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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

We can look back with a great deal of satisfaction on a most successful year for Michaelhouse. The Michaelhouse Chronicle is a comprehensive record of the myriad achievements of our young men who continue to make the most of the opportunities offered to them.

The year was launched with a highly successful Christian Focus Week and my sincere thanks go to the team lead by Mr Xavier Moran and Mr Keith Matthee for a wonderful experience. It served to confirm our commitment to ensuring that our basis as a Diocesan Church School is fundamental to our existence. The boys were inspired and challenged by an array of speakers from all walks of life while the Old Boys, who made up the majority of the team, were able to connect with the boys on a very personal level.

It has been a superb year for Michaelhouse culminating with an excellent set of academic results by our A Block Class in the final IEB Examinations. These results are a culmination of a greater focus by the boys on the academic programme. Our boys also continue to perform well in various Olympiads and Expos.

On the sports fields the 'red and white' enjoyed another 'stellar' year; certainly one of our best across the board for many years. Our teams continue to play with the pride and passion which we have come to expect and they are fortunate to enjoy top class facilities and coaching.

The cultural programme continues to be vibrant and exciting with the highlight the production of 'Ipi Ntombi' in conjunction with The Wykeham Collegiate. There were also many memorable performances in music, drama, the Marimba Band, the Chapel Choir, Jazz Band and in public speaking and debating. It is very encouraging to see the greater numbers of boys being involved in Community Partnership programmes; a very important part of their education.

I would like to thank the various constituents who play such an important part in ensuring that the boys can enjoy so much:

- Our Board of Governors under the able leadership of Mr Gary Ralfe, who give so freely of their time in service of Michaelhouse.
- Our Trustees, under the able hand of Mr James Inglis, who manage the Michaelhouse Trust and the Bursary and Endowment Trust.
- Our Old Boys who show great support and loyalty to the school. Brett Davidson has been an enthusiastic and passionate Chairman and we thank him for his contribution.
- The parents who entrust us with the care of their most valuable possessions, we thank them for their support and trust.
- The academic staff who go beyond the call of duty in an environment which demands its pound of flesh

- The support staff ably led by the Bursar, Mr Charlie Burton, who ensure that this Estate is such a beautiful place in which to live and work.

Finally, I would like to thank the boys of 2009 who have made this a year to remember and savour. The school has been admirably led by Senior Prefect Benjamin Bradford and Second Prefect Stephen Lishman and the entire Prefect body. In the end, they, together with their fellow A Blockers, set the tone for the school.

I trust that you will enjoy reading the Chronicle which gives an insight into this special place, Michaelhouse.

G N PEARSON
Rector



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VALUES

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

MISSION

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Second Prefect, Stephen Lishman with a junior roll call assistant



Stephen Lishman, Christopher Morris and Benjamin Bradford at the Senior Old Boys' lunch

White Badge Prefect

The White Badge which is worn by the Senior Prefect and Second Prefect, may be awarded to another School Prefect who has shown such excellent conduct and a fine example that he would be an obvious choice for the above positions if they were vacant.

Sanda Shandu, Head of Farfield House, was promoted to the position of a White Badge Prefect on 19 October 2009.



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INTERN PROGRAMME

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**

This year saw the arrival of seven new interns: Sihle Mtshali, Africa Msimango, Tatenda Chidzawo, Neil van der Merwe, Hayden Henderson-Everill, Ashley Dixon and Kyle Dowie. On balance the Intern Programme has enjoyed a good year. I have continued to encourage the interns to get fully involved in as many different areas of school life as possible in order that they can learn as much as possible. I have been pleased with their contribution and the example they have set for the boys. Many of our interns have gone the extra mile in terms of their contribution. A noteworthy example is Sihle Mtshali who has made a fantastic contribution to our Community Partnership Programme. Sihle has given freely of his time in teaching Grade 12 maths at schools in our community and has also hosted a regular Saturday School at Michaelhouse for the same pupils. Sihle was identified and recruited through the ISASA Mathematics and English programme and it is likely that we may recruit other interns through this programme. We are grateful to this programme and also to the Loewenstein Trust for the assistance we have received with funding this year.

Mandla Cele left the programme during the year. At the end of the year Old Michaelhousians Kyle Dowie and Brad Roets left the programme to take up teaching posts at Rondebosch Boys' High and Clifton Nottingham Road Prep School respectively. We thank them for their contribution and wish them well in their careers.

NEW STAFF

During 2009 we welcomed the following new staff to Michaelhouse:
Mrs Kathy Butcher *(Music Department Secretary)*, **Mrs Michelle Calway** *(Chaplain's Secretary)*, **Mr Hannes Ebersohn** *(Music)*, **Rev Fred Pitout** *(Community Partnership Manager/Old Boys' Club Secretary)*, **Mr Mvelo Phungula** *(Mathematics)*, **Mrs Trish Akal** *(Trade-Inn Manageress)*, **Miss Kelly Royden-Turner** *(Dormitories/ Housekeeping Manageress)*, **Mrs Sarah Alexander** *(Archivist)*, **Mr Christopher van der Berg** *(Afrikaans)*, **Mrs Ronel van den Berg** *(Trade-Inn Assistant)* and **Mrs Caryl Ballance** *(Marketing Secretary)*.

STAFF LEAVING

The following staff worked at Michaelhouse for less than 10 years and left at various stages throughout the year: **Mrs Morag Atherstone** *(Sanitorium Sister)*, **Mr Adrian Moran** *(HOD Science)*, **Mrs Laura Moran** *(Marketing Secretary)*, **Mr Alwyn Murugen** *(Computer Science)*, **Mr André Black** *(Afrikaans)*, **Mrs Jessica Adlington-Corfield** *(Trade-Inn Assistant)*, **Mrs Elke von Schlichting** *(Music Secretary and Afrikaans)* and **Mr Given Dzingwa** *(Mathematics)*.

Rainer von Schlichting

Written by Mr Abri Venter

Rainer von Schlichting was a true friend, a pillar of strength in good and bad times, someone with whom you could share your secrets, and someone that you could laugh with from the bottom of your heart.

Upon my arrival our friendship immediately grew to that of friend, confidant, colleague and mentor (in no specific order of importance). No job was ever too big or too small for Rainer and Elke, his wife, whether it be organising an overseas music tour, or bringing a salad to a "Bring and Braai" - they were always ready to assist.

It was only when we started advertising for someone to replace Rainer that I realised what a huge difference he made to the Michaelhouse Music Department. Where do we find someone who would:





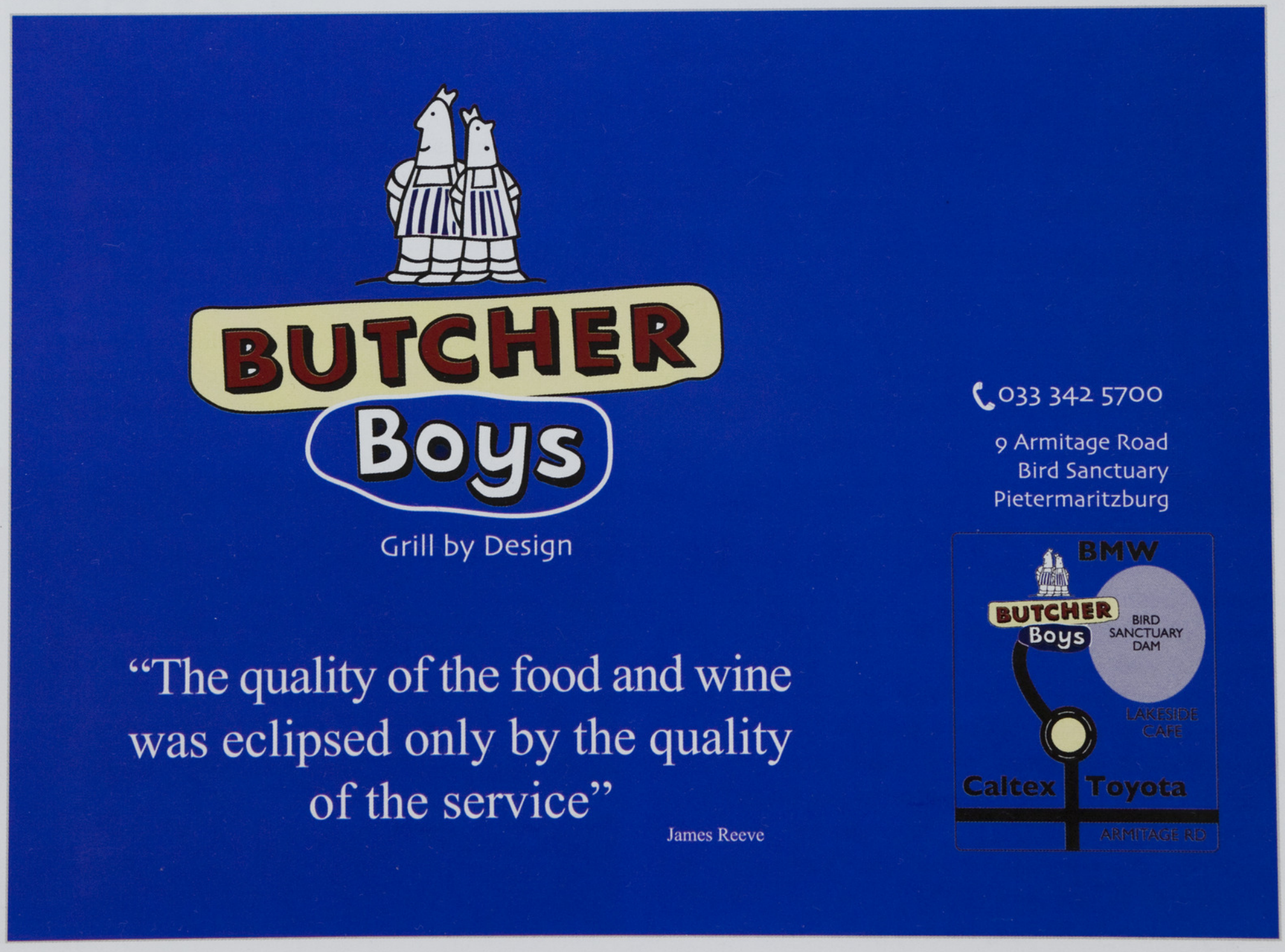
- be able to teach violin, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, baritone and tuba with equal success and dedication?
- be able to teach subject music (without any text books!) to Matrics and other Blocks?
- be able to take over the hugely successful Michaelhouse Jazz Band, which is one of the biggest marketing assets of Michaelhouse?
- be willing to arrange any kind of music for any kind of music group, whether it be choirs, jazz bands or symphonic ensembles?
- be able to make the most beautiful music on his violin during a School Eucharist?
- have the patience to figure out why a microphone in the recording studio is suddenly not working, or why a bass amp all of a sudden just refuses to work, and manage to stay calm, even if the whole hall is already filled with expectant guests?
- have the same, most amazing sense of dry humour - a remedy for those misty Balgowan days?
- have the precision and planning to create state of the art portfolios and A Block exam papers, so much so that Michaelhouse was commended at the IEB Conference for the exceptionally high standard of our trial papers?
- have the creativeness (together with Elke) to introduce a function called "All that Jazz" that became a standard feature on the Michaelhouse calendar, was repeated annually and was always sold out?
- not be bound by "office hours" because whenever and wherever he was called upon, he would be ready to assist?

I salute you my friend: May this be the beginning of a wonderful new life for you and your family in Pretoria.

AUF WIEDERSEHN!

OBITUARY

Mr Dennis Maharaj was tragically killed in a car accident on 21 November. Mr Maharaj started work at Michaelhouse on 1 July 1980 and was part of the support team in the Life Science Laboratories, previously known as Biology. He will be remembered by many generations of Michaelhouse learners and our condolences are extended to his family.





THE MICHAELHOUSE TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES: For the year ended 31 December 2008

Investment Markets

2008 marked a major collapse in world stockmarkets. Following the sub-prime crisis in the United States and poor lending practices by various banks, governments were forced to rescue a number of large financial institutions including such household names as Merrill Lynch, Citigroup, AIG, Royal Bank of Scotland and Lloyds Bank. With the collapse of Lehman Brothers on 14 September 2008, a massive correction in trade finance and world trade took place which resulted in a slump in exports in certain countries by as much as 30%. As a consequence recessionary conditions, which had started in the US and UK, spread to the rest of the world. Central banks responded by slashing interest rates and governments embarked on major spending programmes resorting to massive deficit funding. Against this background the attrition in world stockmarkets was severe:

Index	2008 % Move ($)
MSCI World	-40.3
S & P 500	-38.5
FTSE 100	-49.8
MSCI Europe	-47.1
Japan Topix	-27.3
MSCI Emerging Markets	-53.3

Most commodities peaked in the first half of the year before erasing much of their five year gains in the second half in response to the unfolding global financial crisis and slowdown in economic activity. During the year gold and oil broke through the psychological barriers of $1 000 per ounce and $100 per barrel respectively, before oil retreated to a four year low in anticipation of worldwide recessionary conditions:

Commodity	Price* ($) 31.12.07	Price* ($) 2008 Peak	Price*($) 31.12.08	% Move 2008
Oil	95.70	145.10	37.70	-60.6
Copper	3.03	4.08	1.32	-56.5
Steel	650.00	1030.00	525.00	-19.2
Platinum	1526.00	2251.00	927.00	-39.2
Gold	833.60	1002.70	879.80	+5.5

*Gold and platinum per ounce, oil per barrel, copper per pound, steel per ton

The JSE followed world markets and plunged sharply in the second half of the year. The JSE All Share Index lost 20.6% in the third quarter and a further 9.2% in the fourth quarter. With the rand depreciating against the dollar by 35.3% in 2008, the returns in dollar terms were even more dismal:

Index	2008 % Move
JSE All Share (Rand)	-23.2
JSE Resources (Rand)	-28.4
JSE Industrials (Rand)	-16.1
JSE Financials (Rand)	-25.7
JSE All Share (Dollar)	-45.1

Investment performance

The investment managers of the Michaelhouse Trust (Foord Asset Management) registered a return for the year of -6.5% compared with the Fund's benchmark of -7.0%. The investment performance of the Michaelhouse Trust over the past four years has been as follows:

	2008 (%)	2007 (%)	2006 (%)	2005 (%)
Trust (Fund Manager)	**-6.5**	+11.1	+38.4	+33.9
Benchmark (Trustees)	**-7.0**	+13.9	+29.6	+30.7

Distributions to the College

The Trust's strong performance in 2006 enabled Trustees to budget for a 30% increase in the 2008 distribution (2007 : 29%) to the College.

	2008	2007	2006	2005
	R	R	R	R
Net income for the year before distribution	**3 199 080**	1 701 246	1 313 837	941 135
Distribution to Michaelhouse College	**(3 197 837)**	(2 457 109)	(1 904 650)	(1 666 075)
Retained earnings/(excess distribution) for the year	**1 243**	(755 863)	(590 813)	(724 940)
Realised capital surpluses distributed	**-**	755 863	590 813	724 940
Retained earnings at the end of the year	**1 243**	-	-	-

Net income for the year before distribution increased by 88% over 2007 with key issues being the following:

A 71% increase in investment income earned (increased cash holdings and higher interest rates together with a significant dividend contribution arising from the Remgro/Richmont/BAT reorganisation).
Expenditure decreased by 22% over 2007 with the main contributor being reduced management fees paid to the Fund Manager (performance based fees and in 2008 the Benchmark was not achieved).

College utilisation of distributions received

Income distributed by the Trust to the College has been utilised as follows:

	2008	2007	2006	2005
	R	R	R	R
Unexpended income – beginning of the year	**1 233 843**	-	-	-
Income from The Michaelhouse Trust	**3 197 837**	2 457 109	1 904 650	1 666 075
	4 431 680	2 457 109	1 904 650	1 666 075
Capital expenditure and work in progress	**(4 031 950)**	(608 989)	(1 130 146)	(993 792)
Fee reductions and scholarships	**(399 730)**	(614 277)	(696 000)	(598 579)
Supplementary staff pensions	**-**	-	(78 504)	(73 704)
Unexpended income – end of the year	**-**	1 233 843	-	-

Trust income distributed to the College for capital expenditure has been applied to the following projects:

	2008	2007	2006	2005
	R	R	R	R
Dormitories upgrade - completion	**-**	101 399	-	-
Electrical reticulation	**-**	398 022	-	-
Kitchen upgrade and reconstruction	**-**	-	-	993 792
Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club - upgrade/extension	**-**	109 568	-	-
Multi-purpose indoor facility (2008 : cricket extension)	**840 092**	-	1 130 146	-
Staff accommodation : Morningside and Sarsden Views	**3 191 858**	-	1 130 146	-
	4 031 950	608 989	2 260 292	993 792



The 2008 College utilisation of the Trust distribution reflects the final phase of the previously reported on transfer of responsibility for Trust Scholarships and supplementary staff pensions from the Trust to the College. All income distributed by the Trust to the College from 2009 onwards will be utilised for capital expenditure only. The College has been asked to reconsider its capital expenditure needs for the forseeable future as a decrease in income distribution for 2010 and future years may be necessitated by the current economic climate. Trustees welcome the College's ongoing review of its cost structures and note the fact that non-refundable acceptance fees previously used by the College for capital expenditure projects may need to be diverted to assist with other issues such as financial assistance.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Written by Mr Charlie Burton

The Chairman of the Board advised parents early in 2009 that a major cost savings drive would be embarked upon during the year and planned capital expenditure would be postponed in view of the recession and in an effort to ensure that the school was able to restrict the 2010 fee increase to single digit levels. As a result, 2009 was another relatively quiet year, by Michaelhouse standards, for capital expenditure. The most significant projects that were completed during the year were: the completion of the indoor cricket nets attached to the Inglis Indoor Centre; the continuation of the upgrade and building of staff housing on the estate, in "Morningside" (previously known as Lotus Park); and the replacement of ageing equipment in the laundry. In addition there were continuing upgrades to teaching facilities/classrooms (now an annual programme) and upgrades/installation of modern technology for the swimming pool (heat pumps) and the sewerage system (a new macerator). Perhaps a few of the aforementioned projects were not as glamorous as previous years' capital expenditure, but they were nonetheless extremely important for the Michaelhouse community.

An even less attractive requirement during 2009 was the complete refurbishment of the largest of our oxidation ponds which is a critical part of our sewerage reticulation system. During one of our numerous regular inspections and tests on water quality below the oxidation ponds and elsewhere, ecoli counts in water immediately below the oxidation pond were found to have increased over the previous test results. Despite the ecoli counts being within acceptable limits, engineers were called in to inspect the pond - their recommendation to refurbish the pond was implemented immediately. The usual business of repairs and maintenance continued unabated throughout the year with particular attention being paid to staff houses on the estate, many of which require new roofs and general repairs needed to safeguard these assets. Our repairs and maintenance priorities remain the safety and security of boys, first and foremost, followed by the safety and security issues for the rest of the estate.

A significant decision during the year, and one that confirms Michaelhouse's commitment to environmental matters, was the merging by the Board of Governors of their Environmental Committee with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. This merger ensures the transition of environmental concerns from being theoretical "nice to considers" to part of the daily management of school affairs - the new committee is the Buildings, Grounds and Environmental Committee.

There are frequent occasions when the sun is shining brightly on the freshly mown green fields of Michaelhouse, with the trees in full leaf, the happy sound of boys playing and birds singing along in fine tune, that we are all reminded of the privilege we have in being here. Our sincere thanks go to the parents who pay our fees, the Old Boys and other generous donors that continue to provide us with funds to improve our facilities, to the Operations Manager, Support Department Managers and their staff for maintaining this estate, to the Chairman of the Buildings, Grounds and Environmental Committee, Mr Chris Brown, and the School Architect, Mr Nick Grice, who continue to support us with many hours of their time, advice and direction.

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ST MICHAEL AWARD — 5 JUNE 2009

Address by the Rector: Mr Guy Pearson

Mr Chairman, Mr François Junod and Mr Peter Harris, President of the Old Boys' Club, special guests, ladies and gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to this St Michael Award Ceremony. I consider this to be one of the most important events on our calendar as it celebrates the special contribution made by our Old Boys. It is therefore particularly significant that the Award is made on the eve of our Old Boys' weekend.

I would particularly like to welcome the special guests who have come here at the request of our St Michael Awardees, both to support and to honour them.

There are three major awards which the School makes:

During Rector Bushell's time in 1928, the ceremony 'Receptio Ad Portas' to honour distinguished visitors to the School was established.

In 1932 the award 'Associate Fellows of Michaelhouse' was introduced to recognise those who rendered special and distinguished service to the school.

During the School's centenary year in 1996 the St Michael Award was introduced to acknowledge distinguished Old Boys who have lived lives of especial service to their fellow man or to some cause, without any thought of gain or recognition, and who have not been previously recognised; in other words, "unsung heroes". This is why we are gathered here today.

The St Michael Award is significant for us for a number of reasons. As the School would know, the name Michaelhouse originated from the words "Michael" and "House"; "Michael" representing religion and "House" representing education. St Michael was God's champion, always standing on the side of good. This award is a challenge to each and every one of us sitting here today; to stand on the side of Michael, to be prepared to pay the sacrifice for doing good. I know that each and everyone of us will be inspired by the citations which will be read to us by Sanda Shandu and Benjamin Bradford.

The St Michael Award was instituted in the School's centenary year, 1996, with the following criteria:

The candidate must be a living Old Boy of Michaelhouse, and

- he must have devoted a considerable period of his life to serving his fellow man and the services so rendered shall be of an exceptional and selfless nature,
- the candidate should not have been motivated by personal gain or fame and
- some element of personal sacrifice, although not essential, may well provide evidence of the selflessness of the contribution which the candidate has made.

The last characteristic has to do with St Michael himself. St Michael is one of the seven Archangels and also one of the three mentioned by name in the scriptures; twice in the Old Testament and twice in the New. The name Michael is a variation of Micah, meaning in Hebrew, Who Is Like God.

In framing the criteria for the award, the St Michael candidate will ideally display the characteristics exemplified by St Michael: courage, compassion and a willingness to fight for truth and justice.



Mr Gary Ralfe, Chairman of the Board and Mr François Junod



Rector Guy Pearson, Mr Brett Davidson, Sanda Shandu, Mr Peter Harris, Mr François Junod, Benjamin Bradford, Mr Gary Ralfe, Stephen Lishman

Peter Harris: St Michael Award Citation

Citation read by Sanda Shandu - White Badge Prefect

The Michaelhouse record of 1973 describes Peter Harris as follows:

"*A pleasant cheerful boy who could not resist getting into various scrapes. He never really extended himself in the field of work and a matric must be doubtful. Could do well if he can settle down*".

This is a reminder that you can't judge a book by its cover!

Born in Durban in 1956 he came to Michaelhouse from Woodridge Preparatory in January 1969. He enjoyed cricket, rugby and hockey and was a long time member of the History Society and also the Chess Club. He was seen to be of "very good value" in Farfield House and was highly thought of.

He enrolled at Rhodes University in 1976 to study English and Law. In the midst of the turbulence, violence and unrest of that momentous year in South Africa, in Peter's own words, "the penny dropped" that apartheid was inhumane, unjust and intrinsically evil. In 1980 he was awarded his LLB and served on the Students Representative Council.

He cut his teeth in law when he went to work on a fellowship programme at the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) in the early 1980s. The LRC was, and remains, South Africa's first and only public interest law firm providing legal services free, to the poor and marginalised of society. It was started by Arthur Chaskalson who was to become South Africa's first Chief Justice in the new constitutional order. Peter worked on cases involving the infamous pass laws, both representing persons arrested for contravening the pass laws (being in a white area without permission) and trying to secure residence rights for black people in so-called white areas. He was part of a team that in due course was to lodge a sustained and ultimately successful legal assault on the pass law system. He also spent several months working at the Hoek Street Law Clinic, adjacent to the Johannesburg Railway Station, advising and representing literally hundreds of victims of unlawful commercial and unfair labour practices. The work was extraordinarily demanding and stressful but the victories were sweet.

Peter served his legal articles of clerkship with a large commercial law firm in Johannesburg but soon thereafter co-founded the legal firm of Cheadle Thompson and Haysom (CTH) which was to distinguish itself in the practice of human rights law. Peter defended political and trade union activists fighting the apartheid system. Peter formed part of an extraordinary complement of lawyers at CTH, including Fink Haysom, a previous recipient of the St Michael Award.

The work undertaken by Peter and his colleagues in the 1980s and early 1990s was conducted against the backdrop of an intensifying struggle against apartheid and an intolerant, repressive response from the government of the day. It called for men of principle, undeterred by threats to their personal safety, who stood for justice and what was good and right; men who could lead by example. These qualities Peter was to exhibit fearlessly over several years through perhaps the most turbulent period of South Africa's history.

Peter's evident leadership qualities were to manifest in important and diverse ways through South Africa's time of transition. Despite being the youngest partner in his law firm he was to emerge relatively quickly as its Managing Partner.

At a time of heightened political contestation and violence in South Africa in the early 1990s he was appointed director of the Wits/Vaal region of the National Peace Accord, in which capacity he brokered a number of peace settlements between

warring political factions and oversaw the peace monitoring of Chris Hani's funeral. An accomplished mediator of both political and labour disputes, he was appointed to head up the directorate which monitored the freeness and fairness of South Africa's first national democratic elections in 1994. This directorate, with hundreds of men and women in the field, played a crucial role in defusing tensions in the run up to, and during, those elections.

