse flag high and I enjoyed hearing all the stories they brought back to Michaelhouse. The effect the C Block boys had on the House this year was honestly extraordinary. They brought energy, a sense of camaraderie and they are incredible role models for boys older and younger than them. They were the instigators of almost every game of quad soccer and were always present in the dayroom for commentary on each Premier League game. I want to thank these men for the influence they have had on me and on the House this year and I wish them all

the best for their penultimate year of school in 2019.

The future leaders of this House are a diverse group. They seem to excel more in sports which are not offered by the School. Kieran Ramsey represented South Africa for fly fishing. James Lycett is School-renowned for his cycling and has cycled for South Africa overseas. Brandon Jewell was an impact player for the first rugby and first sevens sides and I am sure his rugby career will continue to grow. Luc van der Westhuyzen displayed his talent on rivers and dams once again. Luc and Kieran both received honours for their sporting endeavours. After three years of criticism from the overhead Block, the B Blockers finally proved themselves useful when Sports Day came round and Matt Williams was finally unleashed. Ayanda Nene and James Dawson are both members of the Toastmastersâ\200\231 Society. Ayanda is a gifted debater and James is a member of the KZN Youth Choir. The B Blockers take on the difficult task of leading and running the House next year. If these boys stay true to themselves and put the House first in the decisions they make, I have no doubt that the House will be in good hands, especially with Luc van der Westhuyzen at the helm. I wish them well for this challenge and for their last year of school.

The Matric group possesses an abundance of talent, passion, intelligence and leadership skills. It has been a pleasure to share my Michaelhouse experience with these men. The A Blockers played a crucial role in raising the Cacks and keeping the peace in Farfield. A number of these men are the leaders of societies and sports teams: Ben Chance is the chairman of the Presidentâ\200\231s Award Society; Christopher Butcher is the chairman of the Sports Archives Society; Jack Worthington is in charge of the Photography Society and is the School photographer; James Kiln is the Head of Christian Fellowship and William Norton is Head of School.

In summer, William Norton, Christopher Hardie and James Kiln represented the first cricket side. William Marshall and Christopher Butcher played for the first water polo side. Kieran Benson has been a member of the first squash team and is the School Champion. Although Thabang Moephuli has been off-form for the duration of 2018, he remains in the first golf team. William Norton is also the School number one for tennis and is the first team and provincial U18 tennis captain. Craig Pitt was a member of the first canoeing outfit. David Blore captained the mighty Wildcats (second basketball team). In winter, Christopher Hardie was a deserved starter for the first XV following an injury for the duration of his B Block year. James Kiln captained the second rugby team. Mubeezi Lubinga and Thabang Moephuli both represented the first hockey side, of which Mubeezi was captain and Thabang vice-captain. Thabang was awarded the team spirit award at the annual hockey dinner while Mubeezi was awarded the playersâ\200\231 player award along with the player-of-

the-season award. In the third quarter, Erik Serton and Mubeezi both participated in the first soccer team, which Mubeezi captained. Academically, Andrew Britton, William Norton and David consistently placed in the top ten. Moatle Mabe remains the second best FIFA player in the House behind Mubeezi but lies above Erik, who is in third place. Thabang, Mubeezi and William Norton earned themselves sporting honours; David, Mubeezi and William Norton have academic honours and Jack Worthington received honours for service.

The majority of people involved with Michaelhouse make the assumption that a House is run solely by the prefects. This assumption is incorrect. The House is run by the whole A Block and I must express my gratitude to the A Blockers for making my job that much easier this year. Despite â\200\234losingâ\200\235 Will Norton to Tatham, the bonds within our Block remained strong and after

spending five years together I am sure there will be lots of tears shed when we are forced to break away from each other. I will reminisce on the moments spent eating snackwiches, debating fiercely over insignificant topics and playing Xbox excessively in the Copshop with these gentlemen. Michaelhouse and Farfield will occupy a special place in all our hearts and it will be a dim time as we say goodbye to our golden home.

All the credit cannot be given to the Matrics, as Mr de Klerk was instrumental in ensuring that the House was run smoothly and to his standards. As the Housemaster, he definitely adds his own flavour to the way in which the House is run. We will remember him with great fondness because he has played a big role in shaping who we are. I have had enough of the â\200\234koffie suiker melkâ\200\235 alarm but I am sure the rest of the House still yearns for it.

Despite us leaving Michaelhouse, Farfield will remain our home for the rest of our lives. I am so grateful to have been a part of the big yellow family. I thank the Farfield boys, Tutors, Housemaster and Michaelhouse for moulding me and growing my character, as I join the great club of Old Boys.

Salvete: Katlego Africa, Caleb Bryden, Luke Farndell, Angus Fleming, Joshua Heath, William Harvey, James Kennedy, Ayama Khumalo, Jack Martin, Siyabonga Ngobese, Anothile Nzimande, Murray-John Pitt, Ross Rhodes, Tiatoro Sihlaba, Peter Woodland, Neo Wenyika

Valete: Kieran Benson, David Blore, Christopher Butcher, Andrew Britton, Ben Chance, Christopher Hardie, James Kiln, Mubeezi Lubinga, Moatle Mabe, William Marshall, Thabang Moephuli, William Norton, Craig Pitt, Erik Serton, Murray Williams, Jack Worthington, Siyabonga Ngobese, Jesse Gewer-White

PASCOE

Written by Mpho Mthethwa

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Assistant Housemaster: Mr Sam Mofokeng

House Tutors: Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mrs Karin Moffat, Mr Bongani Khumalo, Mr Lodewyk Vosloo, Mr James Fleming, Mr Clint Sliedrecht, Mr Dominic Gruijters

Head of House: Mpho Mthethwa

MICHAELHOUSE

PASCOE

Back Row: Fana Shezi, Finn McLaughlin, Nathan Bau, Jamie Deeble, Akwande Mzobe, Oliver Cradock, Tim Harding, Michael Daffy, Sean Fitzsimmons, Thomas Walters, Mika Cabaleira, Thomas Stroud, Toby Versfeld, MK Magugu, Kieran Martin,
Fourth Row: Timothy Harvey, Connor England, Tyler Grant, Julian Daffy, Gift Mokoena, Jesse Paynter, Lucas Makhubela, Molefi Makhubela, Daniel Jonsson, Tari Okah, Alex Harel, Tinashe Gasa, Ruben Mitchell, Munashe Machinjike, Lukhanyo Ntuli, Nicholas Stainbank, Third Row: Guy van der Bijl, Roeland van den Berg, Ntando Khumalo, Chenge Gondo, Troy Fabian, David Ferguson, Tawana Makura, Jason Makhele, Kameran Jinnah, Jason Williams, Jess Breytenbach, Cameron McLean-Banks, Ross Keep, Oliver Cheales, Matt de Villiers, Matthew Baird, Second Row: Gus de Villiers, Alex Sartini-Kruger, Noah Bendingham, Ryan Bruwer, Jadin Jordaan, Tom McCall, Ashley Vere, Stephen Perkins, Murray Behn, Joshua Samuels, Sam McLaughlin, Max Chapman, Aphiwe Mkhize, Sam Mitchell, Lwando Ntuli, Richard Upfold, Front Row (seated): Mr Bongani Khumalo, Liam England, Mr Lodewyk Vosloo, Cameron Williams, Mr James Fleming, Jabu Price Moor, Mr Peter Huntley, Mpho Mthethwa, Mr Sam Mofokeng, Cameron Leer, Ms Karin Moffat, Kitlano Mosidi, Mr Clint Sliedrecht, Torin Mecklenborg, Jay Sacks

House Prefects: Liam England, Cameron Leer, Torin Mecklenborg, Kitlano Mosidi, Jabu Price Moor, Cameron Williams

This year has been a tough year for Pascoe. The boys real-

ly showed resilience and determination as 2018 tried to

break us down, but the courage and brotherly love that flowed within Huntley's Army was unbreakable.

Pascoe is well known for its strong brotherhood as well as the passionate love the boys hold for Pascoe and the respect they have for one another. Its amazing Housemaster, Mr P Huntley, along with a dedicated and proficient team of tutors, continue to nurture and cultivate the boys, helping them to find their feet and grow themselves into the men they want to be. The pastoral care in the House has reached new heights, with Mr Mofokeng establishing a new and effective system that ensures the boys are working efficiently in their allocated prep times, that there is order within the House and that boys are hard at work in their dorms, as well as

that the boys are getting to bed on time so that they can get the sleep they need. Mrs Moffat continued to show her excellence as a tutor by giving up her time to give boys the opportunity to have an extra Maths lesson. She was also the E Block tutor and she has helped a lot with setting up a solid foundation for the E Block boys and taking care of them. However, she does leave us at the end of this year to be the Deputy House Mother of Baines. I know she'll do an amazing job there as she has done so much for Pascoe in the short amount of time we've had her. Pascoe also wouldn't be the House it is without the tireless and hard-working efforts of Mamá Thoko, who goes above and beyond to make sure that the House is clean and that the boys have a comfortable and fresh living space.

The New Boys. This year we were joined by 15 new E Block boys who came in bright-eyed and excited to learn and adapt to the Pascoe culture. This diverse group of boys brought in some impressive achievements during the year, which reflects their hard work and efforts to really grab every opportunity that Michaelhouse provides. On the sporting front we had

Alex Sartini-Kruger, Noah Bedingham, Sam Mitchell, Tom McCall and Matt de Villiers representing the U14A squash team, with Noah Bedingham also moving up to represent the first team. In waterpolo we had Sam McLaughlin and Oliver Cheales representing the U14A team. Sam McLaughlin also switched sports and represented the U14A basketball team with Tawana Makura and Hamupanda Gonteb. Tom McCall also represented the U14A cricket side, proving to be an all-round player. Looking at the winter sports we had Noah Bedingham representing the U14A hockey team as a formidable link and defender. Tom McCall and Aphiwe Mkhize represented the U14A rugby team and Aphiwe Mkhize also represented the U14A soccer team as well as making the Midlands soccer team. However, our E Block is not just exceptional on the sports fields as we had Max Chapman and Matt de Villiers playing for the Junior Marimba Band, Ntando Khumalo singing for the choir and Oliver Cheales playing in the orchestra. And in academics we had Alex Sartini-Kruger scoring exceptional results, placing him in the top ten in E Block. This E Block group have really flown the Pascoe flag high and I have all faith that they will continue to excel during their journey here at Michaelhouse.

Our D Block has always been a strong group in all aspects. They are a close bunch with a solid group dynamic that helps them persevere in all that they do. They continue to dominate in the class, in the cultural life of the School as well as on the sports fields. Josh Samuels and Jason Makhele both represented the U15A basketball team, with Jason Makhele as the captain. Jason also represented the first basketball team on tour to Kearsney. Stephen Perkins and Gus de Villiers represented the U15A cricket side and Thomas Stroud represented both the water polo and the School swimming teams. In canoeing we had Jesse Breytenbach and Murray Behn, with Murray coming in top 100 in the Fish River Canoe Marathon. In athletics we had Josh Samuels break the record for the U15 100m track event. Richard Upfold and Kameran Jinnah both represented the first squash side, with Kameran Jinnah winning the most-improved-player trophy as well as being ranked second in Africa for opens and making the KwaZulu-Natal U16A team. Kameran also played A team tennis and represented the first tennis team on tour, as well as making the Midlands tennis team. In the winter sports we had Josh Samuels, Jesse Breytenbach, Jadin Jordaan and Jason Makhele represent the U15A rugby team. Jason Williams represented the U16A hockey team as their champion goalkeeper, as well as making the U16A KZN hockey team. And for soccer we had Josh Samuels, Jadin Jordaan and Gus de Villiers representing the U15A team. The D Block really shone this year in their sport, but their academics and cultural achievements were just as impressive. Ashley Vere played in the Junior Marimba Band and Tom Stroud, Jason Williams, Cameron McLean-Banks, David Ferguson, Gus de Villiers and Jason Makhele played in the Senior Marimba Band, with Jason Williams and Jason Makhele both moving up to play for the Competition Band for 2019. Cameron McLean-Banks and Ashley Vere played in the orchestra and Josh Samuels and Ashley Vere both sang in the choir. Ashley Vere also sang for the Youth Choir. In the School play we had Jadin Jordaan who played a main character as well as involvement from Jason Williams, Cameron McLean-Banks and Ashley Vere. When it comes to junior debating, Pascoe is unmatched. And this year our junior team were the winners. Jadin Jordaan went to the

National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Champs, where he came top 30 and first from Michaelhouse. Jadin was part of the Debating League champions team, and was the best

speaker and champion. Ross Keep was in A team debating and was part of the Midlands champion debating team, receiving an invite to the national championship, which he was not able to attend due to personal reasons. Kameran Jinnah and Jason Makhele were also in A team debating as well as being part of the Midlands champion debating team. Our D Block have a really strong academic record, with Murray Behn and Jason Makhele coming in the top 15 in the grade and Jadin Jordaan, David Ferguson, Ross Keep, Kameran Jinnah and Gus de Villiers coming in the top ten in the grade. Special mention of David Ferguson for coming in fourth every term, to Kameran Jinnah for coming in third and to Gus de Villiers for coming in first in the grade every term. The Pascoe D Block are a group of talented and ambitious boys and I see so much potential in this group. It has been a real privilege to watch them grow these past two years and I see a bright future ahead of them.

The Pascoe C Block are a funny and great bunch of guys. Their involvement in the House has been great along with their achievements. Tom Walters, Tim Harding and Julian Daffy represented the U16A water polo team, with Julian Daffy as the captain, and they all went on to make the stayersâ\200\231 water polo side. Tim Harding also played in the first team water polo winter league. Julian Daffy also made the Midlands U16B water polo team. Roeland van den Berg made first team cricket, Kieran Martin represented U16A cricket with Guy van der Bijl. Sean Fitzsimmons paddled the Fish River Canoe Marathon and was part of the Michaelhouse Canoe Club. In the winter sports we had Mkhululi Magugu playing for both the first and second sevens rugby teams. And Julian Daffy and Roeland van den Berg represented the U16A rugby team. Besides Julian Daffy being part of the cast of the School play and Dan Jonsson being in the the choir as well as the KZN Youth Choir, our C Block have some impressive academic achievements. Tim Harding came top ten in the grade and got silver in the De Beers English Olympiad. Tom Walters received bronze in the English Olympiad and Mkhululi Magugu received bronze in the IT Olympiad. However, I must also commend the whole C Block for completing the strenuous C Block Journey. This is a tough Block and they fit right into Pascoe.