His project management skills were brought to bear when he was appointed to lead the establishment of the Commission for Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration, South Africa's first national public labour dispute resolution agency. This institution offered recourse to the victims of unfair treatment in the labour market. Comprising some five hundred full time staff and professional mediators and arbitrators, it was delivered in just 12 months and remains the largest national social institution built in post-apartheid South Africa.

Peter Harris was also Director of Programmes of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in Stockholm, Sweden, and was responsible for all legal, electoral and conflict resolution programmes worldwide. This involved advising governments in Africa, Latin America, Australasia, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Haiti. He is an Operations Consultant to the United Nations.

He is also the editor of the publication "Democracy and Deep-rooted Conflict: Options for Negotiations". He received the distinguished Humanitarian Services Award from the Family Institute in 1993 and, in the same year, an award from the French Government as the "Outstanding Young South African". In 1996 he was invited by the United States government to observe presidential primaries in the USA.

Peter Harris is now the Executive Director of the Resolve Group which he co-founded. It is a majority black-owned company, a collection of specialist consulting companies working to solve the many problems of the new South Africa, and craft sustainable results. Members of the group are experts in people, performance and change. Their logo reads "Adding Value to People and Society".

He has always been a passionate Old Boy of Michaelhouse and it is appropriate that he currently serves on the Board of Governors where his multiple skills are much appreciated.

His much celebrated book, "In a Different Time", was published last year and is a thrilling account of the inside story of the Delmas Four. Described as "a dark chapter in our history brilliantly brought to light", he tells the story in a compassionate, yet unsentimental way. A prisoner of memory, he has written this book to serve as a valuable account of events pertinent in the history of our country.

Lest you think Peter Harris is all work and no play, he has completed the Duzi Canoe Marathon twice, has run the Comrades Marathon, and is a qualified skydiver and scuba diver. Despite his myriad responsibilities, he has discovered an extraordinary talent for prose and word on the street is that we can expect more to flow in the near future from his inspirational pen. Most importantly, he is a devoted husband to Caroline and father to Simon, Belle, Luke and Dominic. He loves to "shoot the breeze" with his close friends over a glass of fine whiskey and is an enthusiastic supporter as he watches the fortunes of Michaelhouse on the rugby field.

We are indeed privileged to have Mr Harris with us today. His modesty and quiet championing of human rights will be long remembered - not only by the people he helped to gain a new sense of dignity and place in this country, but also by the many people working with conflict throughout the world. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge his great input into the lives of so many, and to South Africa, with the St Michael Award.

François Junod: St Michael Award Citation

Citation read by: Benjamin Bradford - Senior Prefect

An extraordinary life, led by this extraordinary man, François Junod, can be encapsulated in the translated Portuguese saying: *"God writes straight through crooked lines."* The crooked lines that have been the path of Mr Junod's life journey were shaped by his energy and passion to lead a fulfilled life, with a myriad of colourful experiences.

Born of Swiss parentage, his lifelong path has enjoyed a long-standing connection to the Shangana-Tsonga people as both his father and grandfather were missionaries; their family connection reaching back to 1884. Perhaps it was his own father's experience as Chaplain of the Pretoria Central Prison, having experienced more than 800 executions by hanging over a period of 25 years, that nurtured Mr Junod's deep conscience of great principle, humility and heartfelt compassion.

His early schooldays were spent at WHPS in Pretoria before he came on to Michaelhouse. He settled into Tatham House as a new boy in 1942. Sixty four years ago, he was Head of Tatham House, and played First Team rugby.

The Chronicle of 1944 writes: *"Rugby Report: Critique of 1st XV: H. F. Junod: Centre. Stockily built and speedy. Tackling deadly, handles well and can be dangerous in attack."*

His academic road then led to Stellenbosch, where he attained a BA Law *Cum Laude*, before setting off to Cambridge

University as an Elsie Ballot scholar. He then travelled across the Channel to the Sorbonne in Paris where he studied Criminology for a year, no doubt enjoying the opportunity to absorb French life, speaking fluent French. During this time, he visited some ten French prisons. Travelling further, his journey took him to California where he joined the University of Berkeley to obtain his Masters in Political Science. His experience in the USA also included work at the San Quentin Penitentiary for habitual and serious criminals, and included some night duty in the death row cells. Coming back to his roots, he returned to South Africa to practise at the Pretoria Bar, as an Advocate and Senior Counsel. He specialised in Water Law and Land Law, specifically for expropriation.

It was during this time that he enjoyed an active interest in the Mountain Club of South Africa, a hobby that introduced him to his lifelong friend and wife, Sheila Patchitt. They enjoy a happy marriage, built on the remarkable journey their lives have enjoyed over the past 52 years together. Unfortunately Sheila is unable to be with us today at this ceremony, but we acknowledge and recognise her significant part in Mr Junod's journey. We hope their future path - that crooked path mentioned earlier - will enjoy many more years of shared joys and blessings together.

François Junod's working life was driven by his selfless principles, and his wish to serve the underdog. His expertise helped the Shangana-Tsonga tribe, and Gazankulu for more than 50 years. During this time he enjoyed a longstanding acquaintance with the former premier of Gazankulu, Prof Hudson Ntsanwidzi, when attempts were made to relocate this group of people. He has worked in close collaboration with the Department of Water Affairs since 1955 in numerous cases involving water law and land evaluation matters. He was the legal counsel and advisor to the Minister with regard to legal opinions in the Property Clause in the Constitution, dealing with the implications on compensation payable in the event of expropriation or deprivation of water rights. He also served on the National Water Advisory Council.



Perhaps his most meaningful work was completed over a three year period from 1995, where he worked *pro deo* as a Legal Advisor for Kader Asmal and the Department of Water Affairs. He has often said that he "does not want to be the richest person in the graveyard"; a statement he has lived to the letter. He worked some 2000 plus hours for no fee, in an attempt to assist the new South Africa in its future path with the National Water Law Review, passed by Parliament in 1998.

He writes: "In these modern times we all frequently need to escape to the silent places to find ourselves again in the wilderness of our earthly existence". His deep-seated fear of exploitation of the environment for gain fuelled his support for the Mountain Club of South Africa. His wish that "we can relearn that humility and sense of awe which arrogant modern man has so sadly forgotten" has been embodied in his acquisition and protection of many climbing areas in Gauteng. He gave transfer of the land of Tonquani Kloof and Cedarberg Kloof as a gift to the Mountain Club in 1988. It is fascinating to have found a prayer that Mr Junod gave at this occasion, which highlighted his strong Christian standing and quiet humility:

"O Lord God I thank thee for leading me to this consummation of my plans about that beautiful piece of your Natural World, which by your blessing, has passed into the hands of the Mountain Club in safe keeping. Look upon it with favour, O Lord God, and may its possession rebound to Thy glory. I thank Thee truly for making me Thy humble instrument in achieving this end. Amen."

He was recognised for his services to mountaineering in 1999 by being awarded the Gold Badge by the Mountain Club of South Africa.

During this time he set up a project called "Maretlwane" which involved his donation of 200 hectares of pristine mountain, bush and riverine vegetation in the foothills of the Magaliesberg, to establish a Bushveld School. Serving as a pilot scheme for others to follow, this facility was a gift to Pretoria Boys High School in 2000 - which allowed pupils to attend this bush school for an entire term during Grade 9. Also open to other schools, it allows South Africans to experience this unique place and gain a better understanding of the need and importance of effective conservation. His belief that "It is

not good for man to be or live alone. It is even less good and more destructive for him never to be alone" has meant that numerous city teenagers have been able to experience bush life and nature at its best. Through his legacy, the lives of scores of South Africans from many walks of life have been enriched through this refuge with its unspoilt environment. It allows for the fullest opportunity to experience this magnificent landscape, and helps pupils to leave with a better understanding of their part, and indeed responsibility, in maintaining our natural heritage. As one pupil wrote: "we cannot do as we like with something which is not our own, we can only take care of it. At Maretlwane, nature shows us that we need it more than it needs us".

Mr Junod's son, Alex, was the Principal of the Maretlwane Bush School, and was a teacher of Mathematics for many years. In a thank you letter he received from one of the students, he had obviously made a lasting impression when they remembered being told "Do as the Romans do, but now you must do as the Junod do." Those words, spoken in that Maths classroom by his son, are pertinent, even to this day. Having heard the life story of this unique man, each of us can only be inspired to "Do as the Junod do."

It is certainly a fact that "*God writes straight through crooked lines*". This humble man of steadfast principle has lived a life of especial service, not only to his fellow man, but also to the world at large. He is a great inspiration to all the Men of Michaelhouse at this ceremony today, and is a rich example of a fulfilled and generous life. The crooked lines his life has travelled, have led him back to Michaelhouse today, to accept his well-deserved St Michael Award. Mr Junod, we salute you.

PRIZE GIVING 19 FEBRUARY 2009

Address by the Rector: Mr Guy Pearson

Mr Chairman, Guest of Honour, Mrs Belinda Bradford, members of staff, ladies and gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my own personal pleasure to welcome you to this ceremony which recognises the academic achievements of boys from B - E Block in 2008. A special welcome to our Guest of Honour, Mrs Belinda Bradford, mother of our Senior Prefect, Benjamin. He has personally set an excellent example to his peers over the years with his academic achievements and endeavour. Today we present the Ralfe Trophy for Academic Endeavour for the first time.
It is customary to announce the winners of the Internal Scholarships based on their performances last year. The John Hamilton Internal Scholarships are awarded to boys who are not recipients of other academic scholarships:

E Block - **Carel Swarts**
D Block - **Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse**
C Block - **Grant Walker**
B Block - **Benjamin Bradford**

The Sir Henry Strakosch Scholarships for the best Science and Maths year mark:

E Block - **Michael Harrison**, **Mitchell Green**
D Block - **Paul Hewat**, **David Brill**
C Block - **David Bradford**, **Grant Walker**
B Block - **Dean Dowie**, **Antony Renton**

Congratulations!

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure for me to report on an excellent performance by our A Block of 2008 in the final IEB examinations. The school entered 103 candidates of whom 100 achieved university endorsement passes, 98% of the class. Three boys obtained Diploma passes and there were no failures. In total, there were 140 subject distinctions. There were some exceptional individual performances most notably by Edward Steere and William Gowans with seven distinctions, Edward Greene, Nicholas Meyer and Ben van Aswegen with six distinctions each.

I would like to pay tribute to the Michaelhouse staff under the leadership of the Deputy Rector, Academics - Mr Paul Fleischack, for their superb efforts last year. Parents will be aware that this was the first year of a new curriculum and despite all the uncertainty regarding the requirements for the examinations and portfolios, our staff prepared our boys exceptionally well for the challenges which they faced. I believe that the true heroes last year were our academic staff and I would like to publicly acknowledge and congratulate them for their efforts. Whilst we were satisfied with most subject department performances, particular mention must be made of Information Technology where 53% of the candidates achieved distinctions, Computer Applications Technology 43% and Mathematics and Geography which both achieved 35% distinctions, an excellent effort indeed.

Ladies and gentlemen, you would have read much comment over the past months regarding the new curriculum, most of it negative. I would like to assure all of you that the new curriculum has much to commend it and that the negative aspects are related more to the systemic problems which exist in the State sector, in particular, to the lack of adequate facilities and resources and poor motivation and quality of teaching. This state of affairs is of no comfort to us as we need a good education system for this country, both State and Independent. The reality though is that most state schools are ill equipped to deliver the new curriculum. This

does not apply in the Independent sector and certainly not at Michaelhouse. The new curriculum demands of students a far more analytical approach in dealing with global and national issues rather than just learning content and reproducing it in an examinational context. It is a modern and more relevant curriculum and it provides greater scope for teachers to be creative and innovative. There have been frustrations from the staff around assessment matters and I am pleased that the IEB has addressed many of the issues which the staff find onerous, particularly regarding the assessment and marking of portfolios.

My message to parents today is not to be influenced by negative, and in many instances, ill informed comments regarding the curriculum.

The second issue I would like to address regarding the IEB examination is the concern often expressed by parents that their children are being disadvantaged because the IEB standards are higher than those in the State sector. This is indeed true in that there have been totally inflated results in the State sector due to statistical adjustments. My view is that this is a short term gain and does little to prepare the students for the rigours expected at University. It is reassuring to note that for the first time, the University of Cape Town has released results of a three year study comparing the performance of candidates who have been through a system where the IEB examination has been written, compared to the performance of those students matriculating with a certificate from a State school.

Of the total first year enrolment at UCT, 15% of the students are IEB candidates and yet they make up 25% of the graduating class at the University. Indeed, 98% of IEB students who enroll at UCT, graduate with a Bachelors or Honours degree, an incredible success rate. Measure this against the fact that only 40% of students from State schools complete the degree course in four years. This information will be very useful in reassuring parents regarding the sound quality of the IEB.

I am confident that Michaelhouse is well placed to continue to deliver at the highest level; we have excellent facilities and resources, and most importantly, a highly qualified and committed academic staff who continually strive to improve and to be innovative and creative in their teaching methods. In closing, I would like to challenge the class of 2009 to produce even better results at the end of this year. We are confident that we have a talented class who will, with the right attitude and endeavour, produce results of which we can be proud.

SUBJECT PRIZES AND AWARDS

E BLOCK

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First in Subject: **H von Schlichting**
Diligence: **T Burne, W Grant, M Mundell, M Sullivan, C Swarts**

DRAMATIC ARTS
First in Subject: **B Munatsi**
Diligence: **T Burne, A Krige, A Pienaar, O Mhaga**

ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
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ISIZULU
First in Subject: **Z Mhlongo**
Diligence: **S Shelembe**

MATHEMATICS
First in Subject: **M Harrison**
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MUSIC
First in Subject: **T Watt-Pringle**
Diligence: **R-D Senekal**

NATURAL SCIENCE
First in Subject: **M Green**
Diligence: **T Burne, M Mundell, M Sullivan, C Swarts, T Everett**

MERIT CERTIFICATES (AGGREGATE OVER 80%)
R Anderson, T Burne, T Everett, J Foster, D Goosen, M Green, M Greig, M Harrison, S Hewat, C Hunt, T Lee, S Markham, D Stephen, C Swarts, C Taylor, S Wadeson, H von Schlichting



Rector Guy Pearson, Mr Gary Ralfe, Sanda Shandu (Farfield) with the Effort Symbol Trophy, Mrs Belinda Bradford, Benjamin Bradford, Christopher Morris (Baines) with the Academic Shield, Deputy Rector Academics Paul Fleischack

Third in Block: **M Green**
Second in Block: **M Harrison**
First in Block: **C Swarts**

D BLOCK

AFRIKAANS
First in Subject: **S Buys, J Wissing**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **T Lister-James**
Diligence: **D Brill, C Donaldson, D Johnston, S Powell, M du Randt**

DRAMATIC ARTS
First in Subject: **K Maroga**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Powell**
Diligence: **J Bassett, K Wilmot, F Edwardes, D Mashinini, S Peel**

ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
First in Subject: **J Bassett**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **T Dalais**
Diligence: **A Allen, B Mole, L Hunt, J Bradford, C Clowes, N Wiehe Lagesse**

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS & DESIGN
First in Subject: **D Brill**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **J Needham**
Diligence: **J Kurz**

ENGLISH
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Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **M Chileshe**
Diligence: **K Allen, P Hewat, M Mkhulisi, D Guiney, N Wiehe Lagesse**

FRENCH
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Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **F Noel**
Diligence: **S Hadfield, M Greenwood**

HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES
First in Subject: **P Hewat**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **C Mystris**
Diligence: **D Brill, D Guiney, J Bradford, L Bam, E Riley**

ISIZULU
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Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Chirwa**
Diligence: **C Clowes**

MATHEMATICS
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Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **D Mashinini**
Diligence: **M du Randt, J Bradford, D Johnston, D Atkinson, D Brill**

MUSIC
First in Subject: **T Halliday**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **B Buchler**
Diligence: **K Maroga**

NATURAL SCIENCE
First in Subject: **A Allen**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **F Noel**
Diligence: **P Hewat, S Powell, J Bradford, D Guiney, N Wiehe Lagesse**

VISUAL ARTS
First in Subject: **C Rossouw, J Stathacopoulos**
Diligence: **S Hugo, N Wiehe Lagesse, B Kariithi, H Alfredsen, K Wilmot**

MERIT CERTIFICATES (AGGREGATE OVER 80%)
A Allen, J Bassett, D Brill, S Hadfield, S Hugo, P Hewat, J Needham, A Stephens, M Venter, N Wiehe Lagesse

Most Improved Aggregate: **M Markides**
Third in Block: **D Brill**
Second in Block: **N Wiehe Lagesse**
First in Block: **P Hewat**

C BLOCK

ACCOUNTING
First in Subject: **D Bradford**
Diligence: **M Lowe, B Robinson**

AFRIKAANS
First in Subject: **D Bradford**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **J Adam**
Diligence: **R Halsted, M Nash, D Rodgers, G Walker**

DRAMATIC ARTS
First in Subject: **J Taylor**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **J Taylor**
Diligence: **M Nash**

ECONOMICS
First in Subject: **A Patel**
Diligence: **R Clucas, S Kalisa, M Ndlovu**

ENGINEERING, GRAPHICS & DESIGN
First in Subject: **D Norman**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **M Farrow**
Diligence: **S Callen**

ENGLISH
First in Subject: **D Bradford**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Kalisa**
Diligence: **S Kalisa, M Lowe, D Norman, S Mashwama, G Walker**

FRENCH
First in Subject: **S Mashwama**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Mosienyane**
Diligence: **S Kalisa**

GEOGRAPHY
First in Subject: **G Walker**
Diligence: **J Atkinson, S Mashwama**

HISTORY
First in Subject: **J van Koevering**
Diligence: **J Purnell**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
First in Subject: **G Walker**
Diligence: **D Norman**

ISIZULU
First in Subject: **S Mhlongo**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Vilankulu**
Diligence: **T Ponde**

LIFE SCIENCES
First in Subject: **R Lynn**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Kalisa**
Diligence: **L Mennigke, T Ponde**

MATHEMATICS
First in Subject: **G Walker**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Brown**
Diligence: **G Walker, M Arron, G Heeger, J McJannet**

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS
First in Subject: **G Walker**
Diligence: **J Purnell**

MATHEMATICS LITERACY
First in Subject: **R Nuttall-Smith**
Diligence: **M Nash**

MUSIC
First in Subject: **N von Stackelberg**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Vilankulu**
Diligence: **N Vilankulu**

PHYSICAL SCIENCE
First in Subject: **D Bradford, J Purnell**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Mosienyane**
Diligence: **G Heeger, S Mashwama, D Norman**

VISUAL ARTS
First in Subject: **J van Koevering**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **A von Glehn**
Diligence: **J Atkinson, D Rodgers, J Chen**

MERIT CERTIFICATES (AGGREGATE OVER 80%)
D Bradford, M Daly, S Gallie, S Mashwama, M Ndlovu, V Nunes, J Purnell, K Sogoni, A Strathern, J van Koervering, G Walker

Most Improved Aggregate: **L Mennigke**
Third in Block: **J van Koevering**
Second in Block: **G Walker**
First in Block: **D Bradford**

B BLOCK

ACCOUNTING
First in Subject: **K King**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Smallwood**
Diligence: **M Karam, S Leclezio**

AFRIKAANS
First in Subject: **N Breet**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Christodoulou**
Diligence: **S Christodoulou, M de Abreu, M Howard, S Rogers**

DRAMATIC ARTS
First in Subject: **A Craib**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Christodoulou**
Diligence: **M Ziumbe**

ECONOMICS
First in Subject: **G Woollatt**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **N Benton**
Diligence: **D Dowie, M Strachan, S Leclezio**

ENGLISH
First in Subject: **C Morris**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **M Watkins**
Diligence: **M Ziumbe, T Kearns, M Fraser, M Van der Vegte, M de Abreu**

ENGINEERING, GRAPHICS & DESIGN
First in Subject: **G St Clair**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **K Renton**
Diligence: **J Clarke**

FRENCH
First in Subject: **P Noel**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **K Galeforolwe**
Diligence: **M Fraser, M Ziumbe**

GEOGRAPHY
First in Subject: **C Morris**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **A Laing, M van der Vegte**
Diligence: **S Lishman, A Batley, R Salter, M van der Vegte**

HISTORY
First in Subject: **J Kobal**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **S Christodoulou, M van der Vegte**
Diligence: **D Stephen**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
First in Subject: **A Renton**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **A Craib**
Diligence: **T van Dam**

ISIZULU
First in Subject: **A Ally**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **R Nakin**
Diligence: **A Ally**

LIFE SCIENCES
First in Subject: **B Bradford**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 - Nov 08): **P Noel, T-M Munatsi**
Diligence: **A Mahieu, J Hoepfl**



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SPEECH DAY 20 AUGUST 2009

Address by the Chairman of the Board, Mr Gary Ralfe

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, Men of Michaelhouse

We have just in the School Prayer thanked God for our Benefactors. We are able now to thank one notable Benefactor in person, namely Mr James Inglis; this Indoor Centre bears his name and without his generosity we would not be sheltered against the cold as we are. I feel responsible for today's inclement weather; in the first draft of my speech which I sent to the Rector for "marking" I welcomed you to "a lovely spring day in Balgowan"! That was tempting fate, and so welcome rather to a bitter winter's day at Balgowan! I applaud those parents who are here to support their sons and to hear at first-hand about performance and progress at Michaelhouse.

I welcome our Guests of Honour, Richard and Elizabeth Steyn, in my capacity as Chairman but also as a close personal friend.

Last year we welcomed Mr David Lovatt as the Headmaster of Hilton College and we do so again today. This year we also welcome Mr Yann Leclezio as the incoming Chairman of the Board of Hilton College. We trust that under your stewardship our great rival school, founded on the same ethos and values as Michaelhouse, will continue to flourish. And *in absentia* I salute John and Ruth Hodgson. John is the outgoing Chairman of the Hilton Board, and I extol him as a distinguished statesman of Hilton College and of education in South Africa. John Hodgson matriculated in 1942 (which is before I was even born!) and yet he has demonstrated his eternal youthfulness by chairing the Hilton Board with great aplomb for a period of ten years. Behind every successful man there is a woman, and Ruth Hodgson has been the faithful and charming helpmeet to John in his civic duties. What makes John Hodgson even more remarkable is that thanks to his drive, the Hilton Matric class of 1942, and their spouses, have continued to meet together regularly, a practice which continues to this day in spite of, sadly, now diminishing numbers, and which is a potent example of the camaraderie bred in schools like Hilton and Michaelhouse.

Last year I welcomed four ex-Chairmen of our Board of Governors and I suggested that perhaps they had come to ensure that I was living up to the high standards that they set in their tenure. Today I welcome two ex-Chairmen, namely Mr Tony Ardington and Mr James Inglis, and many other ex-Governors. We applaud their passion for Michaelhouse and we hope that they will find cause to celebrate the on-going performance and progress of Michaelhouse under the leadership of Rector Guy Pearson.

Last year, in my maiden speech as Chairman of the Michaelhouse Board of Governors, I spoke about Vision 2015, the blue-print of Michaelhouse's strategy. At the next Board meeting on 11 September, we are due to have an audit of progress on the various actions recommended by the Vision 2015 Forum and endorsed by the Board. In advance of that audit there is one action that I would like to talk about today, namely the sensitive issue of transformation and demographic representivity. You might recall that we are committed "to promote diversity so that the Board, the academic staff and the boys all become more representative of South Africa's population". Currently, five of our Board of 20 are black (three of the five being ladies as well). If we include our Associate Governors then eight of the 28 are black. When Guy Pearson became Rector of Michaelhouse in 2002, there was only one full time black member of the academic staff, predictably running the isiZulu department. Michaelhouse can now boast that of its full-time teaching staff of about fifty, no fewer than nine are now black. Of that number, three started out as interns at Michaelhouse, a programme which has been enormously productive for Michaelhouse and on which the Rector must be applauded. There are currently six black interns (of a total of twelve) and so more good educators in training, be it for Michaelhouse or for the general good of education in South Africa, which our new President, President Zuma, has identified as the major single priority of his presidency and of which Michaelhouse is a flagship.

I announced last year that 18% of the boys were black. The black intake for 2009 was 19%. I am disappointed to report that next year's black intake is falling to 16% percent. This is due in part to the exceptional level of applications for next year, of which the black proportion has fallen, but in which there is also a spike for sons of Old Boys and brothers. It is regrettable that the ratio of black boys at our traditional eight feeder prep schools is as low as 12%, which means that there is intense competition among the senior private schools for the black boys graduating from those prep schools.

Over the years the Rector and his Management have distilled a fair and fit-for-purpose selection process. At our Board meeting in March we held a strategic session, commendably attended by many Associate Governors and Trustees (including four ex-Chairmen), in order to revisit selection criteria. The compelling reason was that we had three applicants for every place that we will be filling next year - a record for Michaelhouse and a measure of the reputation that Michaelhouse currently enjoys. It was an engaged and engaging session and the Rector has absorbed the results of that session into the selection process. Thus, to be a son or brother of an Old Boy scored most highly of all the criteria considered by the Forum - although that on its own does not guarantee admission. Any more distant relationship of an applicant with an Old Boy was ruled almost insignificant.

This is of concern to me because I bred four daughters. Two of them are already married to husbands who did not go to Michaelhouse. Where were you, Men of Michaelhouse? And, wait for it, the other two are both stepping out with Old Hilton Boys! Anyway, I have told my family that I will pay for the education of all of my grandsons provided they go to Michaelhouse.

That an applicant is black also scored high in the Forum's assessment and has been given an appropriate weighting in the School's selection process. As a black colleague challenged in the session, "How can we blacks be Old Boys?".

I am able to assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that the Board of Governors remains committed to a progressive and orderly transformation of Michaelhouse and I have confidence in the will of the Rector and his Management to implement this policy.

I would like next to talk about the finances of Michaelhouse. Under the dedicated, hands-on control of Bursar Charles Burton, they are indeed sound. Parents would have received a letter from me together with their son's mid-year reports to inform them that we are acutely aware of the strain that the global economic crisis and the consequent recession in South Africa is placing upon the domestic finances of our parents. We have therefore suspended R3 million of the capital expenditure budgeted for this year. None of these suspended items threatens the long term sustainability of Michaelhouse and when times are better Management will no doubt be seeking the Board's approval for their re-instatement.

Because so much of our working account is in salaries and wages, and because Michaelhouse is bound by salary trends in South African education generally, we cannot avoid inflation of costs in 2010 and hence an increase in fees. However, we are determined to keep this as low as possible.

While I am still deep in finance, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you something about the Michaelhouse Trusts. I do this with the blessing of Mr James Inglis, Chairman of the Trusts, Chairman before last of the Board of Governors and a close personal friend - from the time that we started as boys together at Michaelhouse in 1958. There are two major Trusts or endowments producing income for Michaelhouse. The older, unsurprisingly called The Michaelhouse Trust, was established in 1957 and its purpose has always been to raise and manage money for capital improvements. The current value of this Trust is R40 million. The second Trust called the Michaelhouse Bursary Endowment Trust was set up in 1980 and its purpose is contained in its name. Its current value is R70 million; two of its most important benefactors were Lady Nora Usher, aunt of John Bates, OM and ex-Governor, and Mr Ken Mackenzie, who also gave the money to build Mackenzie House. It is particularly apt that I should mention that today because Ken Mackenzie's niece is with us in a very special capacity. She is Elizabeth Steyn, wife of our Guest of Honour, Richard Steyn, and the mother of three Old Boys.

It was during Mr Anthony Evans's tenure as Chairman of the Board, which came immediately before Mr James Inglis's, that a proposal was acted upon to enhance the endowment of Michaelhouse and thereby to give our School greater sustainability. To this end the Chairman's Club was set up and money raised, principally from Old Boys, with the innovative and attractive riders that the donor could nominate to what end his donation should be directed and that every year he would be accounted to for the financial performance and application of his donation. It was thanks particularly to Mr James Inglis's dedication and diplomacy as a fund-raiser that the Chairman's Club took off in a spectacular way; the vast bulk of the donations were directed towards funding bursaries for less advantaged boys and so were added to the Michaelhouse Bursary Endowment Trust. This Trust has been producing an annual sum of about R5 million to fund the bursaries which assist 30% of the boys through Michaelhouse.

And so I can put it on record that the bursaries awarded by Michaelhouse, and without which transformation would be severely hampered, are not funded out of school fees. On the other hand, it has always been the practice at Michaelhouse, as at similar schools, that scholarships, notably for academic merit, are funded out of regular fee income.

In addition to the two South African Trusts that I have mentioned, there is a further Trust in the UK which has £400 000 under management and which for the past 15 years has been helping to fund the education at Michaelhouse of disadvantaged black boys. This fund is at the point of obtaining an extraordinary bequest of £250 000 from Sir John Craven, a London based Old Boy of Michaelhouse and in 1958 my first Head Boy. Indeed, he was the instigator and first donor of the UK Trust. We salute his generosity.

It is a tenet of civilised law everywhere in the world, and indeed of our own Constitution, that every person is entitled to his physical integrity and that physical violence against an individual is not allowed. In schools this is called bullying; of course bullying can take other forms as well, like emotional bullying. Bullying in any of its forms is not allowed at Michaelhouse. Quite apart from being against the letter of the law, it contravenes the ethos and values that this school embodies. True Men of Michaelhouse do not bully. Furthermore, as an all-boarding establishment, the Board and Management are deeply conscious of the pastoral responsibility that the school takes on for the physical and emotional well-being of boys here. Because bullying is such a serious offence, Management has to make use



Rector Guy Pearson, Stephen Lishman (Second Prefect), Mr Richard Steyn, Benjamin Bradford (Senior Prefect), Mr Gary Ralfe

of suspension, and ultimately exclusion, from the school as penalty. We have been deeply concerned about severe incidents of bullying at other schools which have been reported in the national press, but we know that we cannot be complacent because there have also been cases of bullying at Michaelhouse. The Rector and his staff, with the full authority and support of the Board, will do all they can to root out bullying at Michaelhouse.

Ladies and gentlemen, I commend to you the dedicated service given without compensation by the Board of Governors and I add my own appreciation for the support that they have given me. At the end of last year we said goodbye to a number of Governors who between them had given devoted service over many years, namely Mrs Joanna James, Mr Clive Shedlock, Mr Keith Rumble, Mr Stuart Craib, Mr Stephen Dallamore, Mr Mike Hankinson and Mr Rowan Hutchison. In their places we have recruited Dr Zola Songca, Mr Frank Bradford, Mr Charles Nupen, Mr Peter Harris, all current parents and in Mr Peter Harris's case Old Boy as well, and Mr Nigel Porter, a contemporary at Michaelhouse of Mr James Inglis and myself, and father of two Old Boys. Mr Brett Davidson has brought great passion to the Board *ex officio* as Chairman of the Old Boys' Club and his place has been taken by Mr Kevin O'Brien, the new Chairman of the Old Boys' Club.

Shortly you will be hearing from the Rector, Guy Pearson, an account of the performance of Michaelhouse in various spheres of education - spiritual, academic, sporting, community service and other extra mural activities. We have in Guy Pearson a potent leader, respected by the boys, well liked by the parents, in command of his staff room, and enjoying the confidence of the Board of Governors. We salute the passion that inspires him and the dedicated service that he gives unstintingly to Michaelhouse. In this he is ably supported by his charming and lovely wife Mareé. And we salute also for their hard work, passion and dedication both the two Deputy Rectors, Mr Paul Fleischack and Mr Allan Laing, and all the Academic Staff; and also Bursar Charles Burton and the Financial and Administrative Staff.

Ladies and gentlemen, I commend to you the performance of Michaelhouse.

Address by the Rector: Mr Guy Pearson

Mr Chairman and Mrs Ralfe, Mr and Mrs Steyn, special guests, fellow heads, members of staff, ladies and gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

I have been told that the difference between a good speaker and a poor speaker is a good nap.

It is my pleasure to personally welcome you all here today. We have the honour of a distinguished speaker in Mr Richard Steyn and we look forward to his address later. A special welcome to previous Rector Dudley Forde; it is indeed good to have you here.

I would like to particularly pay tribute to David and Donrée Wilkinson. David retires as Headmaster of St Anne's after



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12 years at the end of this year. Michaelhouse has always enjoyed an excellent relationship with St Anne's (and our boys an even better one). David has made an exceptional contribution to education in South Africa; he is currently the Chairman of ISASA. David and Donrée, we thank and congratulate you for your contribution and wish you well in your future endeavours.

The Chairman has spent some time speaking of the effects of the 'economic tsumani' which has hit the world over the past year. I am pleased to report that Michaelhouse has been hit by a different kind of wave; in fact many would say that the school is currently riding the 'crest of the wave' in terms of reputation and performance. The school has never been in greater demand, for 2010 we considered 270 applications for 110 places in E Block alone and continue to receive applications on a daily basis. This is by no means an isolated scenario as the demand for 2011 and beyond shows a similar trend.

While this may seem to be a wonderful place to be in, it is a double edged sword as we have to turn away boys with whom we have built up a relationship in the marketing process. There is also the danger at admissions of forgetting the true nature of the ethos of Michaelhouse and only choosing talented boys. The School has always been a place which caters for all boys; in the words of a previous Chairman of the Board, Mr Jamie Inglis, "we take from boff to doff, from Fanie to larny". Indeed, our strength is that every boy can find his niche here, let us not forget this. Michaelhouse would be a poorer place if we were to become exclusive and not inclusive in our admissions policy. As we have heard from the Chairman, there are many agendas which need to be met in the admissions process, it is one which needs to be dealt with in a very thorough and sensitive manner.

Having said that, I am pleased that the school has enjoyed another exceptional year which has undoubtedly contributed to its reputation. While not going into detail regarding the achievements, these are listed in your programme, there have been special highlights which I would like to mention. At the end of 2008 the A Block class achieved excellent results in the IEB examinations, a 100% pass rate with 98% of the boys achieving a university endorsement and 141 subject distinctions. We commend several of our boys who have achieved on a national level in various Olympiads. The Michaelhouse results must be seen against a background of an inclusive admission policy; we do not only admit top academics. The improved academic performance over the past five years has been a most satisfying aspect for me and my congratulations to Mr Paul Fleischack and the staff in their endeavours.

There continues to be negative press on a daily basis about the disastrous state of education in this country, much of it focused on the new curriculum. I will say what I have said many times before, there is nothing wrong with the new curriculum, and it has much to commend it. The problem is in the inability to deliver, it needs a highly competent teaching force, excellent resources and small classes to be effective. The majority of schools in this country do not enjoy those fundamental conditions, and as everyone warned, the new curriculum was doomed to failure. The State needs

to deal with the systemic problems which face the majority of our schools, starting at the most basic level of ensuring that children are not hungry when they go to school.

The School has had a wonderful year on the sports fields, both from an individual and team perspective. Our sportsmen have continued to maintain and improve on the high levels of last year. It is always fascinating to see the tremendous improvement of our boys from when they arrive in E Block in the U14 age group and when they are in A Block in the Open Division. The remarkable turnaround in the boys' time against much bigger and stronger schools is testament to the lifestyle, coaching and spirit engendered here.

A special strength of a boys only school is the involvement in the cultural programme. Boys have a tendency to shy away from cultural involvement in a co-ed environment and yet we know they are fantastically creative and love to sing, play music and dance. There is a new energy and enthusiasm in the Music Department and all credit to Director of Music, Mr Abri Venter, and his team for this. The school choir, jazz band and marimba band have provided a wonderful outlet for the boys' creative energy.

The musical, Ipi Ntombi, in conjunction with The Wykeham Collegiate, and directed by Mrs Dionne Redfern, was a triumph and rated one of the best ever productions by the School.

Michaelhouse continues to provide a myriad of opportunities for boys to grow and develop whether in clubs and societies, the environmental programme or in community partnership initiatives. The appointment of Rev Fred Pitout at the beginning of the year has added a new dimension and we look for continued progress in this very important area. President Barrack Obama has called for the 21st Century to be the 'Age of Responsibility' whose character will be to move away from the age of greed and entitlement, towards one of global stewardship and responsibility for the poor and the environment.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the part played by Mr Tim Harkness over the past few years. Tim launched our LEAP programme, (life, excellence, attitude and performance) in 2006. The LEAP programme is underpinned by encouraging the very simple but important values of: "*try hard, focus, take the gap and aim high.*" He always emphasised the need to get the process right, if you did that the results would follow. Tim has recently taken up a position in the United Kingdom as the Special Skills Trainer at Chelsea Football Club, an indication of the high esteem in which he is held.

In considering the success of Michaelhouse over the past year, it is appropriate to acknowledge the fantastic support we receive from three very important constituents; our Board of Governors, the Old Boys of Michaelhouse and our parents.

We are indeed fortunate to have the quality of men and women who serve on our Board under the leadership of Mr Gary Ralfe. They give freely of their time and expertise in guiding and shaping our policy so that we can focus on the education of our boys. Our Old Boys have continued to be very supportive and, dare we say, passionate about their old School. Outgoing President, Mr Brett Davidson, must be commended for his energy and enthusiasm and we wish Mr Kevin O'Brien well as he takes up office.

I often think that one of the advantages of our all boys boarding school is that we do not have to deal with those parents who are 'car park assassins' or 'the pavement PTAs' which our colleagues have to deal with in day schools! Seriously though, we are indebted to our parents and the support they give their sons and the School. As I always say at New Boys' Day, educating your son is a partnership between parent and school and like all good relationships needs to be managed in a sensible and sensitive way. We thank, especially, those parents of A Block boys as they embark on the final lap with their sons; I know that the staff and parents have in many instances built up a special relationship which we will all miss.

In the end though, Michaelhouse is about the people who work and learn on this beautiful estate, the staff and the boys. We have a motivated and competent staff and I would like to thank them for their contribution in this environment which demands its 'pound of flesh.' We need to celebrate and appreciate our teachers in an age when the teaching profession gets scant recognition and appreciation, sometimes, I might add, justifiably when you see the behaviour of our National Teachers Union! I think an indication of the low profile and esteem which the profession holds in the minds of the boys can be judged by the numbers who choose teaching as a career! Enough said! Teaching remains a noble and rewarding profession; if I had my time over, I would choose to be a teacher again!

It is important to acknowledge the support staff as well; this is a busy and complex environment and we are fortunate to enjoy the support we get in providing the facilities we enjoy. Thank you to Bursar Charlie Burton, and Operations Manager Ernest Barkhuizen and their teams for their efforts.

The boys of Michaelhouse continue to make the most of their opportunities while enjoying that special camaraderie which this school engenders. The School has been fortunate to have two outstanding young men such as Benjamin Bradford and Stephen Lishman as their Senior and Second Prefect respectively. They are young men who epitomise the values of Michaelhouse and have been exceptional role models to the School. To them and the pupil leadership, our thanks and congratulations.

To the A Block leaving, you have all contributed to an outstanding year, and it is you that set the benchmark for the School, and although the race is not fully run, you have made your mark. I am sure that you will be sad to be leaving this place at the end of the year, not least because of the special friends you have made here, but you should also be itching to go. At the end of this year you will be more than ready to go with a foundation to become leaders in life based on the values, experiences and education you have received here. One of the aspects which gives me most pleasure, is not necessarily the achievements of our boys but the messages, letters and e-mails I receive about their behaviour, manners, confidence, exuberance, ability to engage adults and humility that is important. This is what makes it worthwhile and is affirmation of what we are trying to achieve. In the words of Sanda Shandu at the Theatre Awards dinner, "*We do not cry because it is over, we smile because it happened!*"

It is perhaps best summed up in a letter I received a few years ago from a parent who had educated three sons at Michaelhouse:

"I have often been asked what makes boys from Michaelhouse special. Having thought about it, I feel it comes to the Seven C's that Michaelhouse instills in the young gentlemen it produces. In Matthew it says "By their fruits ye shall know them." The fruits are these Seven C's. They are :

Chivalry, in being kind, courteous, considerate gentlemen who stand up for what is right and what they believe in.
Courage to tackle the challenges that life throws at them.
Capable through being equipped with the necessary skills to tackle life's challenges.
Conscientious to see the task through to its proper completion.
Cultured through practical exposure to the finer aspects of life including music, theatre, choir and public speaking.
Contented and happy with themselves though challenged to achieve what they're capable of.
Last and most important, to be a committed Christian."

I thank every single one of you who have made the journey of the past year so memorable. The challenge to those staying is to keep that perfect wave going. Of course we can improve. The real danger is the deadly vice of complacency and arrogance. Let us not fall into that trap. We need to continue to strive to make Michaelhouse an environment where every boy feels safe and confident and where each individual talent can be nurtured and grown to be the very best it can be. I am confident that we have all the necessary conditions to ensure that we continue to ride the crest of the wave in the next year.

Address by the Senior Prefect, Benjamin Bradford

Good morning Mr Chairman, staff, friends and family members and young Men of Michaelhouse.

At Michaelhouse there is much to be learnt from friends, so much, I believe, that this School's greatest asset in terms of producing men of understanding, thought and culture is not its facilities nor its proud history, not its vision nor the great wealth of the quality and talent amongst its staff and boys, but rather its ability to bring those people together and forge such bonds of community and friendship between them.

It is unlikely you will find a more valid and proven example of this, than the A Block of 2009. We've learnt a lot together during our transformation from being the worst Cack year ever, to the A Block who have to put up with the worst Cack year ever.

It was our Cops who taught us the art of making things: making tea, making snackwiches, a full English breakfast on a single snackwich machine, making beds, making it to rest and lights out on time, making lights out conversation, making cell phones and dirty lockers seemingly vanish, making excuses of just about every shape, size and mythical proportion; but above all they taught us the value of respect, accountability and friendship.

It was our teachers who apart from academic content attempted to teach us with varying levels of success; concepts such as time management, punctuality, the importance of correct dress, delegation and that democracy is mostly a theoretical concept within the classroom. Upon realising that the high standards and expectations of us had not been met, some resorted to punishment, others gave up and others still accepted bribes of promises of future joy rides in a red



Senoir Prefect, Benjamin Bradford, delivers his address

Ferrari, following said pupil's inevitable financial success as a result of said teacher's leniency.

From our parents, some of us learnt how to ensure that the sending address of our latest report had changed, while others learnt how to keep irrational and alternative means of transport to and from sporting events discreet, and that love in their case really was letting go.

Undoubtedly most of the life skills which we have learnt have been a consequence of the actions of our peers; we have taught each other why it is important to tie the cord of your trousers before a dramatic movement, why often it takes running through the quad and frost at 6am on a winter's morning to make us aware of our full potential and our need to support and be there for one another, and to allow us to recognise that you never know when you will be on the receiving end of the same act of camaraderie. We've learnt how to say goodbye to good friends leaving to pursue their dreams but also how to welcome them back all the same. We've learnt that with the right frame of mind, enough determination and love of life and God, no tragedy can bring you down or crush your dreams. We've learnt that it's not where you've come from or what you've done but where you can go and what you can do that counts - although the Cordwalles guys may still beg to differ.

We've learnt how one boy's voice can be heard over 550 others and that no matter how hard they may try not to be - boys will always be boys.

We've learnt that mathematical literacy has a tendency to promote an extremely high work ethic and general attitude of conscientiousness.

We learnt from some how to work hard and from others how to play hard. From some how to chase our dreams at all costs, from others how to strive for balance. From some how to laugh, with others how to cry. From some when it's time to move on, from others how never to give up.

I am sure you'll agree we've had a good run and have much to be thankful for. So, to my teachers, coaches, Meneer van Rooyen, my friends and family, my Mom, Dad, Grandparents, as well as my Cop and my brother in their absence, I still feel that I will only realise the true value of what you have given me through my Michaelhouse experience once I have had time to miss it. To all those people who have made my time at Michaelhouse what it was. Thank you! And boys, I hope that you will thank all of yours after this.

The time will soon come for us to leave this place and go out into the world, a world which is made up of an infinite amount of polar opposites. Success - failure, triumph - defeat, good - evil, joy - sadness, wealth - poverty, dreams and fears. As we already know life is made up of a very complex and often somewhat overwhelming sequence of alternate choices and consequences. Very often there is no one path which stands out as clearly being correct and thus we can all too easily find ourselves lost in the middle of it, all unsure of where we stand along the endless numbers of intersecting paths between those contrasting ideals I mentioned earlier. This is inevitable in all our lives unless we have a point of reference, a central point we can always return to in order to regain perspective. And this point of reference does not necessarily have to be one specific thing, it can be many things; for me it is God as well as my family, friends and loved ones amongst other things.

Upon leaving Michaelhouse one thing that each of us will share which can never be taken away from us and which will always be there for us as a central point in our lives, is what we learnt here, how we learnt it, and of course who we learnt it from and of equal importance who we learnt with.

If we imagine the world as the face of a compass in which our own life is the needle, our Michaelhouse education will be there for us along with our central concepts as the pin which grounds and allows us stability as we adjust and correct our course. And although at times it may feel like the needle of our lives is wobbling or is unbalanced, if we ever allow ourselves to return to the core, and reflect on our time at this School and what it stood for as well, I believe that we will be able to find that balance and stability. Set true North apart from where the world may have us believe it to be and plot our own unique course - find our passions and talents and pursue them wholeheartedly and without fear in the knowledge that our lives are hinged and stabilised by this particular pin in our lives that is Michaelhouse. Should we not find what we were looking for and need to change course we will have the necessary balance, stability and sense of direction in order to do so.

I believe that upon a young man's completion of his Michaelhouse career he has not reached a destination, nor a point along the journey but rather received a gift that is choice and perspective in allowing him to set his own course, plot his own journey and inevitably reach his own destination.

In view of the different centre points of each of our lives, it becomes evident that the ones which last and are sustained are those which are intangible; the same can be said of that which we will take from Michaelhouse. Yes, we can present our Induction Certificates or Leavers Tie but those are just paper and cloth. The Michaelhouse community, the staff, our parents and friends have given us something which cannot be quantified or measured, and once the paper and cloth have been lost we may not have any physical proof of its existence, but we'll all know it's there.

And so I stand here as a young man of Michaelhouse and say to all of you today and to those who will succeed us, "let's use this central point in our lives which we cannot measure nor lose and give a similar gift of love, of balance, of stability, of dependability, of charity, of kindness, of honour, integrity, compassion, courage in service - a gift of the spirit of Michaelhouse".

Address by the Guest of Honour: Mr Richard Steyn

Mr Chairman, Rector and staff, distinguished guests, parents, and boys of Michaelhouse.

Thank you, Rector, for your kind invitation to address this assembly today.

I am always daunted by having to speak on so solemn an occasion as a school's Speech Day. Daunted by having to address two audiences at once - both of whom are hoping for an early lunch. One is supposed to dispense some advice to the boys, which they haven't really asked for. And one has to flatter their parents for bringing up such bright, well adjusted and well mannered offspring. In the interests of brevity, I shall forego the latter obligation.

Your invitation, Rector, brought to mind a conversation with the famous author of "Cry the Beloved Country" and liberal icon, Dr Alan Paton, some two decades ago, when I was editor of the Natal Witness and he would sometimes phone to ask for information or discuss a political issue of the day. Paton had agreed to speak at that year's Michaelhouse Speech Day, and, as a then member of the Board, I remarked how honoured we were to have him as Guest Speaker. "What do you mean you're honoured", he growled at me, "(for a Maritzburg College man), it's the crowning achievement of my career".



Mr Richard Steyn presents his address

I often think fondly of Alan Paton, who, as a writer and thinker, held a candle aloft for so many young people from 1950s to the 1980s. Those were bleak times in South Africa, far bleaker than they might seem today, when our country was the polecat of the world and there looked to be no way out of the dead end into which apartheid was leading us.

Paton had three great loves - his Christian faith, his country, South Africa - warts and all - and his English language heritage. He did not think that being a Christian or speaking English made him a better person, but it made him heir to a great tradition - that might is not always right, that the strong have a responsibility for the weak, and that individual freedom is the foundation upon which the good society should be built.

Why I'm telling you these things about Alan Paton is because many young people turned to him to answer the question that - I'm sorry to say - young South Africans of your age are still asking today. Is there a future for me in this country? Do I stay, or - because of crime, affirmative action, corruption or whatever - should I seek my long term future elsewhere? I heard a young black professional who had been educated abroad and come back to South Africa ask that very question of President Jacob Zuma the other day.

Paton would never criticise those who chose to leave South Africa, but he made it very clear that he reserved his highest respect for people who stayed and tried to improve the society in which they had grown up, rather than regarding the making of money and the search for material comfort as the chief purpose of their lives. He had a particular regard for Peter Brown, an Old Boy of this School, and for Helen Suzman, this country's greatest parliamentarian who died on the first day of 2009. He admired them for the example they had set in making ours a more humane and decent society.

At this point, I want to digress, and tell you of an experience I had a few months ago.

Life, they say, goes in cycles. And mine certainly does nowadays. Each May, a small group of ex-newspaper colleagues and I go cycling (very slowly) across a part of Europe in a forlorn attempt to keep old age and decrepitude at bay (in some respects, we seem to be succeeding: our most senior member, now 80, completed his first Argus in gale-force conditions earlier this year).
This time, our destination was North-Western France and the WWI battlefield of the Somme - where, for those of you who might have forgotten your history, on the first day of a conflict that began on 1 July 1916, over 57 000 Allied soldiers - some of them South African - were either killed or injured on the bloodiest day in the annals of the British Army. (Think of the rugby crowd at an overflowing King's Park in order to comprehend how many victims there were.)

A fortnight later came the most unforgettable episode in our own military history - the capture and defence of Delville Wood - outside the little town of Longueval, recently described as "a display of extraordinary valour in the face of unimaginable horror" (David Williams and Greg Mills).

Of the 3 153 South Africans who entered the Wood on 15 July, only 143 walked out unscathed six days later. Five of those who did not come out had been pupils at this School. These were young men, not much older than you, who had put duty to their country above all else, even if few of them really comprehended the reasons they had been called upon to fight.

Today, Delville Wood lies in a tranquil countryside that I urge all of you, young and old, to visit if you go to France, as much for the beauty of the landscape as for the many striking memorials to the fallen from countries as far afield as Canada, Australia and New Zealand, all of whom have museums visited by thousands of their countrymen each year.

The Australian cricket team, before their tour of England in 2005, paid a visit to the Somme and, while preparing for the current Ashes series, the English cricket side spent a few days at Flanders, the other great battleground of WWI. These cricketers were there to remind themselves of what their forebears had sacrificed for their country - and the debt that we of this comfortable generation owe to those who have gone before us.