My journey with the B Block started in 2015 and at that time they were just the New Boys that we, as the D Block then, had to look after and assist in their transition into Michaelhouse and Pascoe. They have grown so much over the years and getting to know them has helped to eliminate more and more, the hierarchy that once stood as a barrier between us. Jamie Deeble, Oliver Cradock and Michael Daffy represented the first water polo side, with Michael Daffy also making the KwaZulu-Natal Inland team as well as receiving colours for water polo. Jayden Sacks played first team basketball while also making the KZN basketball side, and Toby Versfeld represented the second cricket side. Tyler Grant played first team tennis and Jamie Deeble made the second sevens rugby side. Toby Versfeld really showed determination in the winter season as he got the call-up to play for the first XV where he rose to the challenge and had two exceptional games before suffering an injury to his knee. On the academic side of things, Tyler Grant is in the

top ten in the grade as is Ruben Mitchell who came second in the grade and first for the Maths Olympiad. Ruben is also the Chairman of Toastmasters. They are an honest bunch of guys this B Block. They have the integrity that will help them to lead well next year and beyond.

Finally, the Pascoe generals of 2018. The men who I have experienced this amazing journey with and have really gotten close to over the years. This amazing bunch of guys embody the Pascoe Pride that we rave about, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow, explore, find and strengthen themselves. Bhekumuzi Shezi was vice-captain of the first basketball side and won the award for most improved player. Bhekumuzi also played second team for soccer alongside Tinashe Gasa, who also had a lovely academic year as he was awarded the PD Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize for most improved mark. Cameron Leer played first team cricket and golf, as well as being diligent in Maths. Jabu Price Moor was the second team hockey captain and ended up getting one cap for the first XI. Jabu is not just a great hockey player, he was also a first team golfer, came fifth in South Africa for disabled golf and was part of the KwaZulu-Natal endurance equestrian team. Jabu received the Rob Mathews award for courage in the face of personal adversity on Speech Day. A prize well deserved. Not only do I share some fun memories with these guys, I also share some memories of pain and stiff muscles as I had the privilege to play alongside Torin Mecklenborg and Liam England (House's number 10) for the first XV. I will truly miss Liam's incredible step and Torin's organized lineouts. Liam also made the U18 sevens rugby team for Zimbabwe and played for the first cricket side. Gift Mokoena

played first and second team cricket, first team soccer and he was the first among us to receive colours. Cameron Williams and Torin Mecklenborg played for the second water polo side and second basketball team respectively. To think that my journey here at Michaelhouse with these men has come to an end is saddening, although it does open a new chapter in our story. I am proud to call these men my brothers.

Pascoe is more than just a House, it's a home. The brotherhood that resonates within these walls makes me feel honoured and privileged to have been able to lead this family of ours under the great leadership of Mr Huntley, our Housemaster. This year couldn't have been a success without the dedication and leadership of my team of prefects that helped me lead the Pascoe Army through the trials and tribulations of 2018. And when I look at the future of Pascoe, I am happy to say that it is in the safe hands of Michael Daffy and I am excited to see all that he has in store for next year. Pascoe's future looks bright.

Salvete: Noah Bedingham, Ryan Bruwer, Max Chapman, Oliver Cheales, Matthew de Villiers, Troy Fabian, Hamupanda Gonteb, Ntando Khumalo, Tawana Makura, Thomas McCall, Samuel McLaughlin, Samuel Mitchell, Aphiwe Mkhize, Lwando Ntuli, Alejandro Sartini-Kruger

Valete: Liam England, Tinashe Gasa, Alex Harel, Cameron Leer, Lucas Makhubela, Torin Mecklenborg, Gift Mokoena, Kitlano Mosidi, Mpho Mthethwa, Tari Okah, Jabu Price Moor, Bhekumuzi Shezi, Nicholas Stainbank, Cameron Williams, Matthew Baird

Written by Lesedi Letebele

Housemaster: Mr Richard McMichael

Assistant Housemistress: Mrs Karin Moffat

Tutors: Mr Chris van der Berg, Mr Olwethu Hugo

Interns: Mr Mparama Msimang, Mr Mduduzi Mthembu

Home Room Tutors: Mrs Mary McMichael, Ms Lisa Hardie

Head of House: Lesedi Letebele

House Prefects: Thomas Bradford, Joseph Jangulo, Levin
Kamau, Christian Kohrs, Christian Opperman, Jack
Parsons

ing and are closely linked in connotation, yet so different at the same time. A house is a structure built for the purpose of having a place of rest, shelter and security. A home is a place of belonging and refuge. A place where you can truly be at ease with being yourself. A place you develop an emotional attachment to because it becomes a part of your identity.

House versus home. Two words that are similar in mean-

Coming into Michaelhouse as a new boy, you are assigned into

a House where you will live with 70 other boys for a duration of five years. What you are unaware of as you begin your journey is that this House that you live in soon becomes your home and these 70 other students you live with become your friends. Your family. Your brothers. Over the past five years, Baines has, without a doubt, been my home away home. Walking up the stairs for the first time as a tiny E Blocker in my oversized blazer and with a head full of uncertainties, I could never have imagined how much the Baines culture would shape my time, memories and character.

Baines has always been a House that encourages boys to do their best and to succeed in their own respects. This year has been no different as the boys have continued to raise the bar of what is expected from them. I am honoured to congratulate and commend every individual on his contribution to the House and School. The boys fully immersed themselves in all the School has to offer and their efforts were rewarded through their various accomplishments and accolades.

Baines continued to be strong on the academic front as various boys across all Blocks excelled in the classroom, be it achieving

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Back Row: Gordon Suttie, Matthew Chettle, Richard Bam, Nana Buxton-Tetteh, Ryan Stringer, Ethan Hartwell, Aidan Browne, Campbell Davies-Webb, Ian Parsons, Jack Firth, Bevan Albertyn, Kwanele Khumalo, Sam Frost, Luc Pousson, Johann Steyn,
Fourth Row: Nicholas Howarth, Harry Moller, Brett Oellermann, Tristan Butler, Michael Gurney, Luke van Niekerk, Reece Mcluckie, Christian le Roux, Tobias Dittmann, Sebastian Maitre, Chenge Gondo, Michael Bradford, Molate Mahowa, Josh Voget, Riley Horner, Lance Tratschler, Third Row: Sonwabo Gigaba, Ben Frost, Peter Calcott, Skulule Ngejane, Tyler West,
Takwana Shava, Letlotlo Kebonang, Hubo Khumalo, Charlie Melouney, Matt Millward, George Scott, Nhlanhla Dlamini, John Hulley, Kofi Mensah, Langa Mgeyane, Second Row: Kwanza Kukubo, Anthony Melouney, Liam Telford, Nsika Nxumalo, Junior Chalumbira, Keemal Ramnath, Leo Baber, Jack Jones, Mvelo Guma, Lekgotla Kebonang, Connor Oellermann, Tristan Hoyle, Danilo Ceronio, Mogomotsi Nteta, Josh Elliot, Front Row (seated): Mr Olwethu Hugo, Levin Kamau, Mr Mparama Msimang, Christian Opperman, Mrs Mary McMichael, Jack Parsons, Mr Richard McMichael, Lesedi Letebele, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, Tom Bradford, Ms Lisa Hardie, Joe Jangulo, Mr Mduduzi Mthembu, Christian Kohrs, Mr Chris van der Berg

the top grades or significantly improving marks and aggregates.

E Block: Tristan Hoyle, Lekgotla Kebonang and Benjamin Frost, who has also been a consistent member of the top five

D Block: Danilo Ceronio and Keemal Ramnath

C Block: Sam Frost, Aidan Browne, Michael Gurney and Hubo Khumalo, with both Mike and Hubo consistently achieving top-five placings

B Block: Michael Buxton-Tetteh, with consistent top-five features

This year, the C Blockers wrote a set of International Benchmark Tests and these boys received the following certificates:

Silver for English: Sam Frost
Bronze for English: Aidan Browne

High distinction for both Maths and English: Michael Gurney, Hubo Khumalo

Academic honours: Jack Parsons (A Block), Christian Opperman (A Block)

2018 Olympiads: Aidan Browne (C Block) â\200\224 silver standard in the English Olympiad, Sam Frost (C Block), Lesedi Letebele (A Block) â\200\224 bronze standard

Baines boys put their best foot forward on the sports field and their

efforts were rewarded through their representation of the School at the highest levels of their age groups. Many boys played in A teams, second and first teams, led many of these teams, as well as being selected to represent various provincial teams.

First XV: Luc Pousson (B Block) and Christian Opperman (A Block). Christian was chosen as the captain for this year's team and was selected for the U18 Academy Week team

First team basketball: Joseph Jangulo (A Block), Nkosiyelanga Mgeyane (B Block) and Sonwabo Gigaba (B Block). All three were selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U18 side

First XI hockey: Reece McLuckie (A Block) and Levin Kamau (A Block)

First XI soccer: Levin Kamau (A Block) vice captain; Nkosiyelanga Mgeyane (B Block), Thomas Bradford (A Block) and Michael Bradford (C Block)

First team sevens: Christian Opperman (A Block) and Brett Oellerman (C Block)

First team golf: Lance Tratschler (A Block) and Danilo Ceronio (D Block)

First team squash: Brett Oellerman (C Block), Connor Oellerman (D Block)

KwaZulu-Natal Inland U16 hockey: Josh Elliot (D Block)
U14A rugby: Tristan Butler, vice captain

Inter-School Canoeing League: Matthew Milward (D Block), second place overall U16

KwaZulu-Natal U16A_ basketball: Kwanele Khumalo (C Block)

Sports Day: Kwanele Khumalo, new School records for U16 100m and high jump

KwaZulu-Natal U16A soccer: Michael Bradford (C Block)
U16A rugby: Brett Oellerman, captain

Cross country: Reece McLuckie (A Block), School captain
KwaZulu-Natal cross country: Mvelo Guma (E Block)

U14A soccer: Luke van Niekerk (E Block), captain

Over the years, Baines has prided itself on being a cultural hub in the School, with many boys being a part of a variety of cultural groups and societies, to extend their own growth and enjoyment to benefit from the Michaelhouse experience. Throughout the year, boys are able to showcase their talents at different events and exams and I am proud to report the following achievements:

Musically, many boys took part in external exams for various instruments throughout the year. Vuyani Getyengana (D Block) achieved his Grade 4 standard for cello, Tyler West (D Block) received a Grade 3 standard for trumpet, and Michael Gurney (C Block) achieved a merit for his Grade 5 piano exam, as well as a merit for his Grade 4 theory exam. Ben Frost (E Block) achieved a

merit for his Grade 1 exam, Junior Chalumbira (E Block) obtained his Grade 1 level for bass guitar, and Lesedi Letebele (A Block)

achieved his Grade 7 for violin, as well as a merit for Grade 8 in drums. Last, but certainly not least, George Scott (E Block) passed his Grade 8 drum kit exam in the latter half of this year. On top of this, boys within the House actively participated in various music groups throughout the year, with Baines represented strongly in the three School marimba bands, the School orchestra and chapel choir.

With regard to societies and clubs, the boys took the opportunity to discover new interests and hobbies with great commitment and were members of a wide range of clubs. Kofi Mensah (D Block) was an active member of the newly-founded Music Production Society, while Junior Dlamini (D Block), Molate Mahowa (B Block) and Richard Bam (A Block) continued to be crucial members of the Theatre Tech Society. Michael Gurney (C Block) and Hubo Khumalo (C Block) continued to show their speaking prowess as members of the Public Speaking Society. Both boys participated in the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, where Hubo earned a top-40 finish and Mike a top-50 spot, a phenomenal feat for both boys. Nick Howarth (D Block) and Joshua Stevenson (D Block) were active members of the Photography Society, while John Hulley (D Block) was a member of the Fly Fishing Club. Jack Parsons (A Block) was a co-founder and deputy chairman of the Social Awareness Society, which was a crucial link in putting together the #GetWoke theme that aimed to educate boys on the issues and complexities of today's society. On a similar tangent with regard to leadership and societal awareness, Joseph Jangulo (A Block) was the deputy chairman of the African Affairs Society.

Boys are encouraged to explore new places and activities outside of what the School offers in order to find their passions and themselves. Jack Jones (E Block) completed his open water scuba-diving licence; George Scott (E Block) must be commended for successfully summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in the June/July holidays. Michael Gurney, Sam Frost and Michael Bradford were all selected for C Block exchange programmes. Michael Gurney and Sam attended Trinity College in Canada during the second quarter, while Michael Bradford attended Wittlesbacher Gimnasium in Germany during the fourth quarter.

Baines retained the Inter-House Music Trophy in a tightly contested competition for the sixth year running under the leadership of Michael Bradford (C Block). We were unfortunate in placing second in many Inter-House events, including the soccer, hockey and Sports Day events. This is, however, evidence of the boys' passion and pride for the House and an indication of the House's potential to go on to win more events next year with the younger Blocks contributing so significantly to House events this year.

Baines had a number of changes with regards to staff throughout the year: We welcomed Mr Mduduzi Mthembu and Mr Olwethu Hugo as new tutors in the House. This year, we have made history in the School with the appointment of the first ever deputy Housemistress, Mrs Karin Moffat, and we congratulate her on this milestone and wish her luck as she continues helping take the House, and School, to new heights. Sadly, with all the additions had to come a few goodbyes.

Mr Mparama Msimang leaves the School at the end of the year and we thank him for his service to the House. At the beginning of the third term, we said goodbye to Mr Sibusiso Ncamani, who had been deputy Housemaster of Baines since 2010. Mr Ncamani has been appointed as the School's first black Housemaster and is in charge of running East, a well-deserved and hard-earned promotion. We wish him luck as he continues to have an influence on the School and its students and remind him that his impact on Baines will be remembered and appreciated by the boys and staff.

And so five unforgettable and memorable years in this House come to end. A rollercoaster of many ups and many downs that I would not change if given the chance. Through the mixture of nervousness and excitement as the end draws near, one thing that is certain is that Baines is in safe hands going forward. The Baines community will always have a special place in my heart and all I

hope is that those to come will leave Baines with the same sense of gratitude and love for the House that I and the A Blockers and many others from years before have come to feel and cherish.