If you go to Delville Wood now, to (if Rupert Brooke will forgive me) that corner of a foreign field that is forever South African, you will find behind the stylish Sir Herbert Baker designed memorial to the fallen, a modern museum - a replica of the Castle in Cape Town - which now commemorates all South Africans who have died in uniform, or in the armed struggle, in defence of what they believed to be right.

(Incidentally, the flag that now adorns the wall of your Senior Dining Hall was flown at the opening of the Delville Wood memorial arch, in 1926.)

Many emotions erupted in my mind as my colleagues and I wandered around the museum: how brave these mostly unsung white and black South Africans who fought in WWI must have been; what an extraordinary racial heritage we have been bequeathed; how miraculous it is that we should have survived our conflicted past and come together years later as one people and one nation. But perhaps above all was the realisation of how fortunate we are that our young people of today can grow up in a nation not only free of apartheid, but also of the need to go to war.

Think about it: at very few times in the last hundred years have young men of your age not been obliged to do military service, or to fight a war. It was not long ago that, if you were white, you had to give up two years of your life to do military training. For some, that was a character-building experience; for most, it was an utter waste of time.

You now have a 'bonus' of at least two years that those not much older than you never had. Use it imaginatively; stretch yourselves; travel, go and look at other countries; examine how people in comparable societies live; and ask yourself whether life there offers more opportunities to fulfil yourselves than it does here, where you have an identity, a pedigree, family ties, and many opportunities. That is not an easy question, but it is one that only you can decide or answer.

But if you do decide to make your future here, as I hope you will, do what you can when you leave Michaelhouse and in the career you choose, to make this a fairer, less race conscious and more democratic country than it is now. South Africa is not yet a true democracy and will not become one unless collectively we are more committed to make it so, and stand up to defend the values we learn in schools such as this one.

And if you go into business, as many of you will, don't apologise for having been born white or black, but resolve to speak out with more courage and conviction than our present generation of business leaders, who seem to have been suffocated by the cloud of political correctness that has descended upon this country in the last ten years. Don't take my word for it; rather take Trevor Manuel's.

Never take the freedom we enjoy today for granted. Bear in mind the warning of Alan Paton to Wits students in the bad old days: "you fight for liberty because it has to be done; … and if you do not fight for it, you will lose it forever. Even if it is restored to you, you will not know what it is".

The most pitiable South Africans, in my view, are those who choose to stay here and do nothing but complain - about other races, the government, the SABC, or whatever, without lifting a finger to improve things, or in some cases even bothering to vote. The most admirable are those who understand that in return for having grown up and been educated here, they have a responsibility to put something back.

I am now going to embarrass the Chairman of your Board hugely by saying that he is an outstanding example of what I mean. After an upbringing in this province and a stellar business career abroad, he has returned to this country in order to put something back into the society he grew up in. He is involved in a range of activities from education, to crime-fighting, from the Helen Suzman Foundation to the World Wildlife Fund. And he's not a bad cyclist either…

So when I hear about how bleak the prospects are for young men today - how hard it is to find a job, particularly if you are

white, how uncertain the political outlook or the economic future is, and so on - I'm inclined to say; well, that may be so, but times have always been tough in South Africa and generally much tougher than now.

Rather than give in to despair, reflect on our extraordinary past, be grateful for what you have inherited, and consider what you, as the beneficiary of an education and upbringing as good as you will find anywhere in the world, can put back into society. For in that greater cause, you will probably find your own true selves as well.

Whatever its dangers, and I don't want to minimise them - when I read the daily newspapers in Johannesburg I often feel like emigrating myself - South Africa is still a very young country, full of possibilities, full of potential, and full of opportunities to make a difference. And trying to make a difference, in whatever you do, is to my mind the most important thing in life. The most fulfilled people are those who find a purpose greater than theirs, and throw themselves wholeheartedly into it.

Newspaper editors, even retired ones, are often suspected - quite wrongly - of having some special insight into politics and current affairs, so I'm often asked whether I'm optimistic or pessimistic about the future of this country. I always answer by quoting Helen Suzman: "I am neither optimistic nor pessimistic; I am hopeful".

Let me also offer these wise words from David Landis, the American economic historian and author of The Wealth and Poverty of Nations:

"In this world the optimists have it, not because they are always right, but because they are positive. Even when they are wrong, they are positive, and that is the way of achievement, correction, improvement and success.

Educated, eyes-open optimism pays; pessimism can only offer the empty consolation of being right".

Let me end now by congratulating those of you who have won prizes today, and commiserating with those who have missed out. And to the mothers and fathers of those boys who, like my own, never win academic awards, may I remind you of the story of little Johnny, whose annual reports were littered with Ds and Es. His dad chided him, saying "why can't you be more like your friend Jimmy, who always gets As and Bs?"
"Oh, but Dad, he's lucky", replied little Johnny, "he's got very clever parents".

GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES

(Awarded for oral work in English)

A Block: **Neil Benton, Justin Chinyanta, David Horscroft, Louis Karovsky, Sanda Shandu**

SUBJECT PRIZES

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: **Kieren King**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Lethuxolo Mtshali**
Diligence: **Stephen Leclezio, Michael Richardson**

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: **Naudé Breet**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Nicholas Byrne**
Diligence: **Christopher Morris, Mivan Howard, Nicholas Byrne, Alain Mahieu, Andrew Batley**

DRAMATIC ART

First in Subject: **Andrew Craib**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **James Murray**
Diligence: **Jake Trehaeven**

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: **Dean Dowie**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Andrew Craib, Brett Hardman**
Diligence: **Mark Blore, Michael Strachan, Paul Heaton Nicholls, Stephen Leclezio**

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS & DESIGN

First in Subject: **Gareth St Clair**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Jason Clarke**
Diligence: **Kenneth Renton**

ENGLISH

First in Subject: **David Horscroft**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Abbey Ally**
Diligence: **Christopher Morris, Liam Royce, Neil Benton, Stuart Smallwood, Matthew van der Vegte**

FRENCH

First in Subject: **Stephen Leclezio**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Thomas Gardner**
Diligence: **Dumisani Mabhena, Paul Halsted**

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: **Christopher Morris**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Grant Anger**
Diligence: **Nicholas Chaplin, Mivan Howard, Stephen Leclezio**

HISTORY

First in Subject: **Cameron Wilson**

Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Dumisani Mabhena, James Murray**
Diligence: **Dale Stephen**

ISIZULU
First in Subject: **Abbey Ally**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Jordan Goddard, Sanda Shandu**
Diligence: **Abbey Ally**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
First in Subject: **Antony Renton**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Connor Alexander**
Diligence: **David Pearce**

LIFE ORIENTATION
First in Subject: **Benjamin Bradford**

LIFE SCIENCE
First in Subject: **Benjamin Bradford**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Connor Alexander**
Diligence: **Liam Royce, Owen Gandar**

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS
First in Subject: **Alexander Waller**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Reginald Holliday**
Diligence: **Matt Dyer**

MATHEMATICS
First in Subject: **Alexander Waller**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Tseko Letlala**
Diligence: **Dean Dowie, Alain Mahieu, Michael Karam, Nicholas Southwood**

MATHS LITERACY
First in Subject: **Connor Alexander**
Diligence: **Morgan Wedderburn-Maxwell**

MUSIC
First in Subject: **Abbey Ally**
Diligence: **Bryan Buchler, Tristan van Dam**

PHYSICAL SCIENCE
First in Subject: **Antony Renton**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Rowan Salter**
Diligence: **Jake Trehaeven, Michael Richardson, Brett Hardman, Clinton Panther**

VISUAL ART
First in Subject: **Joshua Magor**
Most Improved Mark (Nov 08 - June 09): **Lethuxolo Mtshali**
Diligence: **Alain Mahieu**

MERIT CERTIFICATES (AGGREGATE OVER 80%)
Alexander Waller, Antony Renton, Kieren King, Andrew Craib, Joshua Magor, Geoffrey Woollatt, Christopher Morris, Mivan Howard, Simon Watt-Pringle, Benjamin Bradford, Munatsi Ziumbe

Most improved Aggregate: **Connor Alexander**
Third in Block: **Antony Renton**
Second in Block: **Christopher Morris**
First in Block: **Joshua Magor**

SPECIAL PRIZES

Rector's English Verse Prize: **Jake Trehaeven (Treverton)**
Old Boys' Essay: **Guy Cunliffe (Broadhurst, Botswana)**
J L Sisson Prize: **Paul Hewat (Pridwin)**
Stubbings-Dyson Prize: **Chester Holliday (St David's)**
Bishop Baines Memorial Essay: **Sanda Shandu (Cordwalles)**
Michael Barry English Prize: **David Horscroft (St Peter's)**
Zulu Progress Prize:
Senior: **Jonathan Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)**
Junior: **Joy Mhlanga (Pridwin)**
Hindson History Essay: **Dale Stephen (St Andrew's Prep)**
Peter Bell Memorial English Literature Prize: **Joshua Magor (Cowan House)**
Nedbank Biology Prize: **Benjamin Bradford (Pridwin)**
Rector's Afrikaans Essay: **Roux Wessels (Jan Cilliers)**
P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize:
Senior: **Nicholas Byrne (Cordwalles)**
Junior: **Angus Clucas (The Ridge)**
Tatham Memorial Essay:
Best Biology Essay: **Simon Watt-Pringle (The Ridge)**
Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize: **David Brill (Cordwalles), Michael Venter (Cowan House)**
John Allen Memorial Art Prize:
Animation: **Simon Watt-Pringle (The Ridge)**
Painting: **Abbey Ally (St Nicholas)**
Drawing: **Reginald Holliday (St David's)**
Sculpture: **Thomas Kearns (Clifton Nottingham Road)**
Kevin Graham Memorial Prize for Geography: **Christopher Morris (Pridwin)**
Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize:
Senior: **Alexander Waller (Pridwin)**
Junior: **Michael Harrison (St David's)**
Godfrey Immelman Mathematics Prize: **Jonathan Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)**
Music Prize:
Senior: **Tyler Halliday (Clifton Nottingham Road)**
Junior: **Hanko von Schlichting (Clifton Nottingham Road)**
Collins Prize for Music: All Round Musicianship **Sanda Shandu (Cordwalles)**
Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize: **Abbey Ally (St Nicholas)**
Michaelhouse IT Award: Service to the School : **David Horscroft (St Peter's)**
J L Robinson Award: Physical Science: **Antony Renton (Hillcrest Christian Academy)**

Kevin King Memorial Award: Science Project: **Antony Renton (Hillcrest Christian Academy), Geoffrey Woollatt (Cordwalles)**
Biffs-Smith Family Award: (Sodalis Digmus) For a non-school prefect who best demonstrates qualities of care, compassion, concern and communication :
Dumisani Mabhena (St John's Prep, Zimbabwe)
Andrew Henderson Prize for Agriculture: **Jordan Goddard (Falcon College, Zimbabwe)**
Lion's River Conservation Prize: **Benjamin Hodgson (Clifton Nottingham Road), Paul Halsted (Redhill)**
Des Sacco Award: Best Sportsman of the Year :
Reef Nakin (Cordwalles)
Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award: For leadership on the C Block 3 day hike: **Grant Walker (St David's)**
Tim Patrick Memorial Prize: Contribution to Societies :
Duncan Guiney (St Stithian's Prep)
Richard Hedden Memorial Award: Community Service :
Michael West-Russell (Clifton Nottingham Road)
Peter Brown Service Award: **Nikolai von Stackelberg (The Ridge), Grant Walker (St David's)**
Proctor Science Award: Physical and Life Sciences :
Benjamin Bradford (Pridwin)
Chree Bright Award: Outstanding D Block boy :
Christopher Brits (Cordwalles)
Rob Matthews Award:Courage in the face of personal adversity :
Jason Hoepfl (Cordwalles)
Herbert Fisher Award:Best aggregate in June exams :
Joshua Magor (Cowan House)
Anthony Evans Trophy : Dux 2008
Ben van Aswegen (Constantia Kloof)

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

August 2008 - August 2009

ACADEMIC & CULTURAL

MATRICULATION RESULTS 2008

Dux: **Ben van Aswegen**
Proximé Accessit: **Nicholas Meyer**

COMPUTER STUDIES

SA Computer Olympiad (placed in the top 70, 3rd in KZN): **David Horscroft**

ENGLISH

De Beers English Olympiad: Top 50: (17th Place;Gold Medal:): **Cameron Wilson**
National English Writing Competition:
Poetry Anthology: **David Horscroft, Jake Trehaeven**
SACEE English Alive: **Nicholas Griffin, Kopano Maroga**

DRAMATIC ART

W A van der Walt Dramatic Prize: **Toka Tsiki**
F S Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize: **Jeremy Smythe**
Van Velden Trophy for the greatest contribution to School: **Jeremy Smythe**

MATHEMATICS

SA Mathematics Olympiad: Bronze Medals: **Alex Waller**
KZN Midlands Inter-Provincial Olympiad Team: **Joshua Magor, Reece Chittenden, Mitchell Green, Michael Harrison, Kyle Flanegan**
National Mathematics Olympiad: 2nd Round: Top 100 in RSA: **Michael Harrison, Mitchell Green, Nicholas Stephenson**
National Mathematics Olympiad : 2nd Round: Top 100 in KZN: **Guy Cunliffe, David Bradford, Tristan van Dam, Matt Dyer, Antony Renton, Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse, Jonty Tatz, Michael Harrison, Mitchell Green, Tom Burne, Kyle Flanegan, Nicholas Stephenson, Steven Clowes**

MUSIC

Midlands Youth Choir: **Rati Mashego, Kyle Dunn, Kopano Maroga, Bongani Munatsi, Gaza Khosa, Lebogang Mokgosi, Ndungu Mwaura**
KZN Youth Choir: **Abbey Ally, Musa T-M Munatsi, Realeboga Setati, Tristan van Dam**
KZN Youth Orchestra: **Andrew Steiner, Murray Rait**

VISUAL ART

Work exhibited at the KwaZulu-Natal Art Exhibition:
Dustin Holohan, Abbey Ally, Cameron Wilson



Academic staff and Guest Speaker on Speech Day

SPORT

ATHLETICS
KZN: **Gregory Heeger**

CANOEING:
KZN Sprints Championship: (6 Gold Medals): **Stuart Maclaren**
SA U18 Sprints and Marathon: **Stuart Maclaren**
Duzi Canoe Marathon : U18 : 2nd **Stuart Maclaren**
Duzi Canoe Marathon :U18 : 4th **Matthew Dean**

CRICKET
KZN Inland U17: **Hilton Mudariki**
KZN Inland U15: **Andrew Stephens**
Presidents XI: **Michael Crawford, Mark van Heerden**

GOLF
KZN Schools Golf B: **Garth Davson, Colin Davson**

HOCKEY
SA U19: **Clinton Panther**
SA U18: **Clinton Panther**
SA U17: **Jethro Thomas**
KZN Inland U21: **Jethro Thomas, Thomas Gardner**
KZN Inland U18A: **Clinton Panther, Jethro Thomas**
KZN Umgungundlovu U18B: **Dean Dowie, Thomas Gardner**
KZN Inland U16A: **Craig Clowes, Zipho Mhlongo, Sean Donaldson**
KZN Umgungundlovu U16B: **Stephen Griffin, David Watson, Andrew Houston**
KZN Umgungundlovu U14A: **Luke Stevens**
KZN Umgungundlovu U14B: **Guy Tatham, Connor Grealy**

LIFE SAVING
KZN U14: **Cameron Bird**

RUGBY
KZN U18A: **Reef Nakin, Cameron Lindsay, Patrick Howard, Siyabonga Mhlongo**
KZN Academy A: **Kweku Bortsie, Eric Wiehe Lagesse, Andrew Craib**
KZN U16: **Austin Lockington**

SAILING
1st Place at Inter-Schools Regatta:
1st Place at Lazer Standard:
2nd Place at KZN Grand Prix Series:
Youth Yachtsman of the Year: Protea Cup - Offshore Sprints:
Double-Handed Shield - second overall on boat 2G2: Offshore - Sigma Series Shield:
William Crockett

SQUASH
SA Closed Championships: (B Section U19 winner): **Ian Sturgeon**
KZN U19B: **Ian Sturgeon, Pieter Pelser**
KZN U16B: **Jacques Adam, Angus Clucas**
KZN U14A: **Luke Stevens**
KZN U14B: **Nicholas van der Bos**

SWIMMING
SA Disabled Swimming Championships (7 Gold Medals):
Sean Clarke
SA Disabled Swimming Team: **Sean Clarke**

TENNIS
KZN U19B: **Myles Arron, Lungelo Nkosi**
KZN U15A: **Richard Ashforth**
KZN U15B: **Richard Ashforth**
SA U14: Confederation of Africa Tournament Doubles Champion: **Dean Stephen**

TRIATHLON
KZN: **Chase le Roux**

WATER POLO
KZN U18B: **Nicholas Byrne, Cameron Lindsay**
KZN U14B: **Jonathan Davies**



Reef Nakin receives the Sportsman of the Year Trophy



Chree Bright Award Recipients: Robert Gifford (2007), Christopher Brits (2009), David Brill (2008), Benjamin Bradford (2006)



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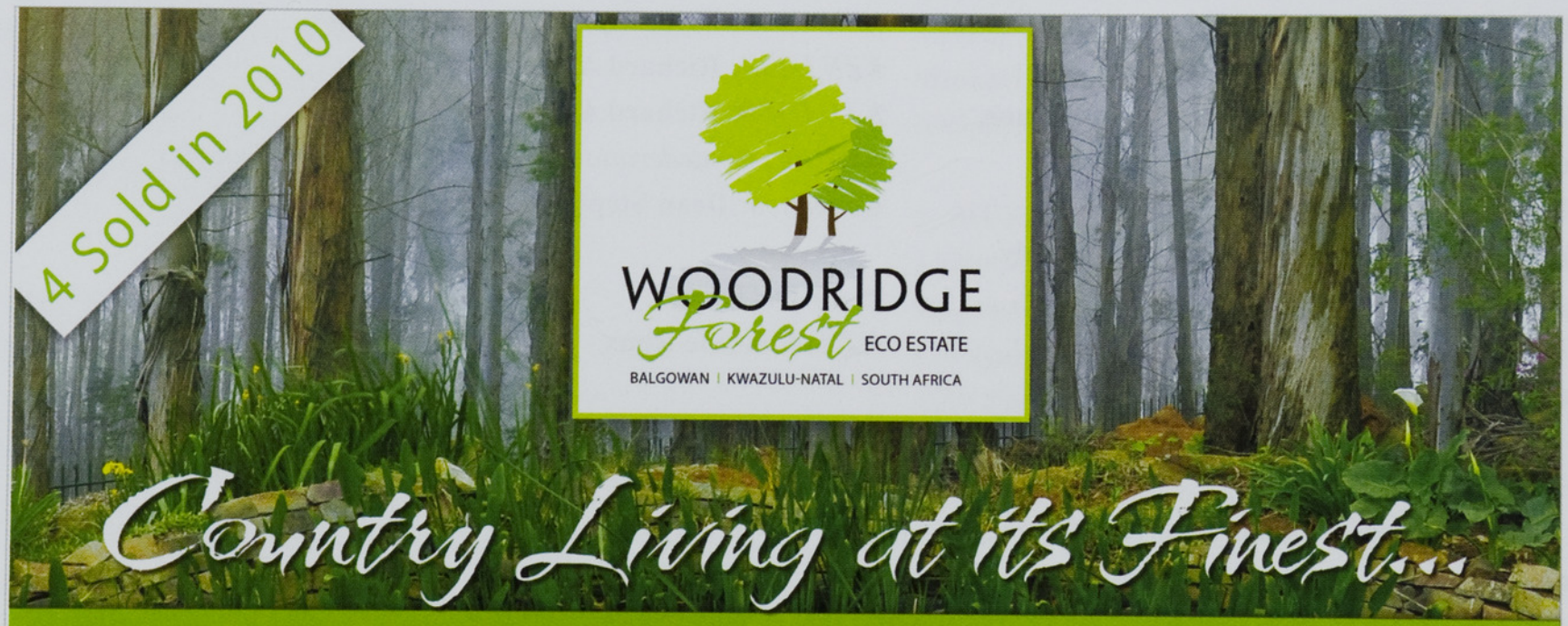

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ACADEMIC REPORT 2009

Written by Mr Paul Fleischack, Deputy Rector Academics

The new National Senior Certificate has now run for two years and boys and staff are comfortable with the standards and demands of the syllabusses.

The new academic awards system is working well, with boys accumulating points for achievements in all years from E to A Block. This recognises and rewards consistent academic effort.

The new report card format implemented in A Block has been well received. This records achievement in specific areas of study to provide more comprehensive insight into each boy's understanding, effort and performance.

Once again the D and E Block boys participated in integrated studies programmes after their mid-year exams. This year the E Block investigated the election process. Groups formed different parties, developed manifestos and campaigned for votes. One group researched and adopted the role of the IEC to monitor all electioneering. This programme was developed largely by members of the intern staff and we were very pleased with the learning experienced by the boys and the outcome of the project.

D Block integrated studies again studied aspects of community awareness, environmental studies, sexuality studies, introduction to subject choices, using electronic presentation packages and project work. For the first time, the D Block boys spent a day visiting local schools where they experienced classes in conditions less economically privileged than ours.

The use of electronic communication has brought huge benefits in ensuring that school reports arrive home in time for review by boys and their parents. This has been particularly effective in reporting on the Matric Trial Exams. While the staff have been under pressure to complete marking and report-writing just a few days after the end of the exams, the benefit of having boys and reports at home together is of great value.

Staff continue to attend the IEB Subject Conferences as well as other appropriate academic conferences and workshops in order to optimise their teaching.

2009 MATRIC RESULTS

- Of the 109 A Block boys, one wrote his exams off campus and two did not write due to injury.
- Of the 107 who wrote the exam all passed.
- 99 achieved degree entry certificates (university entrance passes).
- 5 boys achieved diploma entry certificates.
- 3 achieved higher certificate entry level passes.

Joshua Magor was placed in the top 5% in the country in six subjects.

The following boys were placed in the top 1% in the country in one subject:

Dean Dowie:	Economics
David Horscroft:	English
Joshua Magor:	Geography
Benjamin Bradford:	Life Sciences

Subject Symbol Scores:

A	B	C	D	E	F
178	270	186	86	45	38

Subject A's per boy: 1.6

22% of all subject symbols were A's

55% of all subject symbols were A's and B's

79% of all subject symbols were A's, B's and C's



Deputy Rector Academics, Paul Fleischack, Joshua Magor, Dux 2009, Rector Guy Pearson after Prize Giving

TOP ACHIEVERS: 2009

8 Distinctions	*7 Distinctions*	*6 Distinctions*
Joshua Magor	Benjamin Bradford	Dean Dowie
Jake Trehaeven	Kieren King	
	Christopher Morris	
	Antony Renton	
	Geoffrey Woollatt	
	Munatsi Ziumbe	

5 Distinctions	*4 Distinctions*	*3 Distinctions*
Andrew Batley	Abbey Ally	David Horscroft
Andrew Craib	Guy Cunliffe	Andrew King
Michael Karam	Reginald Holliday	Stuart Smallwood
Rowan Salter	Mivan Howard	Gareth St Clair
Tristan van Dam	Justin Kobal	Jonathan Tatz
Simon Watt-Pringle	Alexander Waller	

ACADEMIC AWARDS 2009

Honours: **Benjamin Bradford, Guy Cunliffe, Dean Dowie, Kieren King, Justin Kobal, Joshua Magor, Christopher Morris, Antony Renton, Geoffrey Woollatt**
Colours: **Jake Trehaeven**
Half Colours: **Matt Dyer, Tristan van Dam**

2009 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Award	Recipient
Major Open Scholarship	**Michael McDonald** Ruzawi School
Minor Open Scholarship	**Nicholas Schram** Highbury Prep. School
Open Exhibition Scholarship	**Sebastian Holzbach** Cordwalles Prep. School **Matthew Potter** St Peter's Prep. School
Major Trust Scholarship	**Steven Clowes** Underberg School
Minor Trust Scholarship	**Lonwabo Mgoduso** Montrose Primary School
Closed Scholarship	**Justin Morkel** Clifton Prep. School, Nottingham Rd **Matthew Joubert** The Ridge School
Exhibition Scholarship	**Darren De Beer** Waterkloof House Prep. School **Ryan Thompson** Pridwin Prep. School **Adrian Wolfson** Highbury Prep. School
Sports Scholarship	**Cameron Bird** Highbury Prep. School **Gregory Oldfield** Highbury Prep. School
Sports Exhibition	**Michael Bouwer** Westville Senior Primary School **Luke Stevens** Westville Senior Primary School



"My Space" by Alain Mahieu



Tom Kearns with "Human Psychology and Behaviour"

ART AND CULTURE

VISUAL ART

HOD: **Ms Joy Preiss**
Intern: **Mr Sandile Sibiya**
Support Staff: **Ms Patience Ngubo**
Colours: **Abbey Ally, Cameron Wilson, Simon Watt-Pringle, Joshua Magor, Thomas Kearns, James Stroud**

The A and B Block students made the first of their annual trips to Durban at the end of the first quarter. The purpose of these visits has been to expose them to as much current art as possible, due to the fact that many of them never visit a reputable Fine Art Gallery. Another reason is that 'contextual research' is now a large part of their Visual Culture Studies course, and in order to come to grips with art that is currently being made, the students need to experience the art in reality and not merely through visuals on the internet or as slides and in books. It is only when the visual arts are actually experienced in their physical form that one comes to grips with the materials, the process of working and the mediums. One is either excited by the surface of the art work, or the size, the message it conveys, or if one is fortunate to meet the artist at the exhibition, one is usually stimulated by the encounter. The reality of going to galleries and seeing the original artworks far outweighs learning about them through the media.

This year Mr Tim Jarvis and Mrs Colleen Cook accompanied myself and the 36 A and B Block art students. It is usual for us to visit at least five galleries, and each boy must choose a work from each exhibition which he photographs and writes a brief analysis of when they get back to school. Our first stop was at the Durban Art Gallery where Mr Bongani Nkosi, the Educational Officer, gave us a conducted tour of the three exhibitions on show. An extremely diverse range of the arts were viewed: from video art by William Kentridge, to an international exhibition on Aids, to an installation by Siemon Allen consisting of thousands of newspaper clippings reflecting news on South Africa over a period of five years. There was also significant artwork from the apartheid era in South Africa to which the boys responded with great interest.

The next gallery was the KZNSA Gallery where Durban Technikon Visual Arts lecturers were exhibiting work; and following this we went on to the Bank Gallery in Florida Road, where an exhibition by Siemon Allen based on his collection of Miriam Mokeba LP's and CD's which he had assembled into an installation, was being held. Allen was himself present and spoke to the boys at length about his work and they were able to ask questions. This was particularly helpful due to the conceptual nature of the work.

In April, two A Block students, Abbey Ally and Cameron Wilson, and Dustin Holohan (2008), had their work selected for the KZN Matric Art Exhibition which is held at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg every year. The exhibition consists of a range of the best work which is produced in all schools (both Government and IEB) that offer Art as a subject in Matric. It is a great privilege to have so many artworks chosen for this exhibition and we are indeed very proud of these students achievements. Abbey and Dustin's work then went on to the Durban Matric Art Exhibition.

Two formal art exhibitions were held during the year in the Schlesinger Gallery, the first being the annual combined The Wykeham Collegiate/Michaelhouse exhibition in May. The work which the girls produce is always interesting and very different to what the boys create. The other important exhibition which was held at the start of October, was the final show of the A Block Art portfolios, and this year Mrs Danny Myburgh, the mother of Simon and Thomas Watt-Pringle, was our honoured guest. She spoke about the brain and how it is wired, and how necessary it is for every human being to have a balance between the left and right brain activities in their lives in order to think more laterally and resolve problems more creatively.

Another exhibition our students participated in was the National Festival of the Arts which is held every two years in Durban. Two of our boys, James Stroud and Thomas Kearns, received first prizes in their respective categories.

This year two of our A Block students majored in Video Art, this being a 'first' for the Michaelhouse Art Department. Simon Watt-Pringle and Joshua Magor showed an interest in this medium in a workshop given by Robert Fraser in 2008. They subsequently went on to further their skills by doing courses in various media techniques such as animation; and were able to produce extremely exciting art works which earned them both high A symbols for their portfolios. We look forward to further artworks in this medium in the years to come.

The art produced in our Visual Arts Department is diverse and creatively original. Each student is encouraged to express himself in an individual manner, to engage in the process of art making and to think laterally. This is evident in the artworks which show great diversity. The Visual Arts Department is a place where the boys are encouraged to work after normal school hours and they are often found working late into the night, sometimes even over weekends, on their art pieces. It is most heart warming to witness these boys in the afternoons or evenings, lost in deep creativity, iPods in the ears, and just about on another planet.

DRAMATIC ARTS

HOD: **Mrs Susan Tarr**
Staff: **Mrs Carlien Walters**

A famous quote from Sam Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' is "How time flies when one has fun". So I guess we must have had far too much fun this year. Yet again I cannot believe that we say farewell to another set of Matrics. It seems like just the other day that they were tentatively standing on the stage, not sure of what they were saying or what they wanted to do. What a diverse group of boys - always full of fun and nonsense but able to perform at the same time. When one thinks of Dramatic Arts the words whacky, off the wall and unpredictable are conjured up in one's mind. These words perfectly describe the Matrics of 2009. There are, however, some very talented actors in the mix and I sincerely hope that the likes of Savvas Christodoulou, Sanda Shandu, Louis Karovsky, Munatsi Ziumbe, Joshua Chellan, Chase le Roux and Andrew Craib will pursue some form of acting in the future.

The year culminated with their final practical exams and we were delighted with their performances. Top practical honours were shared between Louis Karovsky and Sanda Shandu. I have no doubt in my mind that Sanda will be treading the boards in some form in the future and I certainly hope that Louis does not let that raw talent go to waste. Unfortunately we were not permitted to know any other results but I know for a fact that all acquitted themselves to the best of their ability.

No sooner do we say farewell to one set of students when the next batch slide in to take their place. The B Block group is a smaller number compared with what we have had to deal with in the past couple of years. This makes it more manageable for the department and hopefully more individualised attention can be given to the students.

C Block produced some exceptional pieces of practical work including a recently workshopped ten minute piece. The boys put together a play from real life stories that had touched them and made them think about living, being and doing. Improvisation and impersonation played a big role as well as group work. This performance gave some insight as to what concerned our Michaelhouse students and what they were thinking and doing in 2009. The expectation was not a perfect play but rather an opportunity for them to grapple with issues creatively and of course learn the workshopping process which forms part of their syllabus. The play focused on alcohol, drug abuse and the consequences of hijackings. We were so impressed with the outcome that Mrs Caro Smit and Mrs Sandy Lund from SANCA were contacted to explore whether this performance could be of any interest to them in their future school programmes.



C Block Drama students

D Block explored the historical content of South Africa through study of the acclaimed play 'Woza Albert'. Scenes from this play were performed and this also combined with an exploration of "poor" theatre and workshopping. All the boys performed interesting monologues, physical theatre movement pieces and a combination of movement and song based on the theme of 'Rebellion' for the CTA.

The objective of the year was not only to give all students a real taste of what the drama course entails but also to encourage those students with real interest and talent to take the subject in C Block. Too often wrong choices are made for the wrong reasons and it is inadvisable for boys to change course in the middle of the year, or worse still B Block. We find that they have little or no foundation and seldom catch up adequately. Incredibly sophisticated work was produced and we were totally amazed at the likes of Matthew Argo who performed the acclaimed monologue of Shylock from Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice', with all of the panache and subtlety of a top Matric student.

All E Block students had a dabble at drama, art, music and technical drawing. The aim of the year was to isolate talent and to make some suggestions to parents and boys alike as to whether or not they should choose one of these subjects in the middle of D Block to be taken through to Matric. The course focuses largely on trust exercises which then lead into improvised performances and finally a prepared monologue on stage. Again, fun was the key word but leadership, co-operation, communication and tolerance were added bonuses which the students explored.

I would like to thank my colleague, Mrs Carlien Walters for an outstanding year. She has progressed from a tentative brand new teacher in 2008 to a fun-filled force to be reckoned with. Her knowledge and experience has been invaluable to me personally. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Simon Zondi for hours filming, to intern Jean-Louis Swart for technical assistance and to Mrs Dionne Redfern for always putting drama first.

PERFORMING ARTS

HOD: **Mr Abri Venter**
Staff: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting, Mr Hannes Ebersohn, Mrs Kathy Butcher, Mr Jean-Louis Swart (Intern)**
Part-time Staff: **Mrs Fiona Bull, Mrs Julie Young, Mr Bernard Kisbey-Green, Mr Leandros Stavrou, Mr Theo Venter, Mr Glen Turrel, Mr Paul de Fleuriot**
Re-Award: Cultural Honours:
Music - **Abbey Ally, Sanda Shandu**
Cultural Honours:
Music - **Tristan van Dam**
Jazz Band - **Musa Munatsi**
Cultural Half Colours:
Jazz Band - **Casper Badenhorst, Tseko Letlala, Kieran Lyle, Murray Rait**
Chapel Choir - **Jon-Paul Akal, Jeremy Bradford, Bryan Buchler, Mutale Chileshe, Nicholas Cox, Kyle Dunn, Duncan Guiney, Brian Kariithi, Gaza Khosa, Kopano Maroga, Rati Mashego, Dumisani Mashinini, Lebogang Mokgosi, Magashe Ngoepe, Christopher Rossouw, Luke Sales**

What a busy and exciting year the Music School had. We are going from strength to strength and the students continue to develop into confident, energetic young musicians, thanks to the dedication of a very enthusiastic and competent staff complement.

Mr Paul de Fleuriot replaced Mr Glen Turrel for the second half of the year as the part-time bass guitar teacher. We thank Mr Turrel for his time and expertise.

We welcomed Mrs Kathy Butcher as music secretary at the beginning of the year. In the time she has been with us, she has proved invaluable and an asset to the department.

We were very sad, however, to say good bye to Mr Rainer von Schlichting at the end of the year, after ten years of dedicated teaching at Michaelhouse. Rainer was an integral part of the Michaelhouse family, and specifically the Music School. He was, amongst other duties, in charge of the very popular Jazz Band. He taught a huge component of subject music to A, B and C Block, and gave violin, trumpet, trombone, baritone and tuba lessons. He will be sorely missed, but we wish him and his family the best of luck in his new career as HOD of Music at St Alban's College in Pretoria.

We started off the year with 21 pupils taking music as a subject, with approximately 280 practical lessons being taught in a ten day cycle. Our new recording studio is a hive of activity and subject music boys continue to experiment and compose their own music on our state-of-the-art music software.

Many performances involving the Jazz Band, Chapel Choir, Chamber Choir and Marimba Band at various venues and concerts took place during the year.







Performing Arts: Jazz Band (left), @bandroom.live (top right), Marimba Band (bottom right)



Chapel Choir: Back row (l-r): *Kopano Maroga, Jon-Paul Akal, Wandile Mzuku, Lebogang Mokgosi, Mike Lubuya, Jacques Adam, Lerato Mokheti, Robert-Derrick Senekal, Kura Maswera* ***Third row (l-r):*** *Nick Cox, Stuart McClaren, Sean Hugo,Luke Sales, Digby Berriman* ***Second row (l-r):*** *Olwethu Songca, Jabu Magubane, Connor Grealy, Clive Legoale-Phillips, Murray McDonald, Bryce Nicholson-Deh, Hanko von Schlichting, Andrew Roos, Xolani Shezi, Gaza Khoza, Joshua Geldenhuys, Batebang Mapetla, Luke Stevens, Byron Grealy, Neo Ngcobo, Matthew Potter, Lollo Mhaga, Sbu Mavuso, Sine Shelembe* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Liam Royce, Rea Setati, Abbey Ally (Deputy Head Chorister), Mr Abri Venter (Conductor) Sanda Shandu, (Head Chorister), Mr Hannes Ebersohn (Accompanist), Tristan van Dam, Alexander Poltera, Lungelo Nkosi.*

PERFORMANCES

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Two performances were held this year, on 13 March and 29 May. The relaxed and informal evenings where people bring their own picnic baskets remain most popular. The aim is to showcase the wonderful musical talents of our boys and staff.

Sanda Shandu (A Block) proved a superb MC for one of the evenings and kept the guests entertained with his amusing antics and quips, while Tristan van Dam and Meyrick Hamlyn (both A Block) performed a fantastic guitar duet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Marimba and Jazz Bands performed at their usual outstanding level.

Mzansi Rocks

As part of their A Block Subject Music Portfolio Tristan van Dam, Andrew Batley and Abbey Ally put together the second evening. They had to organise and advertise the performance, sell tickets, decorate and set up the Band Room, as well as compile an exciting programme of musical items to entertain the audience.

Four Schools Combined Concert

The Four Schools Combined Concert was a new initiative put together by St Anne's, The Wykeham Collegiate, Hilton College and Michaelhouse. This concert allows each school a half hour to showcase the musical talents of their school in any manner or musical genre they choose. It is planned to hold the concert annually rotating the venues between the four schools.

The first concert was held at Hilton College. Our Music School put together a wonderful programme featuring the Marimba Band, Chamber Choir, a vocal Quartet performing "Singin' in the Rain", a Voice Solo, Guitar Trio and an Instrumental Ensemble.

Chamber Choir & Marimba Band Mini-Tour to Johannesburg (incorporating the National Marimba Band Festival/Competition)

In an effort to promote the Music School within our own country, it was decided to undertake a mini-tour to Johannesburg to allow the boys to perform in two concerts and to participate in the Fourth National Marimba Festival. We were most grateful to the many parents who kindly hosted the boys for the weekend at their various homes.

The Chamber Choir and Marimba Band performed in a combined evening concert at Leeuwenhof Akademie in Bedfordview called "Sonke Siyajabula".

The Marimba Education Foundation, in partnership with St Dominic's Catholic School for Girls, Boksburg, hosted the



Chamber Choir : Back row (l-r): *Sine Shelember, Hanko von Schlichting, Lollo Mhaga.* ***Second row (l-r):*** *Lungelo Nkosi, Legogang Mokgosi, Sean Hugo, Kopano Maroga, Wandile Mzuku, Gaza Khoza* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Rea Setati, Abbey Ally, Mr Abri Venter, Sanda Shandu, Mr Hannes Ebersohn, Tristan van Dam, Alexander Poltera*

largest gathering of marimba players the world has ever seen - 1 000 players from 54 institutions gathered together at the Fourth National Marimba Festival.

The Marimba Competition is divided into three main sections: junior schools, high schools and open. The standard was exceptionally high and the adjudicators' task was not easy. Michaelhouse played in two categories: Prescribed Song and Full Programme Six-Eight minutes. We are very proud to announce that we won this section against 22 other high school bands from all over South Africa. The Michaelhouse Band was also named Best Entertainers of the Festival.

The Chamber Choir sang in the Dutch Reformed Church in Benoni.

KZN Youth Orchestra Concert

We were delighted and privileged to host the 80 member KZN Youth Orchestra at Michaelhouse for the first time in seven years. With three of our boys being members, it was indeed a unique opportunity to be part of this special event which was held in the Schlesinger Theatre. The Jazz and Marimba Bands were also featured.

Curry's Post Fair – Lunchtime Concert

The Marimba and Jazz Bands performed an hour long open-air concert at this Country Fair. The bands performed on the edge of a dam overlooking the Curry's Post valley and were a highlight of the day.

Tea at Michaelhouse

This casual tea and musical morning was introduced by Music Department staff member, Mr Hannes Ebersohn. The inspiration for it was the Michaelhouse Chapel organ, an incredibly powerful and wonderful instrument. Mr Ebersohn is a very talented organist and it was decided that a morning be held on occasional Sundays to allow the Michaelhouse and local community the opportunity to hear this instrument played to its full potential.

Other musical instruments were played by staff and boys alike. Tea was served in front of the Chapel before the hour long concert.

CHAPEL CHOIR/CHAMBER CHOIR

Head Chorister: **Sanda Shandu**
Deputy Head Chorister: **Abbey Ally**

In 2007 the Chapel Choir consisted of 38 boys, in 2008, 65 boys and this year there were 82 boys in the Chapel Choir. Sure proof of the fact that Michaelhouse boys love to sing.

Choral Chill - Pietermaritzburg City Hall - 12 August

Fourteen schools from Pietermaritzburg and surrounding areas formed part of the Choral Chill for 2009. The highlight of the evening was definitely when Abbey Ally (as Raoul) performed the duet, "All I ask of you" from Phantom of the Opera with Gwyneth Vollebregt from The Wykeham Collegiate.



***Marimba Band: Back Row (l-r)**: Lollo Mhaga, Jabu Magubani, Mutali Chilese, Luthando Bam, Clive Legoale-Phillips, Gaza Khoza, Lonwabu Mgoduso **Third row (l-r)**: Sbu Mavuso, Lebogang Mokgosi, Kopano Maroga, Tyler Halliday, Daniel Oti, Wandile Mzuku **Second row (l-r)**: Mike Lubuya, Kwezi Sogoni, Rea Setati, Mr Abri Venter, Sanda Shandu, Menzi Ndlovu, Kyle Dunn **Front row (l-r):** Xolani Shezi, Neo Ngcobo, Sine Shelembe, Magashe Ngoepe*

Four Choirs in Concert - Drakensberg Boys' Choir School - 14 August

The Drakensberg Boys' Choir School hosted the Hilton College and Michaelhouse Chapel Choirs and the Northern KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir in their Auditorium. Each choir performed a repertoire of their choice for 20 minutes. The wonderful acoustics at this venue allowed for the true musical abilities of these choirs to be fully realised.

Suedpfalzlerchen German Youth Choir Visit - 15-17 October

We were thrilled to host this touring choir from the Bavarian region of Germany. The 28 girls were accommodated in the Inglis Indoor Centre and the ten boys in the Roy Gathorne Cricket Pavilion.

Aged from eight to 17 years, the choir were accompanied by their conductor, Dr Klaus Eichenlaub, and five other teachers/parents from their school. The children enjoyed a musical workshop on their first evening in the Band Room. Each group showcased a few of their favourite items and enjoyed getting to know one another.

They performed a short concert for the pupils and teachers of Nottingham Road Primary at their school, before taking part in an African musical workshop in our Band Room, where they were entertained by the Marimba Band. The experience was extremely exciting for them as most of them had never seen or heard anything like it before. After the performance the visitors had a chance to play the marimbas which was a huge delight for them.

Michaelhouse Choir Festival - 16 October

As Michaelhouse was hosting the touring Suedpfalzlerchen Choir from Germany, it was decided to stage a formal Choir Festival in the Chapel in order for the wider Michaelhouse and local community to enjoy the sounds of this talented group of young singers.

The Music Department invited the following choirs to perform, along with the Michaelhouse Chapel Choir:
Clifton Nottingham Road Junior Choir
Pietermaritzburg & Midlands Youth Choir
Suedpfalzlerchen Choir
Ferrum High School Choir from Newcastle

Aubrey Nqcuungama, an Old Boy of both Clifton and Michaelhouse, was invited to perform a few items as a guest artist. It was a delight to have Aubrey back at the School and to enjoy his singing and performing talents.

The festival was incredibly well supported with the Chapel being completely full. Each choir performed under their Conductor for 20 minutes, a repertoire of their choice, with the final item being a massed item with all five choirs performing two songs together.

MARIMBA BAND

Leaders: **Musa Munatsi** and **Menzi Ndlovu**
Deputy Leader: **Khwezi Majola**



Jazz Band: Back row (l-r): *Lollo Mhaga, Thomas Watt-Pringle, Jasper Epsom, Murray Rait, Hanko von Schlichting* ***Second row (l-r):*** *Guy Tatham, Kieran Lyle, Nikolai von Stackelberg, Nkateku Vilankulu, Kopano Maroga, Tyler Halliday* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Cameron Wilson, Tseko Letlala, Alexander Poltera, Mr Rainer von Schlichting, Ryan Patchitt, Sanda Shandu, Abbey Ally*

The Marimba Band were in great demand during the year and performed at @bandroom.live, Mzansi Rocks, The National Marimba Band Festival and the Curry's Post Fair, as well as various performances at School, such as Sunday at Michaelhouse, Speech Day, Prize Giving and Grandparents' Day. The waiting list for boys wishing to join the Marimbas keeps growing each year, indicating sustained interest.

JAZZ BAND

Written by Mr Rainer von Schlichting

The 2009 Jazz Band consisted of 20 musicians.

The band camp was held on 7 and 8 February. Several new pieces were rehearsed and the band members were treated to a show at the Barnyard Theatre in Gateway.

The band performed at the first @bandroom.live concert, whereafter preparation for the school production Ipi Ntombi took preference and band rehearsals were limited to once a week. After the school production was complete, the band worked hard in preparation for All That Jazz on 5 September.

Five band members travelled to Grahamstown to attend the Standard Bank Youth Jazz Festival held from 30 June - 6 July. Tseko Letlala, Nkateko Vilankulu, Nicolai von Stackelberg, Olwethu Mhaga and Hanko von Schlichting returned from the festival filled with enthusiasm and having gained many new friends, skills and memories.

The band had several opportunities to perform during the year. They participated in the Stars Variety Show in the theatre and at Speech Day they formed part of the festivities by accompanying the ceremonial singing and providing entertainment. The band, along with the marimbas, also performed at the annual Sunday at Michaelhouse, for prospective parents and boys.

The theme for All That Jazz, held on 5 September, was Balgowan Oompah-Pah, in the style of a Bavarian Oompah-Fest. Guests received a complimentary gift; lebkuchen hearts for the ladies and a ceramic tot-size beer mug for the men. The format of the evening differed slightly from previous All That Jazz events: it did not include a formal supper, but guests could bring their own picnics or pre-order Bavarian style platters. Kegs from Rawdons Brewery helped set the Bavarian scene. For the first time, we made use of the services of a professional entertainer, Mr Stephen Cloete, to play the role of MC, run the auction, raffle and entertain the audience with a few skits. This was well-received by the audience.

The venue was the Memorial Hall, which suited the Bavarian Beer Tent scene well with its long wooden tables and rafters. The hall was beautifully decorated with teddy bears dressed in Bavarian hats and lederhosen, blue-and-white banners and Bavarian flags lining the stage, and beautiful backdrop scenery of Castle Neuschwanstein in the mist, painted by

band parent Mrs Karen Poltera. The Jazz Band, dressed in traditional Bavarian clothing, played brilliantly and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening with several guests stating afterwards that they had never heard or seen the band perform so professionally.

Proceeds from the evening were donated equally between the Khazimula Children's Shelter and the Michaelhouse Adult Literacy Programme. Our sincere thanks to all who so kindly donated so generously towards the raffle and auction, and also to the parents, staff and spouses who contributed their time and effort to make the evening a success.

The following boys were members of the KZN Youth Choir:
Abbey Ally, Musa Munatsi, Rea Setati, Tristan Van Dam
The following boys were members of the KZN Youth Orchestra:
Nicholas Cox, Andrew Steiner, Murray Rait
The following boys were members of the Pietermaritzburg and Midlands Youth Choir: **Kyle Dunn, Gaza Khosa, Kopano Maroga, Rati Mashego, Lebogang Mokgosi, JD Mwaura**

Music External Examinations
(Associated Board of the Royals Schools of Music / Trinity Guildhall)
The following results were obtained this year:

Grade 1			
Khwezi Majola	Trumpet	ABRSM	Pass
Jordan Pfotenhauer	Saxophone	Trinity	Pass
Grade 2			
Stuart Hadfield	Drum Kit	Trinity	Pass
Khumo Phalatse	Drum Kit	Trinity	Pass
Leonard von Stackelberg	Trombone	ABRSM	Pass
Ryan Zoutendyk	Saxophone	Trinity	Pass
Grade 3			
Bryan Buchler	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Kopano Maroga	Trombone	ABRSM	Pass
Grade 4			
Sean Hugo	Singing	ABRSM	Pass
S'wakhile Mashwama	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Robert-Derrick Senekal	Singing	ABRSM	Pass
Nkateko Vilankulu	Trombone	ABRSM	Pass
Hanko von Schlichting	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Grade 5			
Jon-Paul Akal	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Bryan Buchler	Piano	ABRSM	Pass
Kyle Dunn	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Tyler Halliday	Guitar	ABRSM	Merit
Rati Mashego	Singing	ABRSM	Distinction
Rea Setati	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Christopher Taylor	Guitar	Trinity	Pass
Hanko von Schlichting	Trumpet	ABRSM	Merit
Grade 6			
Nicholas Cox	Flute	Trinity	Pass
Kopano Maroga	Piano	ABRSM	Merit
Murray Rait	Trumpet	Trinity	Pass
Nkateko Vilankulu	Singing	ABRSM	Pass
Grade 7			
Abbey Ally	Trombone	ABRSM	Pass
Sanda Shandu	Singing	ABRSM	Distinction
Tristan van Dam	Singing	ABRSM	Pass
Thomas Watt-Pringle	Saxophone	Trinity	Pass
Grade 8			
Abbey Ally	Singing	ABRSM	Merit
Intermediate Certificate			
Kopano Maroga	Singing	Trinity	Pass



Abbey Ally, Mr Abri Venter, Andrew Batley, Mr Rainer von Schlichting, Murray Rait



Jazz Band and Marimba Band at the Curry's Post Country Fair

SCHLESINGER THEATRE NOTES

Director: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**
Staff: **Mr Jean-Louis Swart (Intern)**

Theatre Awards:
Best Performer: **Sanda Shandu**
Best Supporting Performer: **Abbey Ally, Rea Setati, Musa Munatsi**
Best Novice: **Mkhululi Mkhulisi**
Best Dancer: **Siyabonga Mhlongo**
The Farrow Cup (donated by Mark and Simon Farrow) for Theatre Tech: **Kenneth Renton**
W A van der Walt Trophy for Best Novice: **Mkhululi Mkhulisi**
F S Bishop Memorial Trophy for Best Actor: **Sanda Shandu**
Van Velden Trophy for Greatest Overall Contribution to Performing Arts: **Sanda Shandu**

Performing Arts Awards:
Honours: **Sanda Shandu, Kenneth Renton (Theatre Tech)**
Colours: **Abbey Alley, Musa Munatsi, Rea Setati**
Half Colours: **Mudiwa Mwayi, Munatsi Ziumbe, Sean Hugo, Ross Reid, Lebogang Rakau, Kyle Dunn, Dumisani Mashinini, Rati Mashego, Lungelo Nkosi, Kopano Maroga, Gaza Khoza**

What a year for the theatre. We were on the go from January to November and held a large number of diverse and interesting shows:

30 January: "Out of Bounds" by Rajesh Gopie
This award-winning play, written and performed by Rajesh Gopie, returned to our Theatre after its first showing here seven years ago. Since then, he has toured internationally with this play, described as *"A one man Indian play that brings out the universal South African in us all."* Sowetan. Audiences in New York, London, Cardiff, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Madrid, Frankfurt and Dublin responded to the brilliance of this play that offers a fascinating and moving insight into the world of the Indian diaspora and life in an Indian township during the apartheid years. It takes a candid and honest look at all South Africans, giving us a powerful blend of comedy and pathos as the acting talent of Gopie brings some 28 characters to life. Such is the power of this play that a command performance was held for Nelson Mandela at his official residence in Johannesburg.