Salvete: Leo Baber, Tristan Butler, Junior Chalumbira, Benjamin Frost, Chenge Gondo, Mvelo Guma, Tristan Hoyle, Jack Jones, Lekgotla Kebonang, Anthony Melouney, Harry Moller, Skulule Ngejane, Nsika Nxumalo, George Scott, Liam Telford, Luke van Niekerk, Vuyani Getyengana, Campbell Davies-Webb, Ethan Hartwell

Valete: Richard Bam, Thomas Bradford, Jack Firth, Joseph Jangulo, Levin Kamau, Christian Kohrs, Kwanza Kukubo, Christian le Roux, Lesedi Letebele, Sebastian Maitre, Reece McLuckie, Christian Opperman, Jack Parsons, Johannes Steyn, Lance Tratschler, Riley Horner, William Demain

MACKENZIE

Written by Takalani Tshivhase

Housemaster: Mr Bailey Coxon

Assistant Housemaster: Mr Paul Snyman

House Tutors: Mr Jed Coventry, Mr Ernest Rindfleisch, Mr Craig Pieterse

Interns: Mr Siphesihle Mdladla, Mr Matthew Stringer
Home Room Teachers: Mr William Silk, Mrs Tanith von Mayer

Head of House: Takalani Tshivhase

House Prefects: Daniel Dillon, Dane Fisher, Lance Reynolds, Philip Thomas

Bailey Coxon has continued to lead the House to new

heights as Mackenzie continues on its journey towards being the House to be in. With this goal in mind there has been a feeling of unity and pride buzzing throughout the House. The diversity within the House is one of the characteristics that makes Mackenzie so unique and comfortable for the boys. Mackenzie has been a solid unit in every event that it has participated in over the year:

T= has been another prosperous year for Mackenzie. Mr

First Place: Inter-House Cultural Week, Junior and Senior
Debating, Junior Tug-of-War, D Block Camp

Second Place: Inter-House Photography, E Block Survivor
Camp

This year we were joined by 15 new E Blockers (and later in
the year by two others), who were all excited to see what their
first year at Michaelhouse had in store for them. These boys fell
seamlessly into the general routines and became a vibrant presence.
Many of the new boys have done very well in their first year at
Michaelhouse, representing various A teams and cultural groups.

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THE FOLLOWING BOYS REPRESENTED

A TEAMS IN E BLOCK THIS YEAR:

Rugby: Rupert Hechter, Marc Sidebottom, Rory MacColl,
Ayabonga Zakwe

Rugby 7s: Ben Turner, Ayabonga Zakwe, Rupert Hechter
Soccer: Lazola Mayekiso, Rory MacColl, Marc Sidebottom

Squash: Mare Sidebottom, Sean Hough, Joshua Hadley-
Grave

Basketball: Ayabonga Zakwe

Cricket: Rory MacColl

Water polo: Rupert Hechter

Mackenzie has been given a very capable group of new boys
this year, who are very keen to fly the Mackenzie flag high as
they look forward to their next four years.

The D Blockers have continued to be a very welcoming
presence in the House as they have helped many of the new E
Blockers adjust to life at the School. They have been a solid unit
this year, performing well as a group on their D Block camp at
the beginning of the year and then on their hike at the end of
the third quarter. Heinrich Reyneke is to be congratulated on
receiving half colours for theatre tech.

THE FOLLOWING BOYS HAVE REPRESENTED

AN A TEAM IN D BLOCK THIS YEAR:

Cricket: Oyama Ntshona, Scott Kirk, Adrien Fisher

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MACKENZIE

Back Row: Thomas Roberts, Thomas van der Hoven, Derrick Pienaar, Tom Harper, Warwick Geldenhuys, Kopano Leeuw, Ian Reed, Jason Morby-Smith, Warren Yoko, Owethu Phekani, Hugo Ayo, Rupert Hechter, Ben Lister, Luc Delaporte, Fourth Row: Nick Crampton, Neil Johnston, Leo von Berger, Luke Gilmore, Sebastian Huggins, Josh Herold, Thamsanqa Zakwe, Aiden Olivier, Lloyd Howell, Ross Nijland, Khanyo Ndlovu, Conor MacColl, Peter Scholtz, Cyle Wilson, Lwandile Ngcobo, Phillip van der Hoven, Nhlakanipho, Mathe, Simi Femi-Kayode, Third Row: Adrien Fisher, Heinrich Reyneke, Max Sartini-Kruger, Rory MacColl, Ryan Baker, Zhane Inko-Tariah, Scott Kirk, Ryan Smith, Ben Turner, Kabelo Setipa, Avabonga Zakwe, Bereng Seeiso, Anthony Turner, Michael Dalglish, Tapiwa Chikwanda, Jesse Rencken, Albert Wahl, Second Row: Oyama Ntshona, Tim Evans, Marc Sidebottom, Dean Hough, Connor MacCallum, Ayanda Cele, Sivabonga Ndlovu, Lazola Mayekiso, Josh Hadley-Grave, Mohale Mogale, Feroz Amod, Ntumbuluko Mdluli, Xihluke Marhule, Tomi Femi-Kayode, Sean Hough, Front Row (seated): Mr Siphesihle Mdladla, Philip Thomas, Mr Jed Coventry, Dane Fisher, Mr Craig Pieterse, Takalani Tshivhase, Mr Bailey Coxon, Mr Paul Snyman, Matt Hubbard, Mr William Silk, Lance Reynolds, Mr Ernest Rindfleisch, Dan Dillon, Mrs Tanith von Mayer

Soccer: Scott Kirk, Jason Morby-Smith

Rugby: Adrien Fischer, Jason Morby-Smith, Scott Kirk, Ben Lister

Water polo: Jason Morby-Smith, Ben Lister

Many of the boys have excelled in their various sports this year with Jason Morby-Smith and Ben Lister both representing the first water polo team and Adrien Fisher representing both the first cricket and tennis teams.

The C Block have had a very good first year of being seniors. Tapiwa Chikwanda has continued his excellent academic performance at Michaelhouse, achieving first place in his Block yet again. Tapiwa has also participated in the Senior Marimba Band this year. He is also to be congratulated on receiving colours for debating. The C Blockers were all able to complete the annual C Block Journey at the end of the third

quarter, which is a remarkable achievement for all of them. This year the C Block welcomed a year long exchange student from Germany, Leo von Berger, who has undoubtedly enjoyed his time here, having made many friends.

Nick Crampton excelled in his sporting endeavours this year, representing both the first soccer XI and rugby XV. He is to be congratulated on receiving colours for soccer.

Soccer: Connor MacColl

Rugby: Josh Herold

The B Block have had a very important academic year which they seemed to take in their stride, with their good marks and high effort scores as a group. They have started to take over

leadership positions within the House in preparation for their role in 2019. This group of boys has proven to be very capable in all that they do. Hugo Ayo is to be congratulated for receiving half colours and Cyle Wilson honours for service.

THE FOLLOWING B BLOCK BOYS REPRESENTED
FIRST AND SECOND TEAMS THIS YEAR:

Rugby: Thamsanga Zakwe

Soccer: Lwandile Ngcobo

A big influence on the House and its success this year has come from the A Blockers. They have instilled a mentality of effort and passion in the House that has trickled down through the Blocks. These boys lead from the front in all events, from Inter-House music to Inter-House athletics.

ACHIEVEMENTS BY A BLOCK BOYS:

Warren Yoko: Gold President's Award, honours for canoeing

Daniel Dillon: honours for canoeing, half colours for rugby

Dane Fisher: honours for rugby. Dane was also selected to represent the Craven Week side

Takalani Tshivhase: honours for music

Lance Reynolds: half colours for rugby and rugby 7s

Philip Thomas: half colours for rugby and rugby 7s

Sebastian Huggins: has been a top canoeist this year racking up various top places in many different races

Ian Reed has been somewhat of a dark horse on the cricket pitch, silently moving up the ranks and putting in very notable performances over the season

Owethu Phekani has captained multiple basketball and soccer

teams over the years. He also achieved recognition for diligence in Economics on Speech Day

THE FOLLOWING A BLOCK BOYS REPRESENTED
FIRST AND SECOND TEAMS THIS YEAR:

Soccer, first XI: Takalani Tshivhase, Kopano Leeuw

Soccer, second XI: Takalani Tshivhase (Captain), Kopano Leeuw (Vice-Captain)

First XV: Lance Reynolds, Philip Thomas, Dane Fisher, Daniel Dillon

Second XV: Philip Thomas, Lance Reynolds

First VU: Philip Thomas, Lance Reynolds, Dane Fisher

Basketball, second team: Takalani Tshivhase

Water polo, second team: Warwick Geldenhuys

Mackenzie continues to support the Community Partnership Programme. Each Block is involved in a different activity during the week: E Block visit Esiphethwini School, D Block go to Khazimula, C Block help at the SPCA and at Sunfield Home and the B Block give of their time to SMILE. Gratitude is extended to all the Mackenzie moms involved in organizing the annual wine-tasting and fundraising evening, which raised a significant amount of money for Khazimula. This year a new

ablution facility was built for the home.

Fikile is the silent force who keeps the House running. Her efforts to keep Mackenzie looking in top shape for prospective visitors and for all the boys is appreciated, as she really takes pride in her work. I would like to thank Fikile for her hard work over the five years that Iâ\200\231ve been in Mackenzie.

The House tutors have been a major factor in the House. Each of the tutors plays a large role in the lives of all of the boys in Mackenzie, and without their support many of the boys would be lost. For all that they have done, I thank them.

Lastly, a big thank you to Mr Coxon, who has been a father to all the boys in the House and a highly respected disciplinarian. He has only been in Mackenzie for two years but it would be hard to imagine the House without him at the helm. Mr Coxon has fostered growth in Mackenzie and this has undoubtedly secured a bright future for the House. Luceo non Uro.

Salvete: Feroz Amod, Luke Bokaba, Michael Dalgleish, Timothy Evans, Tomi Femi-Kayode, Josh Hadley-Grave, Rupert Hechter, Sean Hough, Connor Maccallum, Rory McColl, Xihluke Marhule, Lazola Mayekiso, Lusanda Mrasi, Kabelo Setipa, Marc Sidebottom, Ben Turner, Ayabonga Zakwe, Leopold von Berger

Valete: Daniel Dillon, Dane Fisher, Warwick Geldenhuys, Sebastian Huggins, Kopano Leeuw, Owethu Phekani, Ian Reed, Lance Reynolds, Philip Thomas, Takalani Tshivhase, Warren Yoko, Leopold von Berger, Aiken Olivier, Derrick Pienaar

WHEN RICHARD HEDDON PASSED, THE WAITERS
GRIEVED FOR HIM IN THE MOST POIGNANT WAY.
IN ADDITION TO BLACK ARMBANDS THEY TURNED
HIS CHAIR AT OUR TABLE AROUND AND KEPT IT
LIKE THAT FOR A WEEK. THANK YOU, BUSH, FOR
TEACHING ME THAT GRACIOUS WAY. | WILL TURN
A CHAIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK.

Jacques van Schoor

OLD BOYS

in 1896, Michaelhouse's founder, James Cameron Todd, reflected that a boy's connection with his school is not severed when he leaves, but lasts throughout life. His whole tone, moral and spiritual as well as intellectual, is largely determined for life by his school. One hundred and twenty-three years and generations of Michaelhouse boys on, we are still guided by our founder's spirit and the belief that each boy who passes through our gates is taking the first major step on a life-long journey of self-discovery, personal growth and camaraderie. The distinctive ivy-clad architecture of interlinked quadrangles, which has inspired a sense of belonging for generations of boys, remains a constant touchstone to the 6 400 Alumni across five continents.

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ST MICHAEL AWARD CITATION: ANDREW ZALOUMIS

ther, Emmanuel, a dentist by profession, was also an

internationally acclaimed ornithologist and St Michael Award recipient in 1996. His uncle, George, devoted his life to conservation through a career with Ezemvelo Wildlife.

f\ ndrew grew up surrounded by conservationists. His fa-

Along with his father, Andrew was involved in the protracted battle to save the coastal dunes at St Lucia from the devastation of mining and their success culminated in the proclamation of the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, later renamed the iSimangaliso Wetland Park in 2007. The protection of the park was later further secured when, under Andrew's unwavering drive and leadership, iSimangaliso Wetland Park was granted World Heritage Site status by UNESCO in 2017. The iSimangaliso Wetland Park spans 275km, or nine percent of the South African coastline, and protects 3 280km² of natural ecosystems ranging from coral reefs to subtropical forests and savannah.

Andrew has worked tirelessly, and in many instances without personal reward, for the cause of conservation. He has a unique understanding of effective and sustainable conservation along with the needs of the communities living in and around national parks and has pioneered development-focused conservation. The iSimangaliso Wetland Park is internationally recognised for its model of protected areas management that puts communities at the centre of conservation. He was instrumental in the transformation and establishment of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park into a renowned and world-class conservation tourism destination. His approach to restoration of major ecosystems and its wildlife and the sustainable management of natural resources is forward-looking and blazes a trail for many similar areas. In taking World Heritage conservation to a whole new level, Andrew has given hope and inspiration to the youth of iSimangaliso and his peers around the globe.

Andrew implemented the anti-malaria programme that has reduced malaria incidence by 96% in KwaZulu-Natal. His other successes include the promotion of investments to the tune of more than R200 million in roads, bulk services, tourism accommodation and day-visitor facilities in iSimangaliso.

As an acknowledgment of his contribution to both the conservation and the tourism industries, he has received a number of awards, including the South African Institute for Chartered Accountants 2015/16 Award for Public Sector Audit

Excellence, the World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Award, the National Heritage Council Golden Shield Award for World Heritage Site of the Year and the 2017 KfW-Bernhard-Grzimek-Preis Award for his ground-breaking work in people-centred conservation in one of South Africa's poorest regions.

Andrew has earned the respect of the communities of Tongaland for treating people equally regardless of their gender, race or social status. This approach is part of his team-building ethos, and helped him to assemble a staff who collectively understand and support iSimangaliso's vision and show tremendous personal loyalty to the future of the Park.

Andrew's regard for the iSimangaliso area is both personal and deeply-felt, cultivated over a long-lived intimacy with the area for more than 40 years as a young boy, a student, an activist and finally the CEO of South Africa's first World Heritage Site. This

heart-felt immersion in nature and wildness is balanced by an equal respect and regard for the area's people. His refusal to look at people and their well-being as separate, or competing, concerns with the environment forged a new approach to conservation for the iSimangaliso area that also set important benchmarks for other conservation areas in the country and abroad.

Andrew Zaloumis has been described as a "legend in our lifetime". He is a walking encyclopaedia on whom conservationists, researchers, media, conservation enthusiasts, amateurs, professionals and others will continue to call. He is widely acknowledged for having demonstrated selflessness, dedication to grooming leaders, managers, professionals, and entrepreneurs in rural settings to world standards with unquestionable love for the country.

Andrew has confronted adversity in the interest of conservation on many occasions. He has effectively repelled political and industrial opposition to the rehabilitation of the wetlands in iSimangaliso Park. Part of Andrew's success at iSimangaliso can be attributed to his courage, perseverance and tenacity, his willingness to take unpopular decisions to protect biodiversity and promote social equity, and his ability to take risks. He has stared death in the face on a number of occasions. On one he almost repelled an angry buffalo with his walking stick, while on another he staved off an attacking hippo with a mountain bike, allowing his son, Emmanuel time to climb a nearby tree.

It is fitting that Andrew today takes his place, alongside his late father, Emmanuel, in the ranks of St Michael Awardees.

ST MICHAEL AWARD CITATION: ROLAND MEYRICK HUDSON-BENNETT

where he arrived at Michaelhouse in 1955. Being a third-generation Michaelhousian, he was acutely aware of the culture and values that Michaelhouse embodies. Roland

RR: began his schooling career at Cordwalles from

excelled on the sports field. He played hockey and represented the First XV. He was a Farfield prefect in his final year and, for three years, he performed the role of server in the Michaelhouse Chapel.

After successfully becoming a chartered accountant, Roland's strong sense of pride and dedication ensured much success in all his endeavours. His career in auditing spanned 40 years. Roland led by example and because of the trust and respect in which his peers held him, he became a partner at KPMG in 1972. After a short stint at Defy Industries Limited, he was appointed managing partner of the Cape Town office of Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, which became KPMG. Roland remained at KPMG until his retirement in 2004.

Auditing is a profession which not only requires strong ethical standards, but also reliability and longevity – all of which Roland encompasses. Until his retirement, Roland was a member of numerous regional societies of chartered accountants and of the Association of Arbitrators. He was thus always at the forefront of the implementation of standards set by the King Commission for the Practice of Good Governance commencing in 1994. Roland's commitment was further acknowledged by his professional colleagues when they awarded him the first KPMG Special Award for a Life-time of Community Involvement in 2004.

Although Roland dedicated much of his time to his career, he still found time and energy to give back to the community. He has served on the boards of St Luke's Hospice, Ons Plek (a safe haven for girls and young women living on the street), Sunfield Home for the Mentally Challenged and the Scout Movement in Cape Town, as well as being an auditor for Scouting South Africa and serving on the South African Council of YMCAs. His 16 years as a member of the Cape Town Castle Control Board came soon after 1994 – this involved numerous contentious exchanges with the changing of the guard. In 1993/4, Roland

was president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and he led trade missions to Italy and Belgium.

Roland is the epitome of a servant leader, and he works to promote lasting relationships with all whom he encounters. Throughout his life, Roland has lived in a close relationship with God and he has had a variety of responsibilities in a number of parishes. He strives to follow the example that Christ set and has lived his life accordingly.

Suffering from Crohn's disease resulted in his having to undergo dialysis multiple times per week; however, this did not deter Roland from thinking of others. It inspired him to set up a system of newsletters for other patients, and his commitment to share his experience and to afford help, is further evidence of his outreach to his fellow man.

Roland is an inspiration to all who know him; he has a great sense of humour, often leaving himself as the butt of the joke. One of his many talents is story-telling and he recounts challenging and amusing incidents of his own experiences.

Now that he is retired, he has time to pursue other hobbies, such as collecting a multitude of historical newspapers, magazines and maps, as well as South African stamps and world banknotes. He has also starred in several local commercials, much to the delight of his family.

Roland's humility, generosity of spirit, dedication and tenacity have led to success in all facets of life, and thus, he is a worthy recipient of the St Michael Award.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OLD BOYSâ\200\231 CLUB, MR ROSS ARMSTRONG

as President of the Michaelhouse Old Boys Club in May 2017 and the responsibility of the role has certainly lived up to expectations.

! had the privilege of taking over the reins from Mark Lynn

We are now in contact with 6026 Old Boysâ\200\231 around the globe and we are making an enormous effort to ensure that these men are able to connect with other Old Boys through the different functions organized by their respective branches.

As I travel and meet many OMs, I am privileged to hear of so many stories of how Old Michaelhousians are impacting society and business all around the world. Just this afternoon we honoured two OMs with the St Michael Award. Andrew Zaloumis for his 20 years of outstanding leadership and a career dedicated to people-centred conservation; and Roland Hudson-Bennett for his work in improving the life and the conditions of persons suffering from severe physical distress.

So, what has kept us busy this past year?

Keeping focused on our core purpose: stating the obvious, the Old Boy club exists for the Old Boys, which means serving the Old Boy community through the respective branches. This has been an incredible year as I have had the privilege of visiting branches in South Africa and abroad. I am continually amazed at the brotherhood and strong friendships that are forged just because we attended this incredible School. I take this opportunity to thank the branch chairmen who do an amazing job, gathering, supporting and providing an environment where OMs may gather and connect.

We re-visited our constitution to ensure it is relevant and current. The outcome of this has been a change to the process for election of Honorary Old Boys.

No one is ever ready for tragedy, and the horrific news of the bus accident hit all of us with brute force. I would like to extend my deep gratitude to all the Michaelhouse Old Boys around the world for the prayers, support and love shown to the greater Michaelhouse community over that time. I would like to honour

one of our Michaelhouse families, who lost their son, Themba, in that horrific accident. Thabo Dloti, his wife Thandeka and their son Thabang, have displayed the character and strength that we aspire to build in all Men of Michaelhouse. A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles. Today we add Themba's name to the list of Michaelhouse Old Boys, as an honorary member of our club.

We have spent much time on the exciting building project which will provide us with a brand-new Clubhouse. Amanda Jarvis and the team are busy with the décor and what I have seen so far is amazing. The official opening of the new Old Boys' Clubhouse and Heritage Centre will take place on 14 September. We still need to raise further funds in order to see the completion of the project, so I encourage you all to take this opportunity and enjoy a sense of ownership by contributing towards the final push as we come to the end of this build. Along with the Clubhouse and Heritage Centre, there have been many other building projects around the School, so please take time to walk past the water polo pool, the new Sciences Block, and admire the new Housemasters' apartments on top for West and Farfield. We look forward to the two new Houses, Ralfe and McCormick, which by 2019 will extend the School out towards Hannahs.

The online shop project has been in response to endless calls from Old Boys wanting to purchase memorabilia online. I would like to thank Gary Davies for his generosity and support with this project, enabling us to begin the setup in collaboration with the School.

We have been looking at updating the communication channels by introducing an Old Boys' mobile app. This project is in response to the many queries we receive from Old Boys wanting to connect with other Old Boys around the globe. The app also opens up many other options, such as ability to receive information from the club. We are also joining Murray Witherspoon's amazing Instagram initiative, @iammichaelhouse, and I'm inviting any OMs interested to submit their info to him.

Increasing our involvement with the Community Partnership Programme, one of our Old Boys along with the programme's manager, Mrs Sibu Chalufu, is mobilizing a number of communication and support efforts, particularly focusing on schools in the Midlands area. Community Partnership does have a strong link to the Old Boys community. Part of the drive

is to open opportunities for Old Boys to get involved with specific projects in any way they wish, by donating funds or becoming actively involved. Therefore, it is vital that we send out updates regarding these projects.

Following up on our communication regarding the development of the Michaelhouse sports model we have developed a strategy which addresses the questions relating to the pressures that professionalism has imposed on school sports and how we, at Michaelhouse, strive to remain competitive without losing our core values. Therefore, our School values will guide the sports strategy, and while academics at Michaelhouse remain the core focus, we subscribe to a holistic education model which also includes excellence in sports, enabling us to stay competitive along with creating the environment for every boy to excel to the best of his ability. A detailed description of the new strategy and changes can be found in the updated sport policy document.

I would also like to acknowledge the elected Vice President, Phil Roberts. We are fortunate to have such a person on the team. The President Elect sits on the board in an ex officio

capacity along with myself and this ensures the continuing strong link between the School and the Old Boys's Club.

A big thank you to the Central Committee, who give of themselves and their time and serve selflessly throughout the year. During the year Wayne Witherspoon filled the remaining position on the Central Committee. He has already added huge value with his involvement and contributions to date. Kevin O'Brien has stepped down due to time constraints. Thank you, Kevin, for your service to the committee.

Lastly, I would like to convey my thanks to the folk that work in the Old Boys's Office here at the School. Fred Pitout, for the amazing work he does interacting with Old Boys around the world. Whether it's a phone call, email or a visit, Fred seems to get in touch with many Old Boys all over the planet. Robyn Gruijters for the hard work in the office which includes the development and management of Old Boys's social media presence, database management, archives and the new Heritage Centre project. Michelle Huntley for the hard work in performing a co-ordination function and a variety of administrative duties that ensure a secretarial and administrative support service is provided to the Old Boys's Club. We are all appreciative of your time and energy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ADDRESS BY THE RECTOR, MR PAUL FLEISCHACK

tivities since the AGM of 2017. The past 12 months have been nothing but eventful. We have lived through challenging and exciting moments. There have been highs and lows in the extreme. We have had to review and revise a number of our

It is a pleasure to report on the state of the School and academic practices and processes.

We have just completed the offers of place, scholarships and financial assistance. While all E Block beds are filled (with a few extras at this stage), the process proved to be extremely

challenging. In a number of cases it was quite clear that we were competing against counter-offers of finance from other schools. The level of financial ask in applications has also increased significantly as families, particularly those with two or more sons find costs very difficult to meet.

On the academic front our Matric results placed us at the top of the pile of like-sized schools. Our boys earned 2,1 A symbols per boy and were bettered only by St John's with their 2,5 A symbols per boy. One hundred and five of the 107 boys earned university entrance passes, while the other two passed well enough to enter diploma studies. These results were outstanding from a group who held out no real promise and, in fact, were of concern to the staff. We have since had the good news that Cameron Clarke has been accepted to Harvard and Bongile Fleischer to UCLA.

On the co-curricular front. We won 50% of all sport matches last year. Best performers being basketball, tennis and squash. Our water polo and rugby players have had the most difficult time and we anticipate that we will soon climb back to the crest of the wave. While our recruited Master-in-Charge of hockey left unexpectedly, the appointments of a new Senior Master, Sport, Master-in-Charge of rugby, two water polo coaches and engaging specialist support coaches for hockey and cricket are already having a positive effect. I am confident that the conditioning programmes along with new coaching and training strategies will turn our results around.

Pierre van der Westhuyzen has paddled his way into the Junior Olympics, which take place later this year, and Finn Elliot is hoping to qualify for the triathlon event there. A number of our paddlers have finished the Duzi, in which we were the winning school, the Fish River Marathon and the South African Canoe Marathon Championships, where Jean van der Westhuyzen managed a podium finish.

Our boys' performances in the cultural sphere continue to impress. Musical repertoires at @bandroom.live, winning youth choir performances in the UK, art pieces being selected for exhibitions at local galleries, and public speaking representation at the World Championships, are all good measures of success.

We will host the fourth Michaelhouse Festival of Music in a few weeks' time and have secured PJ Powers as the main performer.

The first quarter saw the B Block Confirmation Camp followed by a very successful and significant ceremony. Christian Focus is very active and popular and Bible study cell groups are functioning in most Houses.

Clubs and societies are vibrant. The Trout Club had their 63rd outing to East Griqualand. The Surfing Society competed in a competition last week, Toastmasters remains a sought after society.

The Nature Reserve now sports a herd of four zebra who seem content to remain inside the fence and the Nguni herd are still the bulk grazers on the hillside. The lapa remains popular for group outings. A few boys ask to camp out at the lapa and it is

the base for the E Block Survivor Camp.

Community partnership involvement under the capable direction of Mrs Sibule Chalufu is growing and finding new vision and focus. We partnered with Ligbron Academy to install an interactive science e-learning facility at Shea O'Connor School

in Nottingham Road. This is already bearing fruit and has laid the foundation for our thinking about future engagement of this nature at other local schools.

The E Block Camp, D Block Hike and C Block Journey were all great successes. The Journey was postponed to the fourth quarter to accommodate boys who had been affected by the bus accident, which occurred just a few days before we were to depart.

The building programme has passed its first milestone with the opening of the new Sciences bBlock. As you wander around this world-class facility, please cast your eyes up to the roof to see the first 60 solar panels on campus. These will feed power into the Michaelhouse grid: an exciting milestone on our green journey. This will soon be followed by the completion of the new Heritage Centre and then, next week, the commencement of the building of Ralfe and McCormick Houses.

The bus accident overshadowed most of the past eight months of our lives. I must pay tribute here to Greg Theron, whose leadership of the School through this crisis was exemplary. We are still dealing with the aftermath of the accident. Who would have thought that, just a few days after the armed robbery at the Laingsâ\200\231 home, we would have to deal with a second bus accident? Thankfully, however, this was minor and without

injury.

The current A Blockers and, particularly the prefects, have brought a positive and happy atmosphere to the pupil body. They have stood against all forms of intimidation and have allowed many disciplinary issues to be brought to book. They are proving to be significant leaders who understand fully the meaning of the term â\200\234brothers in armsâ\200\235. New boys report happy relationships with their Cops. The War Cry Committee has been so exceptional that for the first time they have been granted their own tie, which they will wear on match days. They have set the bar for the current B Blockers, who will shortly take up the reins. These young men have begun a culture change here and we need to maintain this momentum.

The staff are in a good space and I hope you will pick up that there is a spirit of purpose and enthusiasm about the campus. It is a real privilege to work with these boys and staff.

Dudley Forde recently asked me what I thought was the best thing about Michaelhouse. Nothing has changed. For me it has always been the authentic warmth of the place. It is the boys who look us in the eye and greet us with friendly smiles and confidence. It is the boys who cross the road to greet you when they donâ\200\231t have to. It is the way they wear their uniform smartly and with pride. It is the boys who grab life by the horns and box above their weight. And then thereâ\200\231s that cheeky bit of mischief which makes us shake our heads and smile.

BRANCH REPORTS

DURBAN

Chairman: Steven Boast

It has been a successful year for the Durban Branch and we have managed to raise a significant amount of money. The passion and support we have from the Durban Old Boys en-

ables us to do this.

Our annual dinner was held at the Durban Country Club with 130 Old Boys and parents in attendance. The guest speaker, John Steenhuisen, gave us a fantastic talk. We auctioned off some rugby jerseys to raise funds. The new Old Boys's Club pub area is now home to the first XV jersey that was generously bought and donated by Nigel Williamson, Warwick Elliot, Ant Hewat and Nick Jonsson.

The Annual Golf Day hosted by the DCC was another great gathering of Old Boys.

All credit must go to the following OBs of the Durban Branch: Nigel Williamson, Wayne Witherspoon, Brett Davidson, Patrick Baker, Ian Lambie, Brett Roux, Guy Allen, Mark Richards, Iain Lambert and Johnathan Pretorius; as well as Father Fred, Michelle Huntley and Robyn Gruijters.