13 February: "Beauty and the BEE" by Ben Vos
Ben Vos (of Green Mamba and Black Mamba fame) brought us his brilliant new political satire - a hit at the Grahamstown Festival. As strange as it seems, Vos played an African business woman who had much to say about the leaders of our country, her white son-in-law, her neighbours and much more. The script was sharp and witty, the performance slick and the audience all had a good laugh.

26-30 May: "Ipi Ntombi" by Bertha Egnose and Gail Lakier, courtesy of Gallo Records performed by Michaelhouse in association with The Wykeham Collegiate
Two years of planning, four months of rehearsal and six shows later, Ipi Ntombi was all over. What an adventure this show was. Running with a cast of 60 was no easy task but each member contributed hugely in terms of time and talent. There were so many special moments: boys who learnt traditional dances they never knew before, boys struggling to sing in a language that was not theirs, girls taking lead roles for the first time in their lives and dancing up a storm. Although it was an epic undertaking, the value of the show in terms of personal growth for these children, self confidence, honing of old skills and the acquisition of new ones, social interaction, the lessons of commitment and hard work… all this cannot be underestimated. My sincere thanks to the wonderfully talented and committed young ladies from The Wykeham Collegiate, who spent hours travelling up to us for rehearsals and added a flair to the show that was



Ipi Ntombi, some of the cast



Ipi Ntombi Zulu dancers

beyond expectation. With a cast of this size I am loathe to single out individual performances, but Angela Atuhaire was outstanding in her lead role opposite Sanda Shandu. I had every faith in the Matric boys to lead this show: Sanda Shandu (narrator) Abbey Ally, Rea Setati and Musa Munatsi in particular were unbelievable on stage and gave this show their all. I have never directed a cast with such energy and passion for what they were doing. Mr Abri Venter and I expected it to be good - the cast made it extraordinary.

The Music School, under the fine leadership of Mr Abri Venter, were a pleasure to work with. Special mention must be made of Mr Rainer von Schlichting who undertook the epic task of writing every note for every song since there was no score. The theatre crew have, as always, spent too many hours rigging. Under the leadership and guidance of Mr Jean-Louis Swart and Theatre Tech Chairman, Ken Renton, they have excelled.

This show seemed to strike a chord with many people. Never before has the theatre foyer looked so magnificent before a show, thanks to Ms Joy Preiss, Mr Sandile Sibiya and others. I had volunteers for costumes and choreography, all of which really helped to make the show a success.

To book out six nights with a school production is a credit to the power of this apparently old and dated musical and to the cast who managed to sustain extraordinary levels of energy and professionalism. The response we had from our audiences was overwhelming and quite daunting.

9 -11 June: "The Strange Case of Hester Cilliers" by Annie Robinson and Paul Spence
For the third year running, we were delighted to host these two top-quality performers with another supper theatre murder mystery. This one took us back in time to the turn of the century, where Edwardian Johannesburg's high society and gold barons lurk behind sordid secrets and tales of intrigue. Michael Buchan, the unexpected guest in his quest for the ultimate truth, uncovered the mysteries of the Randlord's mansion house and its guests.

13-20 August: Zombeza Arts Exhibition
The Zombeza Arts Advancement Group hosted an Art Exhibition in the foyer of the Schlesinger Theatre. A wide variety of media was shown, ranging from oils, acrylics, watercolours, mixed media, bronze sculptures to ceramics and photography. Most exhibitors are talented artists who draw inspiration from the wonderful Midlands

14 August: "Monkey Nuts" by Matthew Ribnick
A smash from the recent National Arts Festival, Monkey Nuts was the hilarious new show by the multi-award winning actor Matthew Ribnick of "Hoot" and "The Chilli Boy" fame. "Monkey Nuts" was a clever mix of situational comedy, storytelling, and hilarious characters.

18-19 August: STARS Variety Show
For something different, our annual Variety Show took the format of a "Have you got talent?" show, so we had a panel of judges, flashing lights and so on. The standard of performance was very high as there was a careful audition process. In addition, many of our senior students presented material they were preparing for final practical exams. The value of shows such as this cannot be underestimated for the confidence it gives to new performers and polish to the more accomplished.

Friday 28 August: "I did Everest, so you don't have to" by Patricia Glynn
This one hour talk was designed to give people some amusing and educational insights into life at Base Camp, Everest. Michaelhouse hosted the evening on behalf of the Nottingham Road Primary School as a fund-raiser for them.

3-6 November: "The Strange Case of the Midnight Phantom" by Annie Robinson and Paul Spence
Back for the fourth time, Paul Spence and Annie Robinson



STARS judges, David Horscroft and Tom Gardner



Toka and Tau Tsiki's performance in STARS

brought us their brand new murder mystery, which premiered at Michaelhouse. As storm clouds gathered over Europe, in a private school in the Natal Midlands, trouble was brewing of a different kind as the ghostly phantom strode across the school grounds in the dead of night… Michael Buchan, the unlikely detective, once again unravelled the mystery behind a singularly enigmatic murder. The local audiences love the interactive nature of this show and these two performers are always well-supported.

15 November: "La Chanson des Fleurs - the song of the flowers"

Following the success of last year's show, this year's theme was "Songs from the Musicals". Participants selected a song of their choice and then had the duration of the song to set all props in place and complete the arrangement. For an hour, all one heard was lovely music and all one saw was works of art being created. We raised over R10 000 for FreeMe in Howick (a centre for the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife). Sincere thanks to the 16 local ladies who gave of their time and expertise to make the show the success it was.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mr Richard McMichael**
Staff: **Mr Rory Drysdale**

There has been no change in the staffing within the department over the previous year.

The 2008 accounting matriculants maintained the good results that have been achieved over the last ten years. Seven of the boys achieved at Level 7 (previously an A symbol). This meant that 25% of pupils writing achieved an A symbol on the new exam format. 75% of the candidates achieved a C or better symbol with no failures. The current A Blockers should be well placed to emulate the success experienced in the previous year.

COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER STUDIES DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mrs Julie Flanegan**
Staff: **Mr Alwin Murugen**

"Information technologies are having a significant impact on how people work, play, gain information, and collaborate. Increasingly, those who use technology in ways that expand their global connections are more likely to advance, while those who do not will find themselves on the sidelines." 2009 Horizon Report

The Computer Studies Department has had a busy and successful year with both boys and staff having been involved in a number of activities. The department offered Information Technology (IT), Computer Applications Technology (CAT) and ICT (Information and Communication Technology) skills as subjects.

Our aim as a department was to teach ICT skills by engaging and inspiring the boys, integrating the latest technologies and encouraging teamwork and collaboration in our curriculum. Our job was to spread the word and engage those around us; we were only limited by our visions, dreams and budgets. In this way, we will ensure that we teach the boys the necessary 21st Century skills to prepare them for the future.

COMPUTER OLYMPIAD

First Round

The Standard Bank/CSSA Computer Olympiad is an annual competition to identify, encourage and reward programming aptitude, promote and encourage computer studies and create an awareness of IT career opportunities to high school students. Michaelhouse had a pleasing number of entries with 50 Senior (Grades 10-12) and 27 Junior (Grades 8-9) boys participating, making a total of 77 boys who participated in the first round in April. The competition attracted more than 33 000 entries. This is a general knowledge paper task and is used by our department as an aptitude test to see if learners would cope with IT as a subject. The boys who achieved the top three positions in each category were:

Junior Division

1st	Michael Harrison	D Block
2nd	Sean Markham	D Block
3rd	Kyle Flanegan	D Block
	Zaahir Hurribunce	D Block

Senior Division

1st	Alex Waller	A Block
2nd	Kenneth Renton	A Block
3rd	David Horscroft	A Block
	Antony Renton	A Block

Second Round

The second round of the Computer Olympiad was very challenging with 2 770 entries. This was a very challenging task and students were expected to complete up to five programming tasks within two hours. We had 16 boys participating in the Open Division (Grades 11-12) and nine boys participating in the Start Division (Grades 8-10). Our internal Michaelhouse top positions per category were:

Start Division

1st	Jack Bassett	C Block
2nd	Edward Riley	C Block

Open Division

1st	David Horscroft	A Block

The top students from the second round were invited to participate in the final round. David Horscroft was awarded a Provincial Certificate as he achieved third position in KwaZulu-Natal.

Presentations/Outings

The A Block IT class presented their programmes to fellow learners, invited Housemasters and members of Management. This was a culmination of many hours producing code and documentation for their A Block portfolio.

Our C Block CAT and IT boys enjoyed a visit to the TechEd Scholar Day hosted by Microsoft SA at the Durban ICC. They had the opportunity to listen to a number of experts and experience the excitement of IT as a potential career choice. The boys were privileged to witness sneak previews of the Microsoft Windows 7 operating system and demonstrations of exciting new technologies.

Staff/Staff Development

The year started off with IEB involvement at conference level and increased training due to the changing curriculum. The staff attended various IEB KZN Cluster Group Meetings and the Subject Conferences.

Mrs Lynn van der Vegte and I were privileged to attend the annual Intel® ICT in the Classroom Conference organised by SchoolNet SA and held at Durban Girls College in September. The main focus of the conference was innovative teaching using technology and teaching skills for the 21st century student. We attended a variety of very interesting workshops which included Web 2.0 literacy tools to transform teaching and learning, interactive whiteboards, social networking to enhance communication, innovation versus invention, amongst others.

Mr Alwin Murugen left us as the end of the year to take up a teaching post in Durban. He has made a huge contribution to the Computer Studies Department over the past seven years.

Our thanks are extended to our support staff, especially the IT Department; Mrs Naveshree Baldavoo, the IT Secretary, who performs a very supportive role as ICDL Examiner and IT support together with Messrs Brad Flanegan, Simon Dottridge and S'busiso Dlamini on the technical side. Their never ending support is most appreciated.

ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence)

The ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) continues in our E and D Block classes. As part of the new FET curriculum, learners need to attain at least four certificates, a Computer Certificate being amongst these. Over 80 new ICDL certificates were issued in 2009, of which two were staff members. A total of 170 current boys have completed their ICDL to date.

Boys who completed their ICDL certificates:

	Number of boys	% of boys
A Block	63	62%
B Block	45	42%
C Block	35	30%
D Block	30	25%

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HOD : **Mr Brad Flanegan**
Staff : **Mr Simon Dottridge, Mrs Naveshree Baldavoo, Mr S'busiso Dlamini**

Information Technology (IT) at Michaelhouse did not undergo any earth shattering changes in the past year, we simply added and adjusted as the needs of the academic world changed to meet the demands of the modern era. Mercifully the load shedding era has come to an end, so we can concentrate on IT issues rather than simply trying to manage the damage caused by unreliable power supply.

Our Engineering, Graphics and Design Department has moved towards computer based training as the norm rather than the exception, which has resulted in the introduction of our sixth computer lab, almost solely for the use of AutoCad™ in the aforementioned department.

Colour printing also seemed to be the flavour of the year and based on the history of photography, film and television, is unlikely to take a backward step. This meant that a fair amount of budget was allocated to upgrading our printing resources. One major step forward that we accomplished this year was to upgrade our internet bandwidth.

Our old internet firewall which served us so well from 2001 was put out to pasture and we now have the latest Cisco Iron Port Firewall installed at Michaelhouse. It proved to be very effective and allows far better management of our still fairly limited amount of bandwidth. Considering that Michaelhouse is still situated in an area where ADSL is not available, you can perhaps sympathise with our struggle.

Most of the classrooms are now fitted with Data Projectors and/or Intelligent Whiteboards, thus we can assume that technology is establishing a firm grip on the Michaelhouse academic curriculum. The dominant focus of IT attention changed from acquiring/building IT systems to ensuring that IT systems are *used*. Since the ultimate goal of most school IT projects is to enhance academic impact (the exceptions are IT infrastructure renewal projects), and since academic impact can improve if IT systems are used, then it follows that IT systems must be used in ways that are consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

COUNSELLING & LIFE ORIENTATION

COUNSELLING

HOD: **Mr Tim Jarvis**

"One or more powerful, instructive, understanding people can help set a young male on a healthy path of seeking. These young males are lonely for contact of this kind, contact that shows them maps for developing respect, increasing status, and developing authentic selves" Michael Gurian - The Purpose of Boys

The opportunity to develop an authentic self is a crucial aspect of male development in this increasingly superficial age. Michael Gurian goes on to talk about how the need for respect and status is so important that boys will do almost anything to get it.

"*Because he is by nature, fighting a deep battle for relevance and purpose during confusing biological development, and because the world around him may be providing him with only cosmetic solutions to cosmetic problems, he may not be getting the deep help he needs*"

If a boy is not able to connect with at least one person who can guide him in this area problems will develop. Michael Gurian continues,

"We are all painfully familiar with cases like these adolescent boys, especially unloved and lonely ones, who are on no path of seeking, and have no map of purpose, except the highly aggressive, highly adrenalised, and destructive stress response."

As the Michaelhouse community, we have to help our young men seek and find a journey between the primitive and the civilised, the unrespected and the respected, the aimless and the purposeful. Without this he may be so desperate that he cannot attend to the business of school or other areas of value. This year there have been a number of opportunities under our Parental Education programme for Michaelhouse parents to partner with the School in creating connections with their boys and developing maps for them to follow. At a conference in Cape Town I had the opportunity to highlight the importance of such partnerships in a presentation entitled "The Power of Parents", co-presented with Mackenzie Housemaster, Mr Viktor Kurz. At the same conference I also had the opportunity with my fellow facilitator, Mr Jaques Pretorius, to share about our Fathers and Sons Programme, "The Courage to Connect", an initiative about which we are very proud.

Parental Education

This year we were able to run our Fathers and Sons Programme, "The Courage to Connect", twice. Seeing the interaction between fathers and their sons over the weekend of the course leaves me in no doubt as to just how crucial this relationship really is.

In addition we were once again able to run our "Strong Mothers-Strong Sons" programme presented by Cape Town psychologist Mrs Megan de Beyer. We have run this course, with great success, for several years.

This year also saw a new initiative "Fathering the Boarder - What a Dad Can Do", a discussion for the fathers of E Block boys. This was done in conjunction with Hilton College.

The Michaelhouse Counselling Department remains committed to strengthening this vital link, between School and family, to best serve our teenage boys and remain connected and engaged with them.

Counselling & Support

The Counselling Department involved providing one on one support for our boys as and when the need arose. Such support can be invoked at the request of a Housemaster or



East boys swim in the dam



New boys: Leo von Stackelberg, Connor Grealy, Dominic Ferreira

relevant staff member, a concerned parent or directly from the boys themselves. These issues can be addressed internally at the School or with the aid of professionals outside of the School. It is gratifying to have the support of several well qualified, experienced and wise people with a background in psychological support to be able to refer boys to when necessary.

In order to be proactive in the area of personal counselling and support, several interventions were planned and carried out during the year. A couple of these are mentioned here below.

Drug & Alcohol Education: Alcohol continues to be a problem in our society and one that young people get a very mixed message about. As part of our ongoing programme, Mrs Caro Smit, a drug and alcohol counsellor from Pietermaritzburg, visited the School over a couple of weeks and every boy had the opportunity to interact with her during Life Skills lessons.

Peer Advisors: A total of 16 boys completed a course over six months to give them some guidelines and skills so that when other boys talk to them about problems or they become aware of issues in the School, they are equipped to handle these appropriately. The training started with an awareness of their personality type and moved on to highlight more specific issues that they might be faced with in the boarding houses. While the programme is still in its infancy, it continues to grow and develop. My thanks to Mr Jaques Pretorius for his help with this initiative.

D Block Sexuality Course: This gave the D Block boys a very thorough grounding in this subject and focused on equipping them to make informed decisions in this area. The boys were encouraged to think through a decision making process, so that they are prepared for what lies ahead. Sister Ruth Loubser, a qualified sexual Health Educator, led this course in her typically frank and direct way.

Careers & Tertiary Educational Guidance: Career education takes place throughout the year in Life Skills lessons and through a variety of presentations given by various tertiary and occupation institutions. In addition boys have the opportunity for individual guidance if they so desire. Despite this ongoing guidance there are some specific activities which have been highlighted below.

Self Directed Search: This year the whole of B Block did an assessment called Self Directed Search. The SDS is the ideal assessment to help clarify each boy's interests and to spark ideas for them in terms of possible careers that they might be interested in. Accompanying websites allow the boys opportunity to do some further research around careers that interest them.

Work Exposure: This takes place at the end of the third quarter each year for B Block boys. The aim is to expose boys to the world of work as part of continued careers guidance.

D Block Subject Choice: Making decisions about subjects and eventually a future career path is not a once-off event. Rather it is a process that is being constantly influenced by their own personal growth and maturity and the ever-changing world of work.

All D Block boys get a full mornings guidance on this issue but now also get to complete IDEAS; (Interest, Determination, Exploration and Assessment System). This assessment includes an interest questionnaire and a workbook which is filled in and enables the boys to narrow their search to their top three interests and find related jobs to match these interests. In turn this can then help them with their subject choices.

Academic Support

With the demands of high school education there are many boys who need some additional support. To this end we are very fortunate to have Mrs Debby Evans available at the School three days each week. Debby works with the boys on a one on one or small group level. This year she was able to work with a number of boys in the area of study and organisational skills. This year saw the introduction of the Reading Plus Programme to assist Mrs Evans in working to improve the reading abilities of a substantial number of students.

All E Block boys completed two study and exam skills courses run by Mrs Evans in the second and fourth quarters this year. As always, all pupils at Michaelhouse also had the opportunity to attend evening study and exam technique classes in the run up to both sets of exams this year.

The department also worked with a group of boys in awarding a number of internal exam concessions to assist them in reaching their full potential in test situations. In their B Block year application is then made to the IEB so that the boys can continue to benefit from these concessions in their A Block year and ultimately their finals.

Looking Ahead

Once again it has been a busy but fun year. As always, working with the young men of Michaelhouse, there are some wonderful memories to hold onto. It has also been great to work in conjunction with the Michaelhouse Life Orientation Department consisting of Mr George Ferreira and Mr Righardt Kotze. Thanks also to Mrs Michelle Calway for her effective and cheerful support as secretary to the Counselling Department.

Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope on the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise as on eagles wings" **Isaiah 40:30-31**

LIFE ORIENTATION

HOD: **Mr George Ferreira**
Staff: **Mr Tim Jarvis, Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Brandon Akal (Intern)**

Life Orientation deals with the holistic development of the student throughout his childhood and adolescent years. It is the study of the self in relation to others and to society and is concerned with the personal, social, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, motor and physical growth and development of students, and the way in which these dimensions are interrelated and expressed in life. Life Orientation guides and prepares students for life, and for its responsibilities and possibilities. It is an inter-disciplinary subject that draws on and integrates knowledge, values, skills and processes embedded in various disciplines such as Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Human Movement Science, Labour Studies and Industrial Studies. It equips students to solve problems, to make informed decisions and choices, and to take appropriate actions to enable them to live meaningfully and successfully in a rapidly changing society.

This is a compulsory subject which is internally assessed. D and A Block portfolios are submitted to the IEB for moderation.

The aim of Life Orientation is to enable the student to:

- Make informed decisions regarding personal, community and environmental health,
- Demonstrate an understanding and a commitment to constitutional rights and responsibilities, and to show an understanding of diverse cultures and religions,
- Use acquired life skills to achieve and extend personal potential to respond effectively to challenges in his world,
- Demonstrate an understanding of, and participate in, activities that provide movement and physical development,
- Make informed decisions about further studies and future career choices,
- The Life Orientation Department is unique in the sense that the boys have been exposed to different teachers during the year based on the area of expertise of the respective teachers.

We started off the year with a week of Drug and Alcohol Awareness Education which was presented by Mrs Caro Smit. This happens annually and boys are exposed to different content as they grow older.

During lessons, the boys were afforded the opportunity to acquire information and to air their opinions and views about issues of direct interest to them in terms of the curriculum content which has a direct effect on them at present and which will affect their futures. Presentations and group work are central teaching and learning methods.

Life Orientation lessons are supported by the Human Kinetics programme in D and E Block, the Home Room programme as well as th e Enrichment Speaker programme.

EAPS - Extended Academic Programme for Scholars

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**

The following boys were selected to be EAPS this year:

A Block: **Benjamin Bradford, Dean Dowie, Kieren King, Christopher Morris, Geoffrey Wollatt.**

B Block: **David Bradford, Jonathan Purnell, Anthony Strathern, Jake van Koevering, Grant Walker.**

C Block: **Alasdair Allen, David Brill, Paul Hewat, Sean Hugo, Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse.**

D Block: **Thomas Burne, Mitchell Green, Michael Harrison, Carel Swarts, Hanko van Schlichting.**

It has been a reasonably quiet year for the EAPS programme. It is always a challenge balancing the boys' desire of rewards with the teachers' desire to enrich and extend them. We have had two dinners which certainly fall in the rewards category. As part of the enrichment side all EAPS are encouraged to use the time given by their EAP privileges to prepare for various Olympiads. Both Mitchell Green and Michael Harrison should be commended for making the final round of the Maths Olympiad. It was a pleasure to be able to help them in their preparation for this.

Our B Block EAPS took part in the Natal Witness General Knowledge Quiz. This entailed them reading complimentary copies of the Witness over a four week period preceding the quiz. The quiz focused on news items from the previous four weeks and was held in the Alan Paton Centre at Maritzburg College. The Michaelhouse team finished around the middle of the field. David Brill, one of our C Block EAPS worked with Michael Venter under the guidance of Mr Paul Fleischack to build a model bio-digester which they used to produce methane gas from manure.

It is hoped that we will have a busier year next year with more opportunities for enrichment and reward. We have some exciting ideas which we hope will come to fruition for you to read about in next year's Chronicle. I am grateful to Mr Paul Fleischack for his ongoing assistance in running this programme.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mrs Win de Wet**
Staff: **Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Linda Linda, Mr Msizi Mchunu**

It was good to have the first exam on the NCS behind us and with Mrs Win de Wet and Mr Linda Linda armed with the experience of doing Matric marking last year, we were confident that we were on the right track in terms of our teaching and assessment standards this year. I was very pleased with last year's Matric economics results. We achieved 8 A's and 13 B's, with 74% of the economics students achieving an A, B or C symbol. The IEB norm for the number of A's for economics was 15% while Michaelhouse achieved 23%. This year, I am hoping to achieve our best Economics results ever. I believe that at least 15 boys should achieve A's (25% of the economics pupils). For the first time in a long time most of the top 15 students in A Block study economics.

With the very interesting economic climate worldwide our economics classes were the ideal forum to discuss, debate and provide solutions for the ongoing uncertainty and turmoil in the global economy. The previously mere theoretical terminology such as deflation, negative economic growth rates and recession, expansionary monetary policy and government bailouts have certainly become more meaningful and better understood by the Michaelhouse economics students. We continue to encourage the boys to read newspapers and business publications as often as they can.

The number of boys choosing to study economics continued to grow. All 52 C Block economics students participated in the JSE/Liberty Investment Challenge. Each group of four boys were given R1 million (virtual money) to invest on the JSE. This Inter-Schools' competition ran from March to September with cash prizes being given on a monthly basis to teams that did well. We also had an internal competition amongst the 13 Michaelhouse teams. The Michaelhouse economics department believe that investing on the stock exchange, tracking shares and researching how various businesses are doing are life skills. Not only did we encourage the boys to track their shares on a daily basis but many of our assessment tasks were based on the JSE and what the boys were learning through the buying and selling of shares.

The South African economic climate as well as the global economic climate this year were very interesting to study. 2009 will be remembered for the world wide recession, high unemployment rates and the slight recovery in the stock markets. In South Africa we had Pravin Ghordan take over the reins from Trevor Manuel as Finance Minister and Gill Marcus take over from Tito Mboweni as the Governor of the Reserve Bank. We look forward to a full recovery of the economy in 2010.