The Durban Branch extends its thanks and appreciation to Father Fred, in his retirement year, for all his guidance, wisdom and assistance over the years. Enjoy your retirement, Father Fred.

The Durban Branch is planning big things for 2019 which we will launch in the New Year; join us at one of our functions to find out what we have planned.

CAPE TOWN

Chairman: Charles Phillips

Despite severe water shortages, it was a great year for the D Cape Town Branch and we all had to drink wine instead, but managed to survive somehow. Our OM numbers have grown immensely due to the migration here from upcountry and many students obtaining local employment after completing their studies at UCT and Stellenbosch University.

The live-TV broadcast of the Michaelhouse v Hilton first XV game in May was well supported at Villagers Rugby Club and loads of OMs dressed in red and white, shouted the rugby war cries and sang the School hymn. A hoard of happy HOB supporters made some noise as well and gloated on the outcome of the game. Thanks to John Hooper of Mt Vernon Wines for sponsoring the broadcast costs.

Drinks and pizza with the first-year OMs at Stellenbosch University in August at The Old Oak was great fun with Fred Pitout in attendance. Our aim is to rope the youth into the OM fellowship early on. Oh boy - can they drink beer though!

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Our annual dinner in August at the Wild Fig was enjoyed by 110 OMs, mainly younger generation, which was great to see. This was Rector Paul Fleischack's first Cape dinner, and he gave a rousing speech for which he received a standing ovation. Also in attendance were Board Chairman Ant Hewat, OM President Ross Armstrong and Canon Fred Pitout. Gifts were presented

to Roland Hudson-Bennett after his recent St Michael Award for many years of incredible charity work, and to Fred Pitout, this being his final year after a decade as OM Secretary. All in all a fine evening of wining and dining, followed by singing of the School hymn, some extremely raucous war cries and our AGM and a wine auction.

This year's Sunday church service at Brooke Chapel at Bishops took place in typical wet and wild Cape wintry weather, but Fred Pitout and Jacques Pretorius gave a lovely warm Eucharist to the brave souls in attendance.

Mt Vernon Wine Estate in Klapmuts was the venue once again for our superb Sunday lunch for OMs and their partners inside the wine cellar due to the cold and wet weather. Our thanks go to Dave, John and Lara Hooper for their wonderful hospitality as usual. Remember to order your MHSOBC labeled wines at info@mountvernon.co.za as a portion of the proceeds go to the Central MHSOBC.

Thank you to our Cape OM Committee comprising Chris Taylor (who has just resigned thanks for your many years of service), Anthony Haggie, Aubrey Ngcungama, and our two new recruits Justin Fletcher and Zayn Naidoo.

Finally, Fred Pitout, we salute you and thank you for a great ten years of service as OM Secretary and for going the extra mile at all our Cape OM functions and for not missing a single one.

EASTERN CAPE

Written by Fred Pitout

real pleasure to meet up again with Owen and Vera Skae.

A= and I spent the night with them in Grahamstown.

noisy and happy evening was spent at the Rat and

Parrot. An eclectic group of young and older Old Boys along

with wives/partners. Appreciative interest shown with the read-

ing of a significant letter from OM David Pickard-Cambridge (1949-1952).

Our trip then took us to Plettenberg Bay, where we stayed with OM David Mitchell and his wife, Carol. David and James Stewart (1984-1986) had organized an excellent gathering with Old Boys and wives / partners. Nancy and Adam Rouillard had even come from George for the occasion a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. The following morning we were privileged to meet with OM Robbie Leggat at his foundry. Robbie is now internationally acknowledged as a sculptor of significant bronzes. A family of his bronzed wattled cranes now grace the fountain in front of the Indoor Centre at Michaelhouse.

EAST GRIQUALAND

Chairman: Roger Spencer

ector Paul Fleischack and Old Boy Secretary Fred Res: joined us in Underberg, together with a group of current, past and present parents and Old Boys at Mikeâ\200\231s Kitchen. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of good camaraderie and hospitality.

MIDLANDS

Chairman: Brett Moller

t has been another active and successful year for the Midlands Branch of the Michaelhouse Old Boysâ\200\231 Club. We recently hosted our annual Spring Cocktail Evening and have been

instrumental in the running of the Midlands Weaner Scheme.

For the benefit of our younger Old Boys, the Midlands Weaner Scheme is an Old Boy farmer-driven fund which has been assisting Old Boy farmers send their sons to Michaelhouse since its inception in the late 80s. Started by John Morgan, the Michaelhouse groundsman and MIC of the Gun Club and the Agricultural Society, the Weaner Scheme has grown into a fund which is the envy of our friends down the road and which has been replicated by St Andrews, Grahamstown, and their local Eastern Cape farmer old boys.

With regard to the Michaelhouse Weaner Scheme, our committee has convened at the Centenary Centre for a number of meetings. The short-term plan of the committee has been three fold and focused on cementing and strengthening the project that was started more than 30 years ago.

The Weaner Scheme constitution. This has taken more than a year to finalize, with many discussions with older generation members and final proofreading by Mark Lynn. With difficult decisions to make, the committee now has the constitution document to refer to and adhere to.

Financial management: maintain up to date bookkeeping and inform members of relevant financial status of the Weaner Scheme. The Michaelhouse bursar has been integrally involved with this.

Benevolent / Scholarship fund. The aim of the Weaner Scheme is to create a fund that will assist a potential applicant who is not necessarily a member of the Weaner Scheme and whose financial circumstances necessitate assistance.

The main item of interest on the recent meetingâ\200\231s agenda was the Weaner Scheme finances and I am very pleased to report that under the scrutiny of the bursar, Damien Rautenbach, the financial position of the Weaner Scheme is good. Damien and his staff have spent considerable time tidying up and tightening the finances to a point where all members will have the relevant financial information available to them. Damien has compiled a detailed spreadsheet with all contributions and drawdowns since 2003 and each contributor to the Weaner Scheme will also receive a Certificate of Contribution. We realise that there

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will be many contributions unaccounted for prior to 2003 as the Weaner Scheme started way back in the late 80s, so if you have receipts or documents from the inception of the Weaner Scheme, they would be gladly received and may even find their

way into the Michaelhouse archives.

The Weaner Scheme has been steadily growing over the years and our total assets, including cattle holdings, are in the region of R8,5 million. Our GP% for cattle sales in 2016 was 47% and this increased to 54% in 2017. Although these look like fantastic results this can be largely attributed to the massive leap in the beef price combined with the fact that fewer weaners were bought by the Weaner Scheme to be reared in the field due to the drought of 2016/17. At present we are running 130 weaners in the field and this is considerably down on the 242 of the 2015/16 season. With this in mind and the fantastic late summer rains experienced I would like to encourage any interested members to continue supporting this initiative and rear a few weaners for the Weaner Scheme. Our aim is to have 300 weaners in the field by 2019 and I urge you all to continue your involvement, however small. Of concern to our committee is the shrinking pool of farmer Old Boys and this has brought about the question of including non Old Boys into the Weaner Scheme who have a family history with Michaelhouse. This point has been discussed at length and looking to the future we may need to consider amending our constitution to be more inclusive in this regard.

The annual Spring Cocktail Evening was held on Thursday 18 October at the Fordoun Conference Centre. The evening was a great success and was attended by more than 120 Old Boys and partners, including Rector Fleischack, Chairman of the Board, Ant Hewat and Chairman of the Old Boys, Ross Armstrong. Our guest speaker, Garwen McLuckie, internationally lauded cameraman for Sky News and Sky correspondent Alex Crawford, had the audience on the edge of their seats and some on the verge of tears whilst regaling us with his life experiences. The standing ovation he received was testament to an excellent address and it was an honour and privilege to have seen a glimpse of his life behind the lens. Yet another great social gathering of Old Boys, partners and friends of Michaelhouse. Thanks to the Bates family for the use of their fantastic venue and for providing the scrumptious spread of cocktail snacks.

Rector Fleischack and Chairman Ant Hewat both gave a brief report back on the current status of Michaelhouse, which is always something that the Old Boys enjoy hearing about. The evening ended with a farewell tribute to Father Fred Pitout, Secretary of the Old Boys's Club, who retires at the end of the year. A stalwart of the Michaelhouse community whose dedication to Michaelhouse and the Old Boys's Club is unsurpassed. Go well, Father Fred, and we hope the Goose House B&B keeps you busy!

Lastly I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Ross Armstrong, Michelle Huntley, and Robyn Gruijters, who all work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the Michaelhouse Old Boy fraternity stays together and that the sense of brotherhood continues amongst all of us and that we continue to benefit from the Armour for Life worn during our days at House.

PIETERMARITZBURG

Chairman: Nicholas Jackson

been to reconnect with our peers. We have made some

T: main aim of the Pietermaritzburg Branch this year has progress in achieving this.

The 81st staging of the Hudson-Bennett Golf day was played at Boschoek Golf Club. This has seen an increase in numbers playing to over 44 golfers. Much camaraderie was enjoyed after the game as connections with peers were made.

Winners on the day were:

Hudson-Bennett Trophy: G Hall, S Pennington,

M Perry, R Robertson

Rhys Evans Trophy: B Flanagan

Ken Drysdale Trophy: G Hall

Kehla Trophy: G Hall

Most Golf: X van Rooyen

In discussions with the committee we have also started an informal drinks evening. There has been a pleasing response and with greater numbers responding it looks as though we are awaking the Sleepy Hollow of 200\230Maritzburg Old Boys.

It is with great sadness that I report that a long-serving member of the Pietermaritzburg Committee, Doctor Terence Rockey, passed away at the grand age of 90 years young. We send our condolences to his family.

PRETORIA

Chairman: Matthew McCormick

OBs as well as some of the older generation. With only a

few OBs registered in Pretoria, our strategy is to include wives and girlfriends at all functions 200\224 not only to give the ladies a glimpse into life at Michaelhouse but also to bring an element of respectability to the normally raucous proceedings.

Te fledgling branch is tasked with attracting the youngest

Our first event this year was the live streaming of the Hilton v Michaelhouse game. This was held at Carbon Bistro, a trendy restaurant with craft gins and beers. The invite to the game somehow got onto the Hilton Facebook page, so we ended up sharing in the rivalry from 600km away. This was a great event and having both schools represented worked out well. It promises to become an annual event.

The annual Pretoria Chapter dinner was held again at the picturesque De Kloof Restaurant, with Rector Paul Fleischack, Canon Fred Pitout, Ross Armstrong and Murray Witherspoon in attendance.

In 2019 we aim to further the focus on family inclusion at our functions as well as attracting the younger members. We are

looking to change it up by adding two events to the year with a day/night international (South Africa v Sri Lanka) in March, and possibly a function at the Waterkloof Airforce Base. This will be hosted by the Airforce and will include a sunset flight on Flossie, a C130 Hercules.

UNITED KINGDOM

Chairman: Sean Lumley

UK Branch Committee, after tallying up the scorecard for 2018 we have ended up well ahead of par! Weâ\200\231ve put this down to three things:

De being a busy year in the professional lives of the

Â¢ A strengthened relationship with the Old Hiltoniansâ\200\231 UK Branch,

Â¢ Holding events on the right day of the week to optimise attendance, and (most importantly)

Â¢ The strong and enduring support from our marvellous branch members.

As has been the case over the past four years, we continue to be governed by our constitution (available on the Michaelhouse website and the app) and strive to deliver on our four objectives:

OBJECT ONE:

The promotion of interaction among Old Boys of Michaelhouse. Above all, we exist to bring Old Boys together for mutual benefit, and because itâ\200\231s just a good thing to do.

We continue to tweak and experiment as to how best to do this â\200\224 sometimes we get it right, other times not so much. We have found seven events a year seems to be the sweet spot, which, coincidentally, was the number we held in 2018. Weâ\200\231ve kept them varied, and tailored each towards a slightly different audience.

While most remain in Greater London, we have finally, and officially, had our first event, not just outside London, but outside England. Read on to find out where...

We started the year strongly and in style with evening drinks in mid-March at the Old Bank of England Pub on Fleet Street. We jointly hosted this with the Old Hiltonian UK Branch and experimented with a build-up-to-the-event campaign on Facebook and email. It paid off and after a headcount during the official photo we declared that 63 Hilton College and Michaelhouse Old Boys were present â\200\224 a record!

In May, and for the fourth year running, we gathered with Hilton to watch an expertly broadcast live screening of the Hilton v Michaelhouse rugby match. We opted for a change in venue and benched the Loose Cannon in favour of the Aussie-owned Charles Holden Pub in South West London. The weather was perfect with a flawlessly blue sky and baking sun. The food was decidedly South African and the internet connection Springbok front row-strong! The only thing against us was that it was the May Bank Holiday and everyone had gone away for the

weekend. Nevertheless, we managed around 40 Old Boys from both schools and their families, along with a small gathering in Manchester orchestrated by John Versfeld (Farfield, 1991).

The live screening was quickly followed by the Summer Luncheon at the ever-regal Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly Street. Fourteen OMs met in the Hodges Room for the fifth successive year. The Khehla (most senior OM) and the Undlela (OM who has travelled the farthest) were awarded to Mike Beckett (Founders, 1952) who came all the way from Zambia. After the starters, the chairman briefly gave an update about the branch and School. Then, during coffee, Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards CBE AFC, guest speaker and committee member, recounted his journey from Balgovan to becoming a fighter pilot in the RAF. Rick's talk was followed by lively debate about world politics and what it was like to eyeball a Soviet MIG over the North Sea. Finally, and as is tradition, Rick led the stalwarts down to the Running Horse Tavern in the depths of the RAF Club, where the wine and conversation flowed into the evening.

We kept the cadence up with a third and final joint event with Hilton in June (another record); this time golf at the picturesque Silvermere Golf Course just outside London. The weather was perfect and heat decidedly African. There was also a welcome quiet on the course with most people staying at home to watch England better Panama in the World Cup. Nineteen Old Boys teed off (11 Hilton College, eight Michaelhouse) with four matches in play. The match was tied at two games each (one victory per team and two halved games). Hilton College managed an overall win with an average lower score tie-breaker. The day was much enjoyed by all, with old friends catching up, new friendships being made and the great rivalry continuing. Particular thanks must go to John Stokoe (HC) and John Wauchope (HC) for their organisation and determination to pull the day together.

After a quiet patch, we finished off the year with three events in a single November week. Beginning with the first official event in Scotland, held at the Hanover Tap in Edinburgh on 2 November. As our constitution allows, we co-opted Nicholas Llewellyn-Palmer (Founders, 2016) as a visiting member of the committee to arrange the event and represent the branch. We launched another campaign to build-up-to-the-event on Facebook and email, which saw 18 OMs gather. We were fortunate to have Rector Fleischack present, which more than made up for the Branch Chairman profusely apologising from the Bristol Airport car park in South West England after his flight was cancelled. We now have the makings of a Scotland Chapter for the branch and plans are afoot for more events north of the border in 2019.

The penultimate event of the year was the Winter Luncheon held on 8 November and attended by a record 26 Old Boys. The Khehla was awarded to Chris Perry (East, 1952) and the Undlela was awarded to Roger Howell (Baines, 1969), having travelled from the Channel Islands.

THE AFTER-LUNCH SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

Seamus Smyth, Chairman, UK Trust
Ross Armstrong, President, Old Boys's Club
Paul Fleischack, Rector

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After some thoroughly enjoyable speaking and Q&A, the few and the brave were, once again, led by Rick Peacock-Edwards to the depths of the RAF Club to chat further in the Running Horse Tavern.

The piÃ©ce de rÃ©sistance for the year was again, as always, the UK Branch AGM and dinner. After moving the event back to a Friday night, we enjoyed an extremely healthy turnout of 70 Old Boys.

NOTABLE GUESTS INCLUDED:

Ross Armstrong, President of the Old Boysâ\200\231 Club

Paul Fleischack, Rector

David Pickstone, former master

Richard Aitchison, OM and former master

The Khehla was awarded to the magnificent Clive Macewan (West, 1961) and the Undlela to David Bester (Pascoe, 1978). Both were presented with a bottle of Michaelhouse wine. We began with drinks in the Churchill Bar, followed by a photo on the stairs and then dinner in the newly named Sovereignâ\200\231s Room, named after the Queen following her visit just a few weeks prior.

The AGM report was given along with a message of greeting from the Hilton UK Branch. We then announced the UK Branch Committee for 2019 (confirmed at the annual election meeting earlier that day).

In place of Grace this year, the Act of Remembrance for the 175 Old Boys who have fallen in war was recited by Officer Cadet Grayson de Villiers (Founders, 2012), who is currently attending the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

After a delicious dinner, we were treated to a slide show of the new Heritage Centre and Old Boysâ\200\231 Club by Ross, along with an update on the wider Old Boy community. Thereafter, Rector Fleischack gave an extremely informative and heartfelt account of the state of the School and the plans for 2019 and beyond. The School certainly feels in good hands under his stewardship.

We then retired back to the Churchill Bar for a nightcap and further reminiscing before carriages just after midnight.

OBJECT TWO:

The promotion of social and sporting contacts with other associations.

We now have a strong relationship with the Old Hiltoniansâ\200\231 UK Branch, with whom we will again aim to have two to three joint events in 2019.

OBJECT THREE:

The raising of funds for the purpose of implementing the objects.

We continue to ask for a voluntary levy from Old Boys â\200\224 Â£10

a year. This levy helps the committee deliver the Objects as set out in the Branch constitution. We received levy payments from around 8% of our members and, after the Branch Treasurer's report detailing how these were spent, we feel confident that they will receive value for money in 2019.

OBJECT FOUR:

The furtherance of the interests of Michaelhouse and the Michaelhouse community. Fundraising has been critical to the growth of the School. We continue to support the Old Boys' Club and the UK Trust by providing a platform for

either organisation to present topical initiatives. All the while preserving the non-fundraising position of the UK Branch.

The Committee remain at the service of the School, the Club and our Branch Members. We are thoroughly optimistic about the direction of our branch and the contribution we are able to make to the Michaelhouse community, particularly in the United Kingdom. We continue to be extremely grateful for the support given to us by the School and the Club and, most importantly, for the enduring engagement and support of our Branch Members.

ELLER, GEORGE JOHN (1948)

I served Articles of Association with a firm of accountants in Johannesburg before moving to Wiggins Teape as a personnel manager.

I moved to Grahamstown in 1983 where I worked again in personnel for Rhodes University until my retirement.

I have always been a keen sportsman. I played cricket for the Kenya Kongoni Cricket Club against the Indians in 1956. I have thoroughly enjoyed playing golf and bowls since then.

I married June Eller (née Long) and will be celebrating my 63rd wedding anniversary in January 2019.

BURNS, ALAN (1962)

Graduated in 1962 from Tatham where I was a House Prefect. In my last year I was the Ghost in Hamlet and received my colours for field hockey. I returned in 2012 for my 50-year Gaudy accompanied by my mate Roger Faircliff. I live in White Rock British Columbia and am happily married for 48 years to Robin, with six grandchildren from my son Jonathan and my daughter Vanessa. We attend St John's, Vancouver, and still play golf and bridge.

KIRK, GUY (1963)

In 2013 I retired as a Chartered Accountant practicing in Perth. I now have plenty of time to enjoy playing golf and sailing

on the Swan. I have three children all of

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whom are married and live in Perth. My wife Kate and I also enjoy looking after our four grandchildren when called upon.

KOLLING (WONG), GRANT (1965)

When I hit a milestone birthday in mid-December, I decided to stop celebrating my 39th (for the past three decades) and ease into retirement in earnest. Asi es la vida (that's life) according to the Spanish. The significance? Make less time in the saddle on my Yamaha FZ-1 motorcycle and more time to study Spanish. I hope to gain the proficiency and confidence to solo-travel to Costa Rica, Argentina and Chile someday. El ejercicio hace al maestro (easier said than done). I remain active in lap swimming, bouldering at an indoor gym, bicycling, and tennis. On occasion I golf with Errol Drew. In July, I attended the Rugby World Cup Sevens tournament in San Francisco, and saw the Springboks score a top-four finish. There, I ran into an ex-pat OM (and his wife), wearing a Springbok jersey, during the half-time of the South Africa-England semi-final game. He played at left wing for the First XV in the early 1970s. ; QuÃ© alegria!

MARX, CHRIS (1984)

I am married to Kathy and we have two children Laura (18), who Matriculated from St John's in 2018, and a son Matthew (15) who will be in C Block in Fairfield in 2019. Laura will be going on Rotary Exchange to Belgium for 2019. The family lives in Hillcrest. Kathy is a part-time high school teacher and I am a partner in a wealth management business

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based in Gillitts. I'm also involved with the Rotary Club of Hillcrest, and when not in Hillcrest, the family enjoys spending time down the Transkei Wild Coast and at Leisure Bay.

FILTANE, MPHATHISI (1989)

I am married to Pindiwe and together we have three kids. I'm an entrepreneur with interests in various SMMEs.

I'm passionate about community and giving back, especially in the realm of social cohesion in our country and the promotion of full franchise of all its citizens in both its management and prosperity.

BRIEDENHANN, BRENDON (1991)

Still living in Oz and loving life. My son is in his final year of school and planning to backpack around South East Asia for a few months when heâ\200\231s finished, and my daughter has just returned from a three month exchange in the Netherlands. I still own a small business and am still playing cricket and golden oldies rugby. Iâ\200\231m looking forward to catching up with everyone in 2021 at our Gaudy, and our home is always open to any OMs here in Oz.

SELEPE, HANYANA (1991)

Iâ\200\231m a managing director of Leseko Projects. Married for 17 years, blessed with a 17 year old daughter and a 12 year old son.

LUSWAZI, FIKILE (1992)

I have been with the Firstrand Group

for the last 14 years. Between RMB, Ashburton and FNB. Currently part of the new FNB Wealth and Investment business, helping FNB/RMB private clients with investment solutions. I live in Bryanston and am always keen to bump into other Old Boys in the area. I keep sharp by doing my morning walk and am still very much into music. I do quite a lot of song writing, and executive production for some of the leading musicians in the country.

CHRISTIE, GLENN (1993)

Married and settled in Darlington, UK, with two boys and braving the long dark winters! Spending time doing the odd triathlon or open-water swim and travelling back and forth to Budapest for work. Mostly hung up the dance shoes nowadays, though still occasionally spotted on a BBC ident before Strictly Come Dancing.

HARVEY, BARRET (1993)

Recently married and working together with my wife, we specialize in sports production â\200\224 mainly filming spearfishing these days. Weâ\200\231ve recently returned from two months in Zanzibar where we worked on a spearfishing series called Spear Junkies. Next year weâ\200\231 ll be moving to Qatar to take up a full-time post for the Alkass Sports Channel specializing as an underwater cameraman and drone pilot.

LUTHULI, LOYAL (1993)

[Iâ\200\231m married with four kids. I run my own business called Events Business (Database for everything regarding events in South Africa). Also part of the Synch Solid Lifestyle. I coach soccer as a hobby and play a bit of chess. My kids occupy most of my time.

MORRIS, ANDREW (1993)

Iâ\200\231ve been in London for over 20 years. Iâ\200\231m married to Sarah and we live near Hampton Court with our two boys (Luke, 9 and Simon, 6). When not running around Europe for work finding infrastructure investment opportunities for the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, I split my time between the gym, bike, playing tennis or chasing my boys around â\200\224 as well as trying to find some time to relax.

THOMPSON, RICHARD (1993)

Iâ\200\231m married with three kids (two boys and a girl), and live in Johannesburg where Iâ\200\231m director of a company that supplies chemicals to the mining industry. I still enjoy the smell of burned gunpowder

and seeing clays break.

BRISCOE, CRAIG (1994)

I'm a professional land surveyor, running a small geomatics company, BBT Geomatics, in Pietermaritzburg, covering all aspects of land surveying and certain town planning functions. In between land surveying work I also help my wife manage a property investment business. Iâ\200\231m married with two sons, both are booked into Michaelhouse although itâ\200\231s still a few years before they will hopefully be starting. When not working and spending time with family and friends I still play squash, run and mountain bike and all too infrequently get a chance to do some flyfishing!

LUMLEY, SEAN (1994)

I have been living in the UK for the past 21 years. That time has been taken up by a decade in the British Army and the balance in corporate London and (latterly) working for myself. I live in the Cotswolds in South West England with my wife of 15 years, Julie, and two boys Edmund (5) and George (9). I split my time between my two businesses â\200\224 a consultancy business in Swindon and a tech start-up in London. I travel up to London a few days a week for business on the train where I occasionally spot Princess Anne! I also run the UK Branch of the Old Boysâ\200\231 Club. We have regular events, so please do get in touch if youâ\200\231re in town (UKOM@nmichaelhouse.org).

MCBRIDE, ROBERT (1994)

Iâ\200\231m working on a start-up developing therapeutics for multidrug-resistant bacterial infections.

MORGAN GRENVILLE,
RICHARD (1994)

Living with my wife, Lucy, in Cape Town, with our two daughters at St Cyprians (10 and 12). Running two businesses, one which creates kidsâ\200\231 TV shows and the other helping large mines communicate more effectively with their workforce. I surf weekly with OM Will Marshall-Smith and bump into OMs like Dave Moffat on the water.

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NORTH, CHRIS (1994)

Iâ\200\231m married to Krista North and we have two children, Sasha (13) and Victor (10). We live in Johannesburg where I manage a team for FNB in cash and logistics

where we focus on forecasting the cash requirements for ATMs, branches and cash centres. In my off time, Iâ\200\231m part of a Craighall Tennis Club and do some charity work for the FNB Pikanini Projects.

VAN ONSELEN, PETER (1994)

I have been working in the 24-hour news broadcast industry for the past ten years. After six years at eNCA, I took up a senior news anchor position at ANN7 (that didnâ\200\231t end well, as we all know!) and am currently back at eNCA/eNews as an output editor and part-time anchor. I manage a group of writers, video editors and reporters in bringing the viewer hourly news updates. Special projects now include 2019 general election coverage. I am married with two kids (Andrew 9, Emily 3).

CALDWELL, ANDREW (1996)

Iâ\200\231m a_ boarding housemaster and English teacher at St Johnâ\200\231s College in Johannesburg. I run the Squash and Piscatorial Club too. My wife Carmen works for Deloitte and our three year old daughter Huddy attends the St Johnâ\200\231s co-ed nursery school.

TOMLINSON, GUY (1996)

Iâ\200\231m still doing trails at Gqoyeni Bush Lodge in Imfolozi Game Reserve and studying tourism and nature conservation.

BOYD, IAN (1997)

After a year in Uganda I moved to Tanzania to head up an outdoor advertising company. After 18 months I relocated again to set up Nissan Tanzania, which was a joint venture between AMH (Amalgamated Motor Holdings) and a local Tanzanian partner. After setting up the company I moved to northern Tanzania (Arusha) to re-establish the Ford and Land Rover dealerships for the northern region of Tanzania, where I bumped into another Old Boy, Niall Anderson! I married a New Zealander I met in Arusha and then decided it was time to head home in 2018. Now trying my hand at selling John Deere products. Also moving farming implements such

as Falcon, Rovic Leers, Doosan forklifts, and JCB construction machines.

JASON, PAUL (1997)

I live in Umdloti and am a work-a-holic. More recently I have started a training and development business where I train everything from culture cultivation, leadership and perhaps most importantly customer service excellence. I do keynote presentations for a small fee and as my mates point out this is very clever because I have essentially monetised the fact that I never stop talking. I am still sports mad and run, ride or climb across or over anything in front of me.

SELIKANE, MALLANE (1997)

After living in the Eastern Cape working for SAB as a depot manager, I decided to pack it up and went into business. Iâ\200\231m in Lesotho now running several businesses with my wife. We have two kids (one of them will be coming to Michaelhouse in five years). They keep me on my toes and the pleasure of seeing them grow comes with grey hairs, so I have to balance that out by staying fit and finding a passion which I achieve by farming (sheep) and a lot of Crossfit.

VARNDELL, MICHAEL (1997)

I took seven years to get a three-year bachelor of commerce degree in Maritzburg and then lived the London dream for seven years working in finance. I then travelled the world for about 18 months before returning home to Malawi to set up a safari and adventure company which is going strong (www.malawianstyle.com; = www.zambia-in-style.com; www.thefunkycichlid.com).

WACHER, BRUCE (1997)

I own and manage a business called

Waterpro Trading (Pty) Ltd, focused on effective utilisation and conservation of our precious water resource. My main focus is currently on rainwater harvesting and water recycling. I spend my spare time working on advancing the evolution of manâ\200\231s first invention, the knife. Zulu Blades (Pty) Ltd. Iâ\200\231m happily married with three daughters and live in Salt Rock.

ROETS, BRAD (1999)

Married to Gaylene who is also a teacher, and we have two young boys, Max (4) and Brynn (2). Weâ\200\231ve been living in Stockholm since mid-2016 working as a Maths and Science teacher at Stockholm International

School. I cycle often, camp out, and forage the Scandinavian forests for mushrooms, generally being outdoors as much as possible. It gets cold and dark here!