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS & DESIGN

HOD: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**

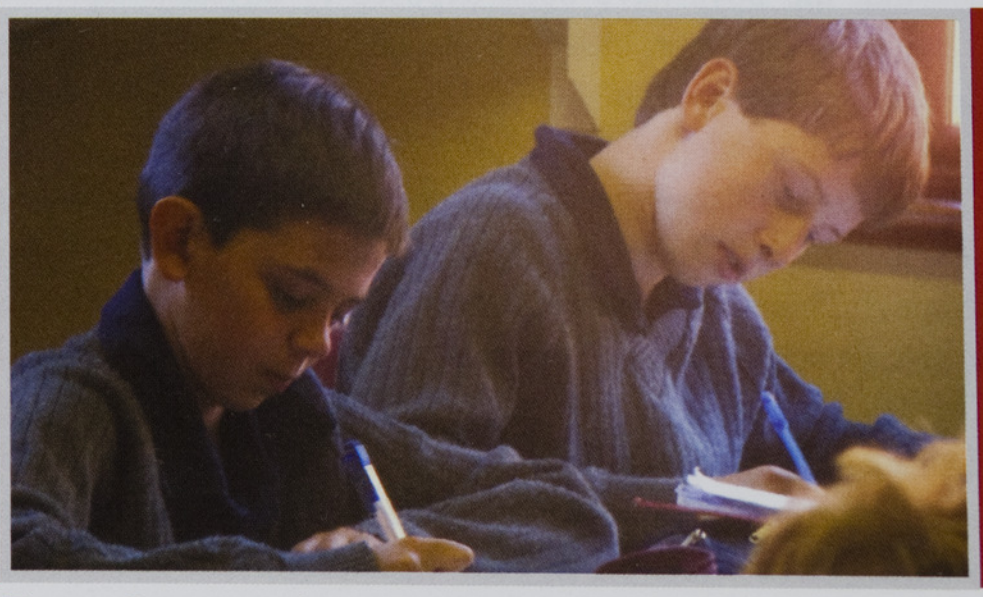
The emphasis in Engineering Graphics and Design is on learning how to draw within the contexts of Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology. In an attempt to keep up to date with the latest trends in graphics education and development in industry, we use a learner centered approach to the presentation of knowledge and work.

The introduction of computer-aided design (AutoCAD™ 2009/2010 Educational Version) is an exciting new addition to the syllabus and goes a long way in making the subject relevant to the future. In the CAD module the emphasis is on the student becoming familiar with drawing on the computer.

I am very pleased that a smartboard and a projector imager have been installed in the classroom. The classroom has been equipped with 24 computers which will save time and improve the computer drawing skills. It definitely makes a huge difference explaining new drawings and using power point presentations as teaching aids.



Boys checking Stock Exchange listings in the Media Centre



Thomas Burne, Matthew van Koevering

HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES (HSS)

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mr Michael Bownes**
Staff: **Mr John Crawford, Mr Samukele Mofokeng, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, Mr Mike Thomson, Mr Bernard Whitaker**

"We choose what attitudes we have right now. And it's a continuing choice." John Maxwell

What John Maxwell says bears relevance to the Geography/ HSS department. When faced with the massive global challenges of today, the attitude of the next generation is paramount. In the department, it is our stated goal that we educate the boys about pressing global issues so that they can formulate informed attitudes that are hopefully geared at making a difference, no matter how small. Isaiah Bowman sums our philosophy up best:

"Citizenship comes first today in our crowded world...No man can enjoy the privileges of education and thereafter with a clear conscience break his contract with society. To respect that contract is to be mature, to strengthen it is to be a good citizen, to do more than your share under it is noble."

The department has enjoyed a successful year and maintains a settled and established feel. The addition of Mr Sam Mofokeng to the department has added great value.

The 2008 Geography A Block IEB results were again outstanding with 19 boys achieving A's - representing 35% of the candidates. This remains well above the national average of 17%. A further 35% of the boys achieved a B symbol resulting in 70% of the boys achieving above 70%. Considering this was the first attempt at the new curriculum, these results are particularly pleasing.

"The world we are planning for today will not exist in this form tomorrow".

This is still a great challenge facing us as geography educators and remains a motivating factor for our teaching. The subject remains relevant and pertinent when topics such as climate change, xenophobia, 2010 Soccer World Cup and economic recession remain foremost in the media and casual conversation. The department emphasises the Integrated and Systematic Approach to engaging the subject. We endeavour to create teaching and learning environments in the subject which extend way beyond the classroom. Integrating the media and other learning areas into our teaching is non-negotiable; essential to teaching practice in the subject.

We continued to consider staff development as important this year. Three members of the department attended the IEB User Group Conference in February. Networking with other geography educators is also an invaluable component of attending conferences. A further three staff members successfully completed a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training course in November 2008. Mr Ncamane enjoyed a short term exchange with Midstream College in Pretoria.

GIS is becoming an integral part of teaching geography at Michaelhouse. A large number of boys in D and C Block are already quite adept in the use of ArcView in the geography IT Lab. The departmental vision is that all geographers will be proficient in integrating GIS in their geography investigations by the time they leave Michaelhouse.

A number of fieldtrips were undertaken this year. The A Block group always find their urban investigation into the changing fabric of Pietermaritzburg an interesting and valuable day out. The quality of independent research projects produced based on this trip bears testimony to the lessons learnt during the visit to Pietermaritzburg.

The B Block visited the water storage and transfer scheme at Sterkfontein Dam. The D Block also visited parts of Pietermaritzburg as part of their Integrated Studies Programme. The E Block did work on the Michaelhouse Estate and examined the flood plain at Lidgetton and also considered some settlement aspects of the area.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mr Mike Thomson**

2009 has been a year where I have worked hard to come to grips with all aspects of the new Matric examination format and to phase that in to questioning throughout B and C Block as well. To that end, I attended the User Group Conference in Durban in February, followed by the Get Histerical Seminar at Kearsney College. While the User Group Conference was its usual mix of administration, interest and incomplete and insubstantial ideas and discussions, the Histerical Seminar was excellent, enjoyable and most educational.

This year the A Block were subjected to a lot more focus on answering techniques. In the June exams, the A Block produced the sort of results spread expected. In the trial examination, because of exam timing, I co-operated this year with a cluster of Pietermaritzburg schools and the resulting papers were searching and quite difficult. Again a most satisfactory set of results was achieved, and while only two boys achieved A symbols, it had the effect of showing the pupils how much work they had to do before the finals. We also had a most positive report by the Regional Moderator on the portfolios presented to him.

B Block have commenced with the Matric syllabus and will face a final examination which deals with the issues of The Cold War. They have worked hard to adapt to the new questioning techniques and it is to be hoped that they will produce a positive set of results.

C Block have looked at the major theme this year of how power shifted, between 1450 and 1900, to the area of Europe. To that end they have looked at various civilizations around the world in 1450 and then examined areas of colonialism, slavery, the Industrial Revolution and World War One. We have also studied the Anglo-Zulu War, which was complemented by a whistle-stop one day field trip to Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. Their syllabus was completed by a brief look at the Anglo-Boer War.

Both B Block and C Block have been exposed to as many different ideas of presentation as possible, thus not only have they had to do exercises and write essays, but they have also had to produce posters, do presentations, make short documentaries, watch historical films, etc, so that they can understand and empathise with the subject matter and also learn to present their ideas in all sorts of different formats.

On the audio-visual front, the department was provided with a new computer with greater media capabilities, and we are now storing our audio-visual media on portable hard drive. I also attend a Smartboard Seminar in Durban in August, where after some basic training, I was lucky to win entry into an Advanced Training Course.

Thus 2009 has been a positive year and it is to be hoped that the A Block results will reflect an increased overall understanding and adaptation to the current History examination techniques.

LANGUAGES

AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mrs Louise Erwee**
Staff: **Mrs Heléne du Toit, Mrs Carlien Walters, Mr Johan van Rooyen, Mr Christopher van der Berg, Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mr Hannes Ebersohn.**

In terms of staffing, the Afrikaans department has had a fairly turbulent year. First Mr André Black left for the UK, to be replaced by Mr Carl Pachonik, who kindly agreed to help us out while we searched for an appropriate replacement. He really enjoyed being back at Michaelhouse and the boys welcomed him. At the start of the second quarter, Mr Christopher van der Berg joined us as a full time staff member. We are lucky to have someone with his experience in the field of education. A few weeks into the second quarter Mrs Elke von Schlichting resigned her part-time post in order to expand her other interests. Mr Hannes Ebersonn and Mrs Carlien Walters joined the department as enthusiastic part -time teachers.

We remain committed to raising the bar, and to this end we have worked very hard, with pupils being examined in all aspects of the subject every quarter. It has been worth it, as our June examination results were indeed encouraging.

In June our A Block pupils were fortunate to attend a discussion by Anzil Kulsin, the author of their set novel for 2009. Hopefully the personal insights into her story were of use to them in their preparation for the examinations.

They also attended a production by Pitt Productions, in which excerpts of their poetry and literature components were dramatised and performed.

An enjoyable evening was held by Mr Johan van Rooyen, during which the members of the AKV learned how to bake "roosterkoek" - an activity mentioned in their novel.

The D Block boys came up with some very innovative ideas for their Integrated Studies. The project involved doing surveys of all the Houses to determine how effective each was in keeping Michaelhouse 'green'. The results, together with recommendations by the groups in the form of smart board presentations, were forwarded to all the Housemasters. No, the language skills were not perfect; however, we were really impressed by the results.

The E Block pupils have settled nicely and C Block are improving slowly.

The staff are doing all that can be done in order to help the boys. Afrikaans support classes run by Mrs Heléne du Toit are held twice weekly and all staff offer their boys whatever extra help they need. Mrs Lizel Ferreira and Mrs Elke von Schlichting were also available for extra classes. We have supplied all our E and D Block and weaker C Block pupils with a Basic Language and Vocabulary CD. They are also forced to read a library book every quarter in an effort to expand their lacking vocabulary. All pupils are now also being exposed to poetry and literature which is more difficult than that which they were used to. On the whole, the attitude of the boys is positive. The staff are motivated and enthusiastic.

We were very excited and grateful that our very long awaited, new, well-equipped Afrikaans office finally materialised. Met 'n lied in die hart, gaan die werk beslis vinniger klaarkom!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mrs Mary McMichael**
Staff: **Mr Simon Crane, Mr Peter Dennyson, Mr Peter Huntley, Mrs Dionne Redfern, Mr Bryan Tarr**

"If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 24 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job." Donald D Quinn

Despite the fact that much of what Quinn says is true, there are many rewards in teaching, one of which is the pupils' attainment of good marks after a year's diligent work. In the English department we were very pleased with the matric results of 2008.

The 2009 Matrics acquitted themselves well in their oral moderation held at the end of the third quarter and in the written portfolio tasks. As Michaelhouse boys are often good at persuasive speeches, many not only enjoyed the CAT task (set by the IEB) but did especially well in it.

In March, 17 boys wrote the English Olympiad exam having read the set text, 'The Conundrums of Ambition'. We were delighted and proud to learn that Cameron Wilson was placed 17th in South Africa which earned him a gold award and a year's free tuition at Rhodes University. Other results included silver awards for Guy Cunliffe and Kwezi Sogoni and bronze awards for 12 other boys.

Cameron Wilson represented our School at the Nelson Mandela Speech Contest held at Maritzburg College and acquitted himself very well. It was unfortunate that the contest fell in the middle of Trials which put extra pressure on Cameron. Perhaps next year a B Block student should take up the reins.

On the creative writing front, the senior boys have not been as enthusiastic about their poetry writing as I had hoped and thus the Writers' Club will be opened to all Blocks next year. However, Richard Griffin, a keen writer, has been acknowledged for his poem, 'Lovers', which appeared in the 2009 publication of 'English Alive' and Kopano Maroga has had two poems, 'The Doll' and 'Coconut', published in this magazine.

A number of junior writers also entered their poems into the Durban Arts Schools Poetry Competition. Although not placed in the top three of the 500 or more entrants, our boys were commended on their efforts and encouraged to keep writing.

Thus another year draws to a close and I feel that despite those pupils who do not wish to write poetry or read literature there are many who do enjoy the subject and with the increased emphasis on visual literacy and film study, ably lead by Mr Crane, we will continue to foster an interest in this language.

WRITINGS

Lovers
Written by Richard Griffin, C Block

While we sit and talk on benches in the park.
Children play and dogs start to bark.
We sit, we listen and talk.
People pass us by on their evening walk.
The sun slowly dipping beneath the lake
But I am oblivious to all this.
As I sit here enveloped in bliss.
Oh I'd be in no other place
Than sit here with you hand in hand
Just a pair of lovers in a love lost land.

The doll
Written by Kopano Maroga, C Block

Smile
Look left, look right
Laugh
Louder, make sure they hear you
Look at you
Keep that smile
Don't let the cracks show
Make a joke, Do a dance
So that they never see
The man before them
Isn't really Me

Her beauty is ours
Written by Jake Trehaeven, A Block

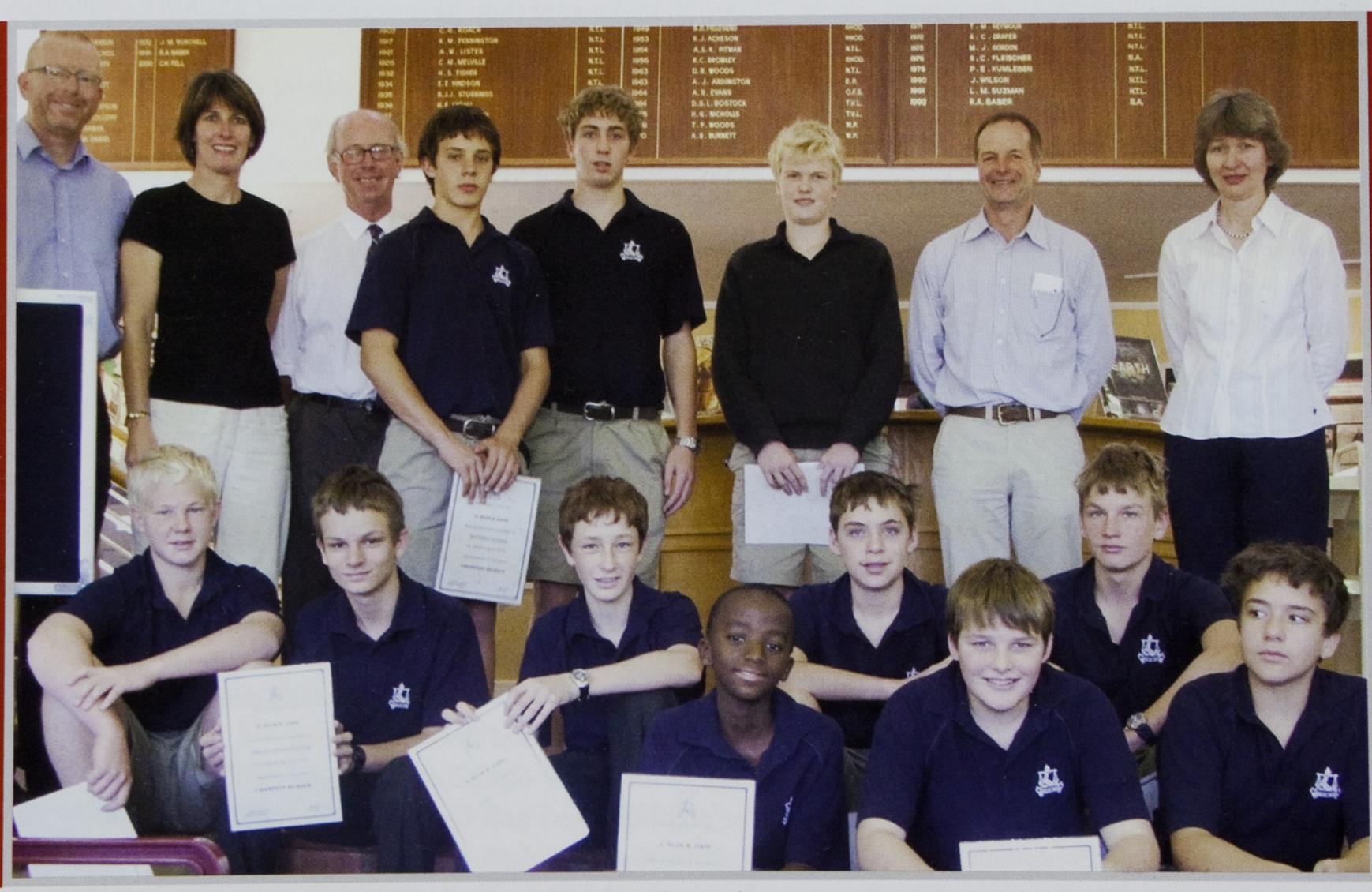
Still; she stirs in circles around the light.
Creeping gently towards the never-ending finish.
Her beauty is ours, a pure wish.
A ringed path burnt to honour his might.
Its nature a true supply of power far and wide.
Stretching -even mankind- over oceans deep.
How her skies fill and flood and weep.
A home for us all, our hearts are tied.
Her eight brothers and sisters, dead.
Their beauty is in dust, ruin and rock.
Humble as she is counting down her everlasting clock.
To this land of hers our bodies are wed.
We are hers as she is ours.
Dare we treasure these, our only precious hours?

For Jon
Written by Justin Rodger, D Block

A typical day in the Zambezi valley;
Hot, humid, the afternoon sun high.
The birds, forage for seeds and insects amongst the leaf litter,
The animals nibble lazily at the abundant shoots and shrubs,
And the river, calmly meandering through the valley,
destined to meet the ocean.
The man's footprints zig-zagged,
Through the undergrowth,
Mysterious impressions in the soft soil,
Searching and searching for the right tree,
A peaceful spot, a pleasant view of the river.
Having found a place,
He settled comfortably,
Took off his hat, humbly,
And placed it on the stub of a cut-off branch,
While the river drifted through the sun-drenched land.
There was no turning back now.
His mind had been made up for a while.
The crack of the gunshot rolled out over the water's surface,
Penetrating the dense vegetation.
Then silence.
Only the slow trickle of the river, mourning.
Life returned to the veld,
The birds chirping, the animals slowly loosened.
And the river joined a tributary as it swirled towards the sea.

Fated
Written by David Horscroft, A Block

Can you imagine?
The cruel crash of words, barely restrained
Sloughing from the ceiling in a misting of fear
The spell of silence, brief, serene
Which tears itself into a frenzy?
Can you imagine?
The thoughts of the fated, doomed to die.
Did they clutch at hope? At life?
At breath?
Or consign themselves unto the void?
Can you imagine?
The ones who weep? Inscribing letters,
Never to be read. Or those who,
In their final times
Dropped mask and madness to tranquility?
Can you imagine?
The ending moment. Fleeter than
Thought. The silence before the storm,
The fated brace to take the crash:
Expunged at once into oblivion.
Can you imagine?
No.
You cannot imagine.



E Block Champion Readers receiving their certificates in the media centre. ***Back row (l-r):*** *Mr Simon Crane, Mrs Mary McMichael, Mr Peter Dennyson, Matthew Potter, Jonathan Laing, Stuart Riddell, Mr Paul Fleischack, Mrs Lynn van der Vegte* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Jasper Epsom, Jordan Pfotenhauer, Joseph Johnson, Kwezi Majola, Neil Guiney, Nicholas Stembridge, Mitchell Bird, Sebastian Adderley*



E Block: Integrated Studies

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Ms Martine de Maroussem**
Staff: **Mrs Isabelle Schweyer**

This year's Matric syllabus went very well. We completed the work in due time and still had some time to spare for revision, before the boys wrote their Finals.

The final examination went rather well overall. However, the boys found Paper II somewhat difficult.

The year went smoothly for the B, C, D and E Blocks.

The B Blockers enjoyed their French general knowledge quiz at Hilton College.

The D Blockers had a wonderful time at St Anne's for their French fun day there. They took part in several activities such as Bingo; le "Jeu des 7 familles" and more.

The E Blockers enjoyed their lunch from La Baguette - the French bakery situated in Howick.

We were delighted to have a Smartboard installed in the classroom. The boys definitely enjoyed it as it is a fantastic asset to do some interactive work.

ISIZULU DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**
Staff : **Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Mr Mandla Cele, Mr Africa Msimango**

As I write this report, our Matrics have just finished writing their second paper for isiZulu. They had different views of the paper - for some the paper was extremely difficult, yet for others it was easy. Interesting! I actually found both Paper One and Paper Two to be very reasonable and as a result I expect some good results from my boys.

Staff Zulu Lessons

In the board report that I wrote at the beginning of the year I predicted that this year was going to be a very challenging year for us in the department in many respects. One of the challenges was providing isiZulu lessons to staff. These lessons were well presented by Mr Sam Mofokeng. I conducted a survey to find out how the staff felt about them. The common response was that they were too structural. The emphasis was too much on grammatical rules. There was a suggestion that we need to consider offering the subject at different levels (at least three levels) since there are some teachers who have done some introductory Zulu before. This sounded like a great suggestion, but we will have a problem in time-tabling all these lessons.



What Sam and I will do is go back to the drawing board and restructure these lessons so that they become more communicative. The feedback I received about Mr Mofokeng as their teacher was positive from all the staff members who responded. The approach will definitely change and I hope the staff will benefit even more.

E Block Conversational Zulu

I would like to applaud our School, Michaelhouse, for affording to all our E Block boys an opportunity to do isiZulu as a subject. The emphasis during these lessons has been on conversational Zulu. Boys are encouraged to do role play, dialogues, interviews, reading aloud, prepared and unprepared speeches, and also to engage in general conversations. Boys are furthermore taught about the Zulu culture, the do's and dont's of it and to compare it to other cultures. It is our humble belief that inter-cultural understanding can play a significant role in nation building in this country. I hope we are making a contribution towards achieving this.

I would like to thank Messrs Sam Mofokeng, Msizi Mchunu, Mandla Cele and Africa Msimango for running these lessons excellently. I hope their passion and enthusiasm continue to benefit this department and the School in general.

The Composition of our Classes

It is indeed encouraging to see the rapid growth of the number of boys who are choosing isiZulu as a Matric subject, i.e. as a First Additional Language. Of course, this has come with a number of challenges.

One of the challenges is the growth in the heterogeneous nature of our classes. Although the numbers have grown, the classes are still not big enough for streaming; hence creating a situation where we have to have boys with extremely different abilities in one class. The challenge here is to keep the strong boys focused and at the same time to make sure the weak ones are not left behind. We have overcome this by embarking on a mentoring system whereby the stronger students are assigned the responsibility of helping the weaker ones. A competition is created to choose the best mentor. This actually keeps all of them interested in whatever is being done in class.

Matric Class of 2009

Our year has been characterised by ups and downs. There were a lot of moments when we became enemies and there were also moments when we were friends. I wish to thank each and every boy who was in this class for making a contribution, whether big or small. I wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

Hamba Kahle!

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

HOD: **Mr Iain Guthrie**
Staff: **Mr Paul Fleischack, Mr Nick Cahill, Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Neil van der Merwe (Intern), Mr Dennis Maharaj (Laboratory Manager), Ms Zanele Ndlovu (Laboratory Assistant).**

The department has settled into the second year of the new Matric syllabus, with considerable resources being put into improving the facilities available to both our teachers and our pupils and to improve the skills of our teachers in the department.

We have been developing the infrastructure of the Life Sciences Department. Our aim was to have a smartboard, data projector and computer dedicated to each laboratory. We have two of the three laboratories fully equipped with the new technology and the third laboratory's technology will be completed next year when we acquire our third smartboard.

The benefit of this technology has been tremendous as it has opened up new dimensions in the teaching of Biology with the use of digital images (animations, photographs, micrographs or still diagrams) and has enhanced the learning process too. We are now able to introduce a topic, show up to date images relevant to the topic being taught, show an animated version of the process being discussed, get the pupils to participate in an interactive simulation and then get the boys to complete a work exercise from the information.

Another advantage of the new system is that prepared work can be shared between teachers and labs and act as a resource base from which to draw when it is required. Animations, DVDs, PowerPoint presentations, tests, practicals and exams can then be electronically accessed and used when required in the classroom almost instantaneously.

Through the assistance of Mr Paul de Wet we have already run a session on the use of Smartboards and all our Biology teachers have acquired the basic skills needed for operating these boards.

Mr Neil van der Merwe joined the department as an intern. His value to the department has been immediate and he has been actively sourcing resources for use with our new technology. His enthusiasm for this task is impressive and we look forward to his future contributions.

The trend in many schools today is to enlarge laboratories so that there is a dedicated lecture area and a dedicated laboratory area. This is not possible with the space available to us so we have rather looked at improving the seating arrangements in the labs. The stools that the boys use are generally uncomfortable and they find it difficult

to concentrate in class; because of this we replaced the old stools in our laboratories with modern stools with a back rest. This seems to be successful as boys are more comfortably seated in the labs and we are able to lecture and do practical work in the same space, saving the need to split labs into dedicated areas.

The animal projects room was cleared out and made ready for the falconers. Paul Halsted, Benjamin Hodgson, Justin Rodger and Philip Clay all gave many hours to the construction of a mews next to the Biology Green House and are ready to bring in birds for training.

The Green House houses a collection of Southern African succulents including a variety of smelly *Stalepia* and *Ceropegia* which are used for lessons on flowering plant reproduction and ecology.

Our A and B Block boys were involved in environmentally related projects. This year we again tackled the alien plant problem on St Michael's Mount (Mons Tumba) and the results have been useful for their portfolio projects.

We can look back on another good year.

MATHEMATICS

HOD: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**
Staff Members**: Mr Alby Dahlberg, Mr Paul de Wet, Mr Given Dzingwa, Miss Lisa Hardie, Mr Viktor Kurz, Mr Allan Laing, Mr Mvelo Phungula, Mr André van Wyk**
Interns**: Mr Kyle Dowie, Mr Sihle Mtshali**

The Mathematics department had a very productive and successful year. Our mission was to produce boys who enjoy Mathematics and strive for excellence and achievement. We did this by making mathematics relevant, challenging, exciting and accessible to all our boys. The department offers Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy and Advanced Programme Mathematics as subjects.

COMPETITIONS

South African Mathematics Olympiad:
A very pleasing number of our boys took part in the South African Mathematics Olympiad this year. One hundred and thirty two boys wrote the first round and 85 of them progressed to the second round of the competition where the following boys were placed in the top 100 in Kwa Zulu-Natal: Guy Cunliffe, David Bradford, Tristan van Dam, Matthew Dyer, Antony Renton, Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse, Jonty Tatz, Michael Harrison, Thomas Burne, Kyle Flanegan, Mitchell Green, Nicholas Stephenson, Steven Clowes.

Michael Harrison, Mitchell Green and Nicholas Stephenson were placed in the top 100 in South Africa in the second round and thus competed in the final, medal placing round of the competition where all three of them received bronze medals.

Interprovincial Mathematics Olympiad:
The following boys were selected, based on their SA Maths Olympiad results, to form part of the KZN Midlands Provincial Team to take part in the National Inter-Provincial Maths Olympiad:

KZN Junior A Team: Steven Clowes, Mitchell Green and Michael Harrison. **B Team:** Thomas Burne, Nicholas Stephenson

KZN Senior A Team: Matthew Dyer, Tristan van Dam. **B Team:** David Bradford. **C Team:** Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse.

MATHS PARTNERSHIP

One of the Maths department interns, Mr Sihle Mtshali, started a Mathematics Partnership Programme with three schools in the area: Nottingham Road Combined School, Asithuthuke and Jabula School. Mr Mtshali and other staff members went out to the schools and assisted with mathematics teaching. Mr Mtshali also ran a very successful Saturday School at Michaelhouse for matric students from those schools. His involvement and commitment to these schools has proved to be exceptionally valuable to them.



Mitchell Green, Michael Harrison and Nicholas Stephenson were placed in the Top 100 in the second round of the South African Maths Olympiad.

MEDIA CENTRE

HOD: **Mrs Lynn van der Vegte**
Staff: **Mrs Colleen Cook, Ms Zanele Mchunu, Mr Simon Zondi**

The Universe, Yours to Discover

The activities of the Media Centre during 2009 were paralleled in two major events which took place during the year. Worldwide, 2009 was recognised as the International Year of Astronomy with the theme "The Universe, Yours to Discover". This was certainly a goal which we aspired to in providing the boys with resources and opportunities to expand their knowledge of the world around them. 2009 also saw the launch of Microsoft's new operating system - Windows 7 - providing new features such as being able to see two windows on the screen and a more user-friendly interface. The Media Centre mirrored this duality by encouraging the boys to focus on two windows of research resources - both the printed and the electronic. Our friendly user interface opened windows for our enthusiastic readers and kept a steady flow of books coming and going through the doors.

Spotlight on Reading and Research

A selection of new authors and new books written by already popular authors, once again promoted a sense of competition amongst the boys to see who could read the best books first. A heightened level of excitement swept into the library in June with the arrival of John van de Ruit's third book: Spud - Learning to Fly. What was thought to be a sufficient supply for the possible demand, resulted in some unhappy boys having to pester their friends to read at a breakneck speed so that they too could enjoy the intrepid hero's newest adventure. For those not caught up in the Spud hype, some new series such as Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel, The Night Angel Trilogy and The Sword of Truth brought new interest and escape. Sports biographies continued to be very popular and there is a general interest in books about current affairs, financial management and personal growth.

The theme for Readathon Week 2009 was "The More You Read, The More You Know" with the emphasis falling on biographies. To reach the whole School, we arranged for the theme for the Home Room programme to cover various aspects of reading, including a discussion about the reasons for reading, some interesting quotes on reading and a discussion about the future of the book versus the e-book. We also set up a polling station in the Media Centre and ran a mini-election where boys and staff could vote for their favourite authors.

A highlight of the Readathon Week was the dramatised reading which was organised for the E Block group. Mrs Annie Grealy (stage name Annie Robinson), who stars in the supper theatre murder mysteries, very kindly gave up of her time to come and do some dramatised reading for the E Block boys. Short stories from various genres were selected and Annie read two or three of them to the boys. The presentation was kept quite informal so that the joy of reading was emphasised and the boys were exposed to various genres which they would not normally read.

In an attempt to further increase their awareness of happenings in the world of literature and to encourage them to read widely, the Media Studies lessons for the E Block boys always started off with a session called "Booktalk". During these sessions the boys were told about which new books had been published, the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature, what makes a book a bestseller, what is the importance of prizes such as the Man Booker Prize, Sunday Times Alan Paton Award and the Boeke Prize.

Learning about good research skills also forms part of the Media Studies lessons and to set the standard expected of the boys when doing projects, a full day workshop was held with each E Block class during the first quarter. The aim of the workshop was to guide the boys through the stages of the research cycle and to provide them with the opportunity to apply all of the steps to a mini project. Skills which were taught included the use of concept maps, note-taking grids, bibliographic running sheets, search engine skills and the correct way to draw up a bibliography. Further skills such as conducting surveys, creating eye-catching posters and analysing graphs were taught during the remaining Media Studies lessons throughout the year.

A Picture Tells a Thousand Words

Most of the displays in the Media Centre are now accompanied by a digital presentation which adds to the theme of the display. This is an attempt to keep the Y-Generation interested. This generation relates better to digital moving images, so those who aren't attracted to the static displays on the notice boards are now visually stimulated by the rolling presentations on either a laptop or the large flat screen TV which we have in the Media Centre.

Displays which have been mounted this year include: The International Year of Astronomy, Freedom Day, The IPL Twenty/20 Cricket Tournament, The Confederation Cup, Life and Soul: A celebration of the many women who have made a contribution to a democratic South Africa, Heritage Month, an ongoing display which featured South African music and musicians and Readathon Week which featured the many biographies which are available in the Media Centre.

A special word of thanks goes to Mrs Colleen Cook who brought an amazing vibrancy to the library with her innovative ideas and eye-catching displays.

Staff Development
Lectures Over Lunch, a series of talks aimed at introducing staff to skills which can be used to enhance their teaching, were presented twice a quarter this year. Topics covered included: feedback on the Project Skills Workshops held with the E Block; Plagiarism; creating lessons which effectively use Smartboards; quick tips to improve Microsoft Word skills; 'Alice (and Alistair) in Wonderland' - Adolescent Identity Development and its impact on future life.

Audio/Visual Department
The Audio/Visual Department had a busy year and continues to be efficiently run by Mr Simon Zondi. The DVD collection continues to grow and to date contains over 200 DVDs - both for educational and entertainment purposes. My sincere thanks go to Mr Zondi for his hard work and support throughout the year.

Conclusion
The Media Centre team created their own version of Windows this year - windows to the world of knowledge and windows to the pleasure of reading. My sincere thanks go to each member of the team in contributing to opening these windows.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack**

This year the E Block again camped in the Oribi Reserve, where they learned basic outdoor skills including rope-work, building shelters, cooking on a fire, orienteering, raft building, environmental studies and teamwork. They also learned that a poorly constructed shelter is no match for a Midlands drizzle.

D Block hiked in the Midlands. Their route took them from School to Fort Nottingham, where they camped on Richard and Kathy Butcher's farm. From here they faced a real challenge climbing the hill to the Commonage before heading to the Dargle. Their second night stop found them camping at William Griffin's dam, from where they hiked into the Lidgetton Valley to Lythwood Lodge before heading for home through the Oribi Reserve. While this hike proved to be quite challenging for D Block, they will have learned valuable lessons about footwear, pack weight and navigations, which should be good preparation for their C Block hike next year.

C Block boys spent their outdoor time in the vicinity of Spioenkop, which was a compulsory climb. They camped at two different spots on the banks of the Tugela River. The terrain here consists of open thornveld with significant landscape features, which facilitate navigation (although some groups seemed not to derive the full benefit of these).

B Blockers again traveled to Spirit of Adventure, where they completed the Action Centered Leadership course.

E BLOCK: ORIBI RESERVE: 19-22 SEPTEMBER

Written by Matthew Potter (Mackenzie)

"How much further?"
"My legs hurt!"
"I wonder what they're serving for dinner tonight."

…these moans were echoed through the grassy hilltops of the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve as we slowly trudged our way up to the campsite on that fateful Sunday morning…

Throughout the course of the week at Mackenzie House we had been eagerly packing for the E Block Survival Camp and debating about whose sleeping bag was warmer and when Saturday evening arrived, we were all revving to go!

This epic journey began on a seemingly high note after a hearty breakfast that morning, with a spring in our step, bacon and egg in our stomachs and the sun blazing, which intensified our enthusiasm. As the temperature rose, so did our excitement and determination.

I think that we must have been about halfway up when I felt this uneasy feeling that things were just going far too well.



E Block camping in the Oribi Reserve



E Block on the Oribi Reserve

Murphy's Law! Five minutes later we heard Branagth's agonising yell - he had sprained his ankle. This brought the once powerful Mackenzie team to a grinding halt until we managed to get Branagth mobile again and motivate him to "limp" on. We were on the move again but without a doubt, we were now coming last. Our saving grace was the fact that we had some of the fastest runners but would we catch up?

Finally, completely exhausted and dehydrated, after having sweated every last drop of moisture in our bodies, we made it to the campsite. We felt as though we had just summited Mount Everest only to find that the long windy route had taken us about five hundred metres from the school! We felt cheated and were devastated!

We were issued with all the cutlery and supplies we would need to survive the next two nights and told to make a shelter with the use of two large canvases and a few saws. After a myriad of mishaps and disasters and having to rethink and restart about a million times, we were finally finished. It may have only looked like a bundle of canvas and a few sticks from the outside, but on the inside... it looked just about the same.

We were ready to pass out right there and then when we were told that it was time for a fun-filled orienteering expedition with the aim to find a whole bunch of 20cm x 20cm square metal markers which were scattered throughout the Reserve. We redefined the word bundu bashing with our encounters with just about every species of snake that slithered in the Reserve, every single small grouping of thorn or itchy plants growing there and we even had a herd of dizzy Oribi buck run straight at us! Three hours later we returned to camp having found only seven out of the 15 markers.

The evening ran relatively swiftly, with the completion of a kitchen area (a few logs which were to resemble a fireplace) so we began cooking our dinner. I'll have to admit that our meals turned out quite well, all things considered… one of them being our first meal of rice and mince which, after the use of about half the bottle of sweet chilli sauce, I can say without hesitation, that our taste buds' expectations were exceeded.

I believe that we were given the worst place to set up camp. Sleeping on a hill with a gradient of about 60° is not pleasant, I can assure you. After about an hour of relentless moaning and complaining about the gradient, the tent and the cold we fell asleep. Our doorless tent allowed evil gusts of wind to blow through the tent with no remorse although I was lucky enough to have Jonathan Laing to shield off the cold.

We miraculously made it to the next morning and after breakfast we were quite looking forward to taking a relaxed stroll down to New Dam to begin the raft-building challenge. We couldn't have been more wrong. The actual building of the raft turned out to be the minor part of the task; the main challenge was getting down the hill with our equipment. It was up to us to figure out a way to get four wooden poles and five large tanks down the mountainside in one piece. As usual things started to go wrong from the word go, and I literally mean that. As we started our descent the whole thing fell apart. After some banter we were on our way again and catching up quickly. Within a few minutes we flew past Pascoe and were hot on Farfield's heels. We were neck and neck… it was going to be a photo finish, but Murphy's Law would have it again... The heat of the race must have messed with our heads, because something made us believe that it would be a good idea to take a short cut. We cut across the road and just as we turned the last corner we saw Mr Calway who had an extremely unimpressed expression on his face. Regardless of our misguided attempt of winning we finished stone last.

When it came to actually building the raft we decided to go with a less than conventional method of building. We were feeling confident about our design but at the start of the race, a shriek from Oz's lips signalled disaster. The entire raft fell apart and the pieces began to float away, along with our chances of winning. But with nothing to lose we decided to aim for the consolation prize by swimming across the dam with all the parts. Even though the water was cold enough to freeze our arms off, we still made our way back up, without a single point but with a new sense of fellowship and teamwork.

We tried to salvage the remaining food in our supply box but failed dismally only to find that our luck was in. It was chicken for dinner tonight…. we saw Ryan and Connor make their way towards us carrying freshly slaughtered, bloody chickens…. Oh yes, this would be Chicken Cacciatore… our way! After several attempts at gutting the chicken and stuffing every last vegetable into the pot, our chicken and vegetable mush was ready. The only distinguishable clue of whether you were eating vegetable or chicken was that the chicken was the tough chewy bit. We should have resigned ourselves to a vegan meal, in retrospect.

The final challenge for the camp was to make a flag that represented our House and although finger painting doesn't make for the best paintings ours looked pretty good. We woke up early next morning to the smell of fresh rain from the previous night and we were shocked to find that our brilliant flag had been destroyed by the rain.

Although at the time it may have seemed like nothing could, or would ever go right for us, we felt that our flag really represented our team - no matter how hard we try we aren't perfect but together we can only learn and grow stronger and keep moving forward.

D BLOCK: MIDLANDS HIKE: 19-22 SEPTEMBER

Written by Hanko von Schlichting (Tatham)

What can one say, hikes, the excitement on the night before, and then the shocking realisation that we are actually going to walk so many kilometres that it doesn't bear thinking about. It was exactly the same with ours. On the Saturday afternoon we were given rations, some delicious and others not so great. We went to bed, as always, and after a long night, the morning arrived.

After making sure that no one in the group had forgotten anything, we picked up the backpacks and made our way down to Willows. There we were met by the ever faithful Col. Reggie Purbrick. Already we had to use our brains, as right at the beginning we got given a little quiz to decide who goes first. Unfortunately we ended up going among the last Houses. Strips is always one of the harder parts of any hike. You walk along the dirt road and it just carries on and on. Pascoe started catching us up, but we soon shook them off.

Once through the shady canopy of the forest, a beautiful sight awaited us. There before us, like a beautiful pool of water in the desert, lay the massive Hulley's Dam. It stretched out across the valley. We trudged through the valley, the sun beating on our backs and the brambles scratching at our legs. Boys from different Houses were standing on the side, shivering and trying to dry themselves again. We were told that as a cooling down exercise we should swim to the other side of the dam carrying someone's backpack. One moment we were jumping through the air, the next we were left underneath water as cold as the Arctic, not being able to breathe and trying to hold ourselves up so that we didn't drown. Even after paddling for a hundred metres we were still struggling to take a breath of air. At last we got out of the water, only to hurt our feet by running over sharp grass tufts and little thorns, until we had to get back into that freezing water and swim back to the other side. After finally warming up in the sun, we were told that there was not very far to go, and so we set off once again with renewed energy.

At long last we got to the main road and actually saw the camp, but first had to climb up a mountain towering above the campsite. Once on top we were met with a stunning sight of the whole countryside around us. However, this was short lived as we wanted to get back down to the campsite and set up our tents. After a long day we stumbled into our camp and set up our tents, and finally...finally we fell asleep.

The second day started with a climb up a monster of a mountain, even bigger than the one of the previous day. By the time we arrived on top, many of us were finished, so tired we could not go on. What we needed was a big rest, and that was just what we took. The view was even more beautiful than on the other mountain because the fresh sunlight dappled little spots all around the surrounding farms. We carried on. Very soon we got to a massive indigenous forest running down the side of the mountain.

Our water supplies finished early in the day and we thought we were surely going to die here in this desert. But it was not to be. After long, painstaking walking we arrived at what was sure to be a mirage, but it really was the one thing we had all been needing. A tap! We hastily filled up our water bottles after drinking a fair share, and then carried on our way. From here on, the day got hotter and even dustier. We walked from farm, over farm, and to farm. There were farms everywhere. By this stage we were walking with Farfield under the trusty guidance of Matthew Heenan. Farfield had got lost on the first day. We headed into a forest, and soon we noticed that something had gone terribly wrong as we were heading steeply downhill. When a gap came in the forest, we saw the infamous Inhlosane not too far away. We cried out in despair and sat ourselves down. Once again Farfield had got lost, this time with Tatham. At this point we split up. A larger group of us went up the side of a hill while another carried on through the forest. The group of us on top of the hill were suddenly met by civilisation. There in front of us, like the good shepherd who has found the lost sheep, came the car of Col. Reggie Purbrick. We shouted for joy and this time asked for directions. At long last we stumbled into the campsite next to a massive dam. We then still had to set up our tents, ate supper, and just fell asleep right there and then,



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Waiting for D Block

when it was hardly seven o'clock. Soon afterwards we were awoken by a soft pitter patter on our roofs, but ignored it and just went back to sleep.

Morning came all too soon. In a mist so thick we could hardly see those around us, we started packing up our tents and our bags and getting ready for the last leg of our hike. Mr Bownes told us that we would only be walking eight kilometres in total today, which of course cleared our hearts a tiny bit. The mist swirls flew around our legs as we hiked the last stretch of the hike. With aching feet, wet clothes and dirty bodies we were in such a miserable state that someone might have mistaken us for a pack of homeless beggars. Everybody forgot anything they'd ever heard of team work and camaraderie as we just pushed forward back to the School, with or without the other team members. Everybody was coming in tiny dribs and drabs, at least two kilometres apart from those in the front to the groups backing up the hike. We had to cross a river which did not go well for everybody. Yes, many slipped on the moss-covered rocks and fell into the ice-cold water with a splash. On the way back you can actually see your destination, but it just doesn't seem to get any closer. After an interesting three days, we finally arrived at School.

So that is an account of our hike, which at the time might have been not that great, but afterwards turned out to be a very nice experience. Our legs were still sore for three days afterwards, but we didn't care. We had arrived!!

C BLOCK: SPIOENKOP: 19-22 SEPTEMBER

Written by David Brill (Founders)

It was six o'clock on a Sunday morning; centimeters away from my ear my alarm siren screamed. In a weary shuffle I reached and turned it off then leant forward and peered out my window in absolute despair at the sun just peaking over the hills to the east. I couldn't believe it. It was that notorious time of the year once again; it was time for the C Block hike.

Sooner than we knew it we found ourselves travelling towards the Em'seni campsite in what would be the last resemblance to any sort of remote luxury we would come across in the next few days. It was the Maharaj 65 seater coach. Cellphones and the like were all safely put away by now and our final goodbyes had been said. We had braced ourselves for the worst…

Our arrival at Em'seni was one already on the wrong foot. Erosion across the road prevented the busses being able to reach the site itself so our first trek was earlier than expected. Despite that our spirits were still relatively high when we reached the starting point and some individuals were even exceptionally keen; myself included.

After a short briefing by Mr Fleischack we became conscious of the fact that the Houses would be competing against each other over the next three days. The winner would be the House with the least time overall so it became clear to us that speed would be an extremely critical part of our trek. Navigation was also vital as each House would have its own respective checkpoints which meant 'follow the leader' was out of the question. After we were briefed we finally obtained our departure time. We were third to last at 11h20.

Almost an hour had passed before it was our time to embark on our mission. By now everyone was eager to leave and keenly anticipating what lay ahead. Finally it was all underway. At a steady pace we made headway. We marched through the grasslands and along the occasional road in hot pursuit of our checkpoints; a task executed with efficiency as we reached our first couple with relative ease. However, our, at this stage, high hopes were soon dampened as soon as we reached the third or so checkpoint.

The reason for the rapid diminish in buoyancy among the ranks was because of the direction in which we were directed next. Ahead of us lay the disreputable Spioenkop, a blemish in the earth's surface that everyone would grow to hate over the next couple of hours and in addition, a complication that would render us most positively immobile and contribute to a severe time loss.

At the foot of the monstrosity that plagued our predominantly flat path so far we made an attempt to raise the spirits of the troops so we performed a duty that resembled a humble break in proceedings but was in fact a period of deep meditation and self reflection to realise the true potential within ourselves. After this concise undertaking we set off to conquer the colossus that lay before us.

Forty-five minutes into our ascent and we were still trudging toward the summit. Curses flew from every mouth of the hiking party. Complete and utter hatred of the mountain had now come about us. A collective decision of common sense was then made; we needed to stop and rest for a few minutes. Whilst transfixed upon the mountain we turned around and a scene of indescribable beauty graced our observance. It was a scene that appeared completely out of context with the task at hand. At first it was with great difficulty that we believed that this spectacle in front of us was real and not something that had come about due to hallucination or something of the kind. It was the absolute beauty that seamed to revive everyone and even contribute as a reason to continue with the conquest.

After a few minutes of scrutinising the magnificent environment around us we resumed our ascent. This time driven by the interval that awaited us on the summit. Then finally it came; we reached the top after hours of dragging ourselves up a slope that was so steep that you couldn't see



Mr Tim Jarvis summiting Spioenkop on the C Block Hike



B Block leadership manoeuvers

the bottom from the top. A feeling of great reward came about every single one of us. We had done it!

Now all that remained for the day was what appeared, and turned out to be, a somewhat easy stroll to our campsite which lay about eight kilometers away. Much to our relief we eventually arrived. It wasn't much to speak of but it certainly did the job after we'd crusaded over the landscape for the better part of the day. Our tents were set up in the designated areas, dinner was cooked and before long the whole campsite drifted into silence as the tired bodies of Michaelhouse C Block slipped into a deep and essential sleep.

The next morning dawned; thankfully not too early. We knew another tough day lay ahead of us. A quick pack up and camp inspection saw us on our way. Over the terrain we glided for the next two days. An experience that would prove invaluable and unforgettable to us for the rest of our lives. The hardships endured throughout the hike revealed true character. An exceptional achievement and pleasure for some and a complete waste of time for others, the voyage had an impact on everyone. It has left an affirmative mark on my reminiscence and as I sit choreographing this composition I can indisputably say that this has been one of the single most rewarding happenings of my time at Michaelhouse.

B BLOCK: SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE: 19-22 SEPTEMBER

Written by Grant Walker (East)

It all started on a sunny skied Sunday morning. All the Houses eventually hopped on the busses and we were on our way to a camp known as Spirit of Adventure. The surroundings were all very familiar as we had been on the journey to the same camp in D Block. After about an hour's trip, we all left the bus, made our way to the cabins in which we would be staying and ultimately sat down in the main area of the campsite where we were briefed by the head instructor about our stay in the grand nature reserve.

After everybody had settled in, the day's activities started. We were all split up into our eight Houses. Each House then split into two groups of about seven boys each. It was in these groups that we performed all of our activities that would assist us in becoming better leaders. Everybody seemed comfortable in their groups and after all the groups were sorted, some of the Houses were sent to the obstacle course to be timed; other Houses were sent to "Oliver's Travels" which entailed walking across a plank five meters above the ground, while using a partner as support. The rest of the Houses took part in a competition which involved completing certain tasks that, if completed successfully, rewarded the team with points. Obviously, the team with the most points at the end of the day won. All of the groups alternated; performing all the tasks until the sun settled behind the reserve. That night, after everybody had satisfied themselves with a meal that we all cooked, we made our way to the large lake which we rowed across in our wooden rafts that we had expertly constructed. After we crossed the river and ambled to our campsite, we all settled ourselves with a mug of hot chocolate, surrendered ourselves to our tiredness and fell asleep to the sounds of nature.

The next morning, we all woke up to the piercing gong and readied ourselves for the long but entertaining day. We all knew that this would be the day that would test our leadership and cooperation. For the entire day, we challenged ourselves by abseiling down a dam wall, hiking up a mountain, crawling through a snake pit, jumping off a dam wall into the dam, rock climbing, canoeing and ultimately, sticking together as a team. We were constantly monitored on our performances and by the end of the day, the top four Houses were rewarded. By nightfall, everyone was mentally and physically exhausted and after supper, we were all told that we were sleeping outdoors that night. The top four Houses throughout the day slept in an area much closer than the bottom four Houses. After another supper cooked by the boys again, we all trekked to our outdoor sleeping sites for the night. Following an extremely tiring day, everybody had heavy eyelids and drifted off into profound sleep on our last night at Spirit of Adventure.

We woke up to a misty yet cheerful morning. In a couple of hours, we would be packing up and heading on holiday. However, we first had to take part in a canoeing race in our Houses and then select our quickest boys to try breaking the

record time on the obstacle course. Unfortunately, because of the wet conditions, our time didn't manage to break the record set by Weston. Nonetheless, the boys put in a memorable effort. Before we knew it, we parted from the Spirit of Adventure with the leadership skills coached to us by the instructors.

The familiar site of Michaelhouse was upon us as we entered the gates. Everybody felt relieved to be back after a tough yet enjoyable camp. I believe that the many lessons learnt during the time of the camp will help us not only next year, but the many years that await us as Michaelhouse gentlemen.

SANATORIUM

Sister in Charge: **Sr Joanne McMillan**
Staff: **Sr Alice McGhee, Sr Morag Atherstone**

The first quarter started in a rush. Within the first three weeks we had completed nearly 400 baseline impact assessments, the gum guard impressions were done and a small group of boys trained at First Level First Aid to accommodate the change in the winter sport schedule.

My biggest concern with the change in sporting schedule was the risk of the boys being affected by heat exhaustion and heat stroke playing hockey and rugby in the midday heat. Coaches were advised to ensure adequate rehydration of the boys during practice and matches, with frequent rests.

Sport injuries were frequent. Fractured clavicles seemed to be the rage that season. Knees, shoulder and ankle injuries were also common as well as the usual concussions.

During the winter sport season we had 47 concussions with rugby and completed 130 follow up impact tests. The rugby match against Glenwood was the main culprit with 21 boys having post concussion testing the following week.

At the start of the third quarter the worldly grip of H1N1 flu hit the school. We had about ten affected the first week and 150 or more in the second week. Parents