MACGILLIVRAY, GUY (2002)

I am married with two boys and a third child on the way. I live in regional South Australia near a town called Port Lincoln, which is one of the tuna and shark cage diving capitals of the world. I currently work as a Mental Health Social Worker for a charity that supports children and young adults with disabilities. I am also a lay preacher at our local church.

MKHULISI, RAYMOND (2011)

I am CEO of Afrika Tikkun Capital, a youth and women owned B-BBEE investment company. I am also on the board of trustees of CHIVA South Africa, an NGO assisting children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS; and am a patron of Primestars, a youth development organisation.

I went on exchange to Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2009. My relations there have remained

very good with the family that hosted me as well as the headmaster of MBA. In early December he called me and asked me to be on the board of advisors of the school and I recently attended my first meeting via a Skype call and was Officially welcomed on 25 January. This is credit to the internationalism of a Michaelhouse education.

ANDERSON, ROB (2012)

I am doing my CA Articles at Nedbank in Johannesburg.

NAIK, YASH (2012)

Iâ\200\231m _ currently studying final engineering in Sydney.

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TRUDA, GIANLUCA (2014)

Gianluca is a postgraduate computer scientist focussing on the Quantified Self, machine learning, and AI safety. He is making his mark with artificial intelligence (AI) in the health sector. In October he showcased his Computer Science honours project at the University of Cape Town. His project employs supervised learning to improve warfarin dosing in patients at risk of stroke and heart attack.

MTHALANE, APhiWE (2016)

Iâ\200\231m currently at Cowan House Preparatory School as an intern boarder master. Iâ\200\231m thoroughly enjoying my time experiencing what itâ\200\231s like on the other side of being at a school. I will be in my second year of my Bachelors of Education Degree and am convinced that I have much to give and so much more to gain. Seeing the true essence of teaching every day is a blessing and it humbles me so much because of where I come from and where Iâ\200\231ve been. I continuously learn and am always appreciative.

ARNOTT, BRUCE MURRAY

Born 1938, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1952-1955

Bruce was born in Highflats in the Ixopo

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district of KwaZulu-Natal, but moved with his family to Underberg, where he spent much of his youth. He joined his older brother Michael at Michaelhouse, Matriculating in 1955.

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Bruce began his university career as a medical student, but after a year realised that art was his vocation and switched to Fine Arts, graduating from the Michaelis School of Fine Art with

a BAFA in 1960. He completed his MA in 1961, and was awarded the Michaelis Prize. In 1964 he was awarded a British Council Scholarship to do post-graduate research at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

From 1962, Bruce worked at the South African National Gallery as Professional Officer (later Senior Professional Officer) and curator of sculpture, prints and drawings. In 1970 he was promoted to assistant director, and was responsible for the vast extension of the African Art collections.

During the 1970s, Bruce moved to a smallholding near Underberg and, with the help of his family, built a farmhouse using local materials and _ traditional methods. Here he was able to focus on the production of his own art, and perhaps the most significant of the sculptures to come out of this period was Numinous Beast, which now stands at the entrance to the South African National Gallery, Cape Town.

In 1978, Bruce took up a full-time academic post at the Michaelis School of Fine Art and remained there until his retirement in 2003. He also served as head of department, and director of the Michaelis School of Fine Art. A tribute from his colleagues at Michaelis describes him as â\200\234a formidable sculptor and academicâ\200\235.

During his long academic career Bruce continued working as a sculptor and exhibiting his work: in 1985 he was chosen to exhibit in Images of Man alongside Brancusi, Daumier and Picasso. He participated in many other group exhibitions and mounted three solo exhibitions. He has notable public sculptures in most of the major centres in South Africa, including Numinous Beast; Blacksmith, 1820 Foundation, Grahamstown; Citizen, at the entrance to the Johannesburg Art Gallery; Regency Punch, Playhouse Theatre, Durban; The Four Arts, Sand du Plessis Theatre, Bloemfontein; and at various sites on the UCT campus, Alma Mater, Oracle, Trickster and Sphinx. After retirement he continued to work from home on both existing editions and new individual

pieces, and he developed and completed his latest series of bronzes titled Conjuria. His work is in most permanent art museum collections in South Africa, and in a number of private collections.

Bruce is one of South Africaâ\200\231s most significant sculptors, with a style

as individual as it is immediately recognisable. He was also a man with a great gift for friendship, an understated, wry sense of humour, decidedly independent opinions, and a deep love for his family. He will be profoundly missed by his wife, Mari, and their children Matthew and Ariane; his older son Stephen and daughter Dinah; and his brother Michael and sister Jill.

BRABAZON HALLOWES, MICHAEL

Born 1946, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1960-1963

Mike grew up at Springvale Mission near Highflats and was educated at Cordwalles and Michaelhouse. He completed a teaching diploma at Natal Training College, Pietermaritzburg, qualifying as a Physical Science (Physics and Chemistry) teacher. He went on to complete a BSc degree during his teaching career.

Mike spent the bulk of his teaching career at St Anne's DSG, Hilton. After retirement, he was asked to help out as a locum tenens at Hilton College, St Johns DSG, Epworth and The Wykeham Collegiate, which led into after-hours extra tuition at various schools. During his career, he built up a reputation as a highly-respected and gifted Physical Science teacher who was much in demand and loved by his pupils. Some of his pupils have commented that he was not only an outstanding teacher, but a caring and wise mentor and a motivator who restored self-confidence. Mike followed what he loved doing and encouraged his pupils to do the same, especially in terms of friendship and relationships. He had a great sense of fun that pervaded everything he did.

Mike was married to Penny and had three children - Peter, Jenny and Emma. He followed the lives of his children

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with love and pride, and took delight in his five grandchildren.

He was a loyal friend.

Hobbies were a vital part of Mike's life, particularly photography, model railroad and cycling, all of which he threw himself into wholeheartedly. At the time of his death, he was cycling from Hilton to Pennington on the South Coast, practicing for the LEJOG cycle ride, (Land's End to John O'Groats UK) planned for June/July 2018.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

CHAPLIN, MARK

Born 1945, Died 2017
Michaelhouse 1960-1963

Mark Chaplin (Charlie to his friends at Michaelhouse) was very proud of two family connections. One was the Chaplin family's long ties to Michaelhouse dating back through several generations to the early 1900s. Cyril Chaplin was head prefect in 1910 and his son Buddy was head prefect in 1943.

Mark's father, Eric, and his four brothers attended the School between 1917 and 1939. They and Cyril were first cousins of the great comedian, Charlie Chaplin; Charlie's father stayed in England when his brothers emigrated to South Africa. That second connection was the source of Mark's nickname and his wry sense of humor.

Mark was a great and loyal friend to those who knew him at Michaelhouse and Wits University, as well as in the legal profession and beyond. In the months before he died, Mark reminisced in letters about a wide variety of memories that had been fun in his life: cooking tuck shop Lem (Spam) over a meths-spirit stove at Rouillards on Free Bounds; the School train rides (usually in a three-man coupe) between Johannesburg and Balgovan; time spent with family in Lesotho and East Griqualand; a delightful 15 months spent with his then wife Valerie in 1975 touring Europe in a tiny Fiat; and even practising law for many years in Pretoria.

He did not mention the tragic death of his father, Eric, in a car crash that also seriously injured his mother. Fortunately, his younger brothers, Jeremy and Anthony, were not badly hurt. They went on to attend Michaelhouse as well.

Mark had dealt bravely with diabetes for a long time since his university days. In his later years, he lived in a convalescent home at Winterskloof, near Hilton. He wrote that a great blessing in his life there was that the Anglican priest at the Church of the Ascension regularly brought him communion. Another highlight was a visit by Fred Pitout â\200\224 he said it really connected him back to the School and his roots.

Mark died in May 2017 as a result of complications from his diabetes.

He was very proud of the fact that Jeremy and Anthonyâ\200\231s sons carried on the family tradition at Michaelhouse. Jeremyâ\200\231s sons Greg and David were in Farfield (Markâ\200\231s old House), where Greg was Head of House; and Anthonyâ\200\231s son Cameron was head of Founders and Vice Head of School. They along with other cousins have continued the Chaplin legacy.

Mark had no children. He is survived by his sister Greer, his brothers Jeremy and Anthony, and his nephews Greg, David and Cameron.

CROOKES, BARRY BRYANT

Born 1945, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1959-1963

It is with great sadness that I would like to report the death of my brother Barry to the Michaelhouse Old Boysâ\200\231 Club. He died in Somerset West on 20 February 2018 after receiving cancer treatment for a tumour on his kidney.

He was born in Standerton in 1945. Attended Cordwalles in 1953 and went on to Michaelhouse on a small bursary, where he completed his Post Matric in 1963.

Barry completed his military training, where he was advised by a senior officer to do actuarial science. The Old Mutual

offered him a bursary to UCT, where he completed his BSc(Hons) with Stats.

He then joined the OM on a permanent basis and went on to qualify as an actuary.

Barry was married to Patricia Knight and they spent 48 very happy years together.

They had two
Anthony.

sons, Douglas and

Barry went on to become Assistant
General Manager Individual Business
at the OM and then Assistant General
Manager Employee Benefits (Medical
Aids) before finally taking early
retirement.

He assisted for a short period on the
South African Medical Council, and
served in the Methodist Church. In 2007
he bought Welgesind, a small olive farm
near Stanford, Western Cape.

Barry and Patricia travelled the world
extensively. His spiritual life, his family,
travelling and farming were his great
passions.

Rest in peace, Barry, you are dearly
missed by all your family and friends.

JONSSON, BENJAMIN

Born 1929, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1943-1946

Benjamin was born on 24 July 1929, the
youngest of the triplet siblings, who were
until his death the oldest living triplets in
the world. They had two older brothers,
Philip and Hugh. His parents, Aubrey
and Betty Jonsson were fine British stock
and were pillars of old Durban families.

In fact the father of Betty, Charles Croft,
a renowned engineer, built the Durban
Harbour and it was he who saved the city
from disappearing.

Aubrey and Betty were only expecting
one child and after Jeremy was born,
Aubrey went off to play golf at the
Durban Country Club. During the round
Alice Gibson came running down the
fairway to tell him to go quickly. Mrs
Jonsson had just had another baby.

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Puzzled he rushed off to discover Felicity
had arrived. He was dispatched to John
Orrs, a famous department store in its
day, and bought a second crib and pram
with all the trimmings. He then returned
to the Durban Country Club and was
now playing billiards with his mates and
celebrating when the head waiter rushed
in and said, 'Sir, Mrs Jonsson has had
another baby.' This was all too much and
away went Aubrey in total shock to see
Benjamin. This time there was no time

for a visit to John Orrs and another crib â\200\224 Benjamin was put in a drawer.

Their childhood was happy, Benjamin went to primary school at Isipingo Beach along with Des and Robin Scott and John and George Rowles, all household racing names.

When the family moved to Mooi River he attended the Mooi River Fort School. He and Jeremy rode ponies to school and back each day. From there to Cordwalles and on to Michaelhouse.

Benjamin loved riding in amateur races in the 1940s and it is recorded that he rode at venues such as Lions River, Karkloof, Greytown, Isipingo and Mooi River, winning several races. This pastime gave him great enjoyment, more particularly when he was able to beat George Rowles in a tight finish.

Benjamin had a full life and an active business life starting Jonsson Textile Mills in 1955 and Ben Jonsson clothing in 1972. But it was when Nick, his son, took over that his business exploded into what we know today. Jonsson Workwear now employs over 4500 members of staff. How proud Ben was of this. He kept telling me.

Benjamin was a man of many parts and interests. He was at one time the national treasurer and chairman of the old United Party under Sir de Villiers Graaf.

But it was racing that saw him as one of the sportâ\200\231s most loyal servants, prolific and passionate owners.

Benjamin took out his racing colours, the famous red and white squares, white sleeves and red cap in 1971, and in

August 2008 was granted life colours.

Benjamin inherited his love of the turf from his grandfather, a founder steward of the Durban Turf Club. He was involved in all spheres of horse racing. He was a board member of the South African Jockeys Academy from the early 1980s; chairman from 1987 until 2007 and due to his tireless efforts to support the academy he was made the honorary life president. Ben was like a father to many apprentices and he was held in such high regard. I need to add that under his stewardship South African graduates of the academy captured 17 of the last 19 jockey titles in Hong Kong. An extraordinary achievement unlikely to be repeated ever again.

Not only was he the long-time chairman of the academy but he was also chairman of the local executive Jockey Club, a steward of the head executive of the Jockey Club of South Africa (now known as the National Horse Racing Authority). A founder member of the owners' and trainers' association, chairman of the new owners' and trainers' benevolent fund and chairman of the Natal Horse Care Unit. An amazing and awesome record of service.

Ben was always highly regarded as a man with absolute and total integrity and was known to be very fair in all of the decisions he ever made.

We know the adage: "When the great scorer comes to write against your name he writes not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game." Benjamin, you played the game and left a legacy in your wonderful children, Nicholas, Simon, Belinda and Laura to take your name forward. You have run the race and you have won your race of life.

Thank you, Benjamin, for sharing your life with us. Awe argue vale
RELLIE, ALISTAIR

Born 1935, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1949-1952

Alastair Rellie, who died aged 83, was a director in the Secret Intelligence

Service, or MI6. He played an important part in the early stages of the process leading to official acknowledgement of the service and was instrumental in removing the ban on gay people.

From its formation in 1909 until it was "avowed" in parliament by the prime minister, John Major, in 1992, the existence of SIS was not officially admitted. With the move towards

more open government, however, this position became increasingly difficult to maintain.

There were also commitments under international human rights law to place intelligence and security services on a statutory footing. The result was the Intelligence Services Act of 1994, beginning: â\200\234There shall continue to be a Secret Intelligence Service ...â\200\235

Rellie was director of counter intelligence and security, a post which, paradoxically, included preparations for greater openness. He approached this side of his portfolio with energy and imagination, initiating with the Chief of SIS, Sir Colin McColl, a programme of briefings for journalists.

These usually took place over lunch, during which Rellie sought to dispel myths about SIS, such as that its staff paid no taxes and were licensed to kill.

The ban on homosexuals was essentially a vetting issue. Since the institution of positive vetting after the Second World War for all civil servants with access to secret material, gay people could not be vetted because they were thought to be vulnerable to blackmail. Moreover, so far as the Foreign Office and SIS were concerned, there were concerns about posting staff to countries where homosexuality was illegal.

Rellie had headed SISâ\200\231s personnel department before becoming a director, as a result of which he became aware of the difficulties arising from a policy that seemed increasingly out of kilter with wider society.

By the time he was promoted to director

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there was a Whitehall-wide movement towards a change in vetting rules, and he was determined to support it, so SIS adapted easily to the new system.

Alastair James Carl Euan Rellie was born in Buckinghamshire in 1935. His father William, a naval officer, died in 1943 and after the war his mother Lucy moved with Rellie and his three siblings to South Africa.

He was educated at Michaelhouse, spent a year working for Burroughs Wellcome in New York, then four years studying at Harvard, after which he returned to Britain for National Service in the Rifle Brigade. He spent a year as a stockjobber

in the City, but was bored and so applied for the Foreign Office, which led to his recruitment by SIS in 1963.

This was the year of Kim Philby's defection, which itself followed revelations of the treachery of George Blake, and he found a wounded and

demoralised service. However, his cheerful optimism and desire for good intelligence chimed with the

requirements of the time. And he showed early promise.

His first posting was to Geneva, after which he returned for a brief and not very happy stint in SIS's training department, then in the throes of post-war modernisation. This was followed by a posting to Cairo, where under President Nasser's rule Britain was deeply unpopular and embassy staff were under constant surveillance.

Next came Kinshasa, where Rellie found himself both co-operating and competing with the local CIA station. This proved to be useful preparation for his next posting, New York, where for five years he enjoyed a productive relationship with the FBI and a stimulating diplomatic role at the UN defending Britain against Third World criticism for the problems of former colonies, particularly Rhodesia.

In 1961 Rellie married Annalisa Modin, a drama student at the Guildhall who turned out to be his second cousin. Annalisa, a natural entertainer, played a full part in Rellie's career. During their

New York posting their participation in the local jazz scene, particularly at Eddie Condon's club, was such that they were considered honorary members of the Musicians' Union.

Back in London, Rellie was put in charge of SIS's technical services, which involved everything from filing systems, to keeping abreast of burgeoning IT, to sophisticated bugging operations.

He threw himself into this with his customary vigour and was subsequently promoted to Controller Western Hemisphere, which meant he was responsible for the Americas, North and South.

This was in the immediate aftermath of the Falklands War, and the intelligence structures he put in place to ensure that there could be no future unpleasant surprises were supported by Margaret Thatcher. He was also able to make good use of his connections with the FBI and the CIA.

After retiring from SIS in 1992 (having been appointed CMG in 1987), Rellie worked for British Aerospace as an international affairs adviser and later for the corporate investigators Kroll.

Although a devout Anglican, he could never persuade Annalisa to forego her atheism, but their marriage was close. She died in 2014 and he is survived by two daughters and a son.

ROSHOLT, AANON MICHAEL

Born 1920, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1935 - 1937

One of South Africa's business titans, Mike Rosholt, the former CEO and then Chairman of Barlow Rand, died peacefully in his sleep last week at the age of 97.

Loved by his many friends and small family, revered and respected by his colleagues and the business community, both in South Africa and abroad, Rosholt retired from Barlow's in January 1991, but continued to work for social change and improvement as chairman of the

National Business Initiative, the Joint Education Trust and the Claude Leon Foundation among others.

During his long and distinguished career, and in parallel with his business commitments, he met with international luminaries, including President Ronald

Reagan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and was instrumental in the late 1970s, with other senior business leaders, in engaging with the Reverend Leon Sullivan, and adopting the Sullivan Principles, developed to apply economic pressure on South Africa in protest of its system of apartheid. In his later years, he also had a warm relationship with President Nelson Mandela.

Widely commended for his foresight that business could not be conducted in an environment of racial animosity, he was one of the first business leaders to recognize black trade unions, and is remembered as a pioneer of non-racialism in the workplace. In recognition of this contribution, he was awarded the Order of the Baobab (Silver) in 2009 by President Kgalema Motlanthe.

Mike Rosholt lived a long, rich and colourful life. Born in Johannesburg, he spent his early years in Beira, Mozambique, where his father was a ship's agent. There being no schools in Beira in the 1920s, he was sent at the age of seven, to PTS as a boarder, travelling with his tickets on a string around his neck. The first part of the journey, by sea, was in care of the ship's purser from Beira to Lourenco Marques, where he joined the SAR&H for the train journey to Johannesburg, now in care of the conductor. There he was met by the PTS headmaster, with whom he frequently spent his school holidays.

From PTS, Mike went onto Michaelhouse, where he excelled both academically and in sports, particularly on the cricket field and squash court, and he later represented Transvaal in the former, and was runner-up in the South African Squash Championship in 1948. Golf later became his ongoing activity, and he scored his first hole-in-one at the age of 89! At the River Club, which he and Punch Barlow were instrumental in founding.

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From school he was articled to what would become Cooper Brothers, but joined up when war broke out, in the 2nd Field Regiment of the Transvaal Artillery. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, he was shipped north to Egypt, and then the Libyan desert, where one morning his company was attacked by a squadron of German fighters. Wounded, he was in an ambulance convoy on its way to Benghazi hospital, and intercepted by a German tank column, which was the start of three and a half years in the 'bag' in Italy and Germany. Interestingly, his

ambulance door had been flung open by a German officer â\200\224 his captor was Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, who was in the habit of accompanying the lead vehicle of German tank columns.

During his time as a POW, many lifelong friendships were formed, and his studies towards his CA continued, tutored by men who would, after the war, become his colleagues and mentors in the profession. Though a terrible time, his captivity was formative, and in later years, Mike often spoke of the experiences heâ\200\231d had â\200\234in the bagâ\200\235.

In 1945, this normally robust 190lb man was liberated, weighing 120lbs, by George Pattonâ\200\231s American army â\200\224 not a moment too soon, as there were indications that the SS had been planning to murder all their POWs.

Returning to Johannesburg, via demobilization in London, Mike resumed his CA studies, and came out top student in South Africa in his final exams, joining, and eventually becoming senior partner at, the prominent firm of Goldby, Panchaud & Webber. During this time, he was invited onto the board of Thomas Barlow & Sons, as a non-executive director. He later joined Punch Barlow as an executive director in 1963.

Also in 1947, he met, fell in love with, and married a very attractive young woman, Beatrice Ash, who is remembered with great affection in Johannesburgâ\200\231s business and social circles for her charm, warmth and hard work on, in particular, the African Childrenâ\200\231s Feeding Scheme, of which Mike was chairman for many

years. This was the defining relationship of Mike's life, and when Bea died in 2010, they had been married for 63 years, raising a family of three sons and, starting in 1954, over the years building their simple, but gracious garden home in Sandhurst.

During his long career, Mike also sat on the boards of South African Breweries, Standard Bank, the Old Mutual, and ASA Limited, an American investment company. He was chair of the Urban Foundation, twice the Chancellor of Wits, chair and/or trustee of the Michaelhouse Trust, the IDT, the SA Foundation, the Stellenbosch Community Development Programme and many other bodies.

Mike's life and career should be examples to us all - integrity, decency, great modesty and compassion writ large. In an era, defined by greed and dubious practices, his belief that a director's role is to take care of all his stakeholders before himself seems a bit unusual and old-fashioned. His example of dedicated and unselfish service should be a beacon for us all.

He leaves behind him three sons, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

SMYTHE, GAPPY

Born 1957, Died 2018
Michaelhouse Staff 2003-2010

Jonathan David Smythe (Gappy) was born in Nottingham Road on the family farm Inchbrakie on 18 June 1957, only six months after his father, David, passed away of polio. Dad spoke fondly of his school years, starting as a boarder at Cowan House and then going to high school at Kearsney College, where he excelled on the sporting field, especially with cricket where he played for the first XI for over three years. Many stories of these days were regaled with great vigour over the dinner table.

Dad was never one for a materialistic lifestyle but rather chose the path of a conservationist and our lives were richer for it. He worked tirelessly for

many years at the Natal Parks Board and approached his work with great passion and enthusiasm, instilling in us, his sons, a great respect for conservation and to those who dedicate their lives to it.

He was retrenched from the board and was offered a role as the assistant to the bursar at Michaelhouse in 2003,

managing estate staff and grounds. These were wonderful years for him as many friendships were forged in the School community. Three of his sons were schooled at Michaelhouse during this time and he was extremely proud of this. Whenever any of us visit the School we are asked by many a staff member how Bhodloza (his Zulu name) is doing and it is a great comfort knowing that his impact on the people he worked with still lives on.

Dad then moved to the Central Drakensberg to take on a similar role for an eco-estate whereby soon after he formed his own environmental management company, which we as his family still run today. In this company a legacy has been left for us and not a day goes by where his bold presence is not felt by us all.

Dad was a kind and fair person, and a true gentleman. He always put family first. His genuine sense of compassion, especially for those in need, has left us with much to live up to. His larger-than-life presence, continual sense of humour, no matter the situation is missed and we look back fondly on the great times we shared with him.

From his sons.

VON KLEMPERER, JULIAN

Born 1946, Died 2018
Michaelhouse 1960-1962

Julian was born in Durban in 1946 and attended Cowan House Preparatory School and Michaelhouse, where he Matriculated at the age of 16.

He did his BA in 1965 and his LLB in 1968 at the then University of Natal. He

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completed his articles in Pietermaritzburg and was admitted as an attorney in 1969.

After completing a stint in the army he went to the United Kingdom where he spent two years working for Theodore Goddard and Company. After meeting and marrying Margaret, the couple settled in Pietermaritzburg, where Julian started his practice, Von Klemperer, Davis and Harrison Incorporated in 1980.

His legal firm was involved in numerous human rights cases, acting for the ANC in terrorism trials and representing COSATU in the eighties. He was also a regular visitor to

the United Democratic Front detainees

in various cases

during the states of emergency. In 2012 his firm amalgamated with Shepstone & Wylie and he continued to practice as an executive consultant, appearing regularly in the high court in Pietermaritzburg. He was a well-known attorney throughout KwaZulu-Natal, trusted and loved by his many clients. He was also deeply respected by his peers and colleagues in the profession and in the judiciary. His common sense and practical approach to law, coupled with his dry sense of humour and old-world manners endeared him to all who dealt with him.

He was president of the Natal Law Society from 1997 to 1999, co-chairperson of the Law Society of South Africa from 1999 to 2000 with the late judge Jake Moloi and a member of the Judicial Service Commission from 2003 to 2009. While president of the Natal Law Society, he attended the Truth and Reconciliation hearings on the administration of justice in South Africa between 1960 and 1994.

Away from the courtroom, Julian was an avid horse rider who in his teens represented Natal at show jumping.

Julian passed away suddenly and leaves his wife, Margaret, daughter Judy who lives in Durban with her partner Hilary, and son, Christopher, who is based in Cape Town with his wife, Emma, and grandchildren James and Sam.

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GLOSSARY

The strategic plan for Michaelhouse as it approaches its 125th year in 2021. Replaced Vision 2015, which guided the developments, goals and daily processes of Michaelhouse between 2008 and 2015.

The General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level is a school-leaving qualification in the UK. AS Level is a separate qualification and is not required for an A Level award, although still encompasses the first year of the full A Level content. (Wikipedia)

Afrikaanse Taal en Kultuurvereniging (Afrikaans Language and Culture Association)

South African rugby safety programme. Aims to ensure that safety and best practice principles are incorporated into all aspects of contact rugby in South Africa.

Christian Fellowship (at Michaelhouse)

Diplome dâ\200\231Ã©tudes en langue française

Engineering Graphics and Design

The Scripture Union Independent Schools (SUIS) camp and conference centre.

Term used when referring collectively to the Michaelhouse First XV and the Second XV rugby sides.

General Certificate of Secondary Education. An academic qualification generally taken in a number of subjects by pupils in secondary education in England and Wales. (Wikipedia)

head of department

International Boys's Schools Coalition

Independent Examinations Board

IEB Benchmark Test

Institute of IT Professionals South Africa

Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa

IT School Innovation

Kramer Lecture Theatre at Michaelhouse.
KwaZulu-Natal

master in charge

Media Lecture Theatre at Michaelhouse.

The centre/facility/lapa on the Michaelhouse Nature Reserve.
National Senior Certificate

National Benchmark Test

non-governmental organization

National Senior Certificate

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

Programme for International Student Assessment

South African Council for English Education

South African Reserve Bank

Southern African Geography Teachers's Association
Top-five academic rewards programme (at Michaelhouse)
University of KwaZulu-Natal

University of South Africa

World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship

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LUCAS MAKHUBELA
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Growing boys into significant men

THE MICHAELHOUSE

OUR VALUES

To live our lives according to the Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion and courage in service to our community and country.

OUR MISSION

To provide a dynamic and progressive education for boys that respects individual needs and embraces diversity and change in pursuit of academic, sporting and cultural excellence while providing social and leadership skills and nurturing spiritual growth.

OUR VISION

â\200\234Our aim is to make,
not accountants, not

clerks, not clergymen,

but men; men of
understanding,
thought and culture.â\200\235

Founder James Cameron Todd,

Speech Day 1897

OUR HONOURABLE TRADITIONS

Our holistic approach that encourages us to take every

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Our staff who teach us, care for us and model the Michael

THE MICHAELHOUSE

INTEGRITY

We will do what is expected of us when no one is looking.
We will earn trust by being honest.

We will not compromise these values.

HUMILITY

We will understand that the world does not revolve around us.
We will be grateful for the privileges we have been afforded.
We will acknowledge our own flaws and shortcomings.

COMPASSION

We will aim to do for others what we would want to have
done for us.

We will do our best to integrate everyone into our community.
We will seek to understand the perspectives of others.

COURAGE

We will not be afraid to stand up for what is right and good.
We will not stand down when faced with adversity and
challenges.

We will be willing to lead for the sake of truth and justice.

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SERVICE

We will give to others and not expect anything in return.
We will do for others the best of what was done for us.
We will seek to embody these words: "If a boy walks so
tall that he cannot stoop to help those that have fallen,
then he knows nothing of the spirit of Michaelhouse."

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Our Christian values and structures that frame our respect for ourselves, each other, and God.

Our hierarchy through which we learn the traditions, responsibilities and rites of passage of a Michaelhouse boy.

Our distinctive architecture, uniforms, customs, events, and language that inspire our sense of belonging.

A SIGNIFICANT

MAN IS

A MAN OF UNDERSTANDING

Who knows right from wrong yet is able to
be gracious and manage complexity.

A MAN OF THOUGHT

Who is intellectually curious and seeks to relate healthily to his entire world.

A MAN OF CULTURE

Who knows his own roots yet also seeks to know the best that has been thought and expressed throughout the world.

Therefore:

A SIGNIFICANT MAN

Will have the strength and wisdom to meet personal and social challenges with the hope and courage of St Michael himself.

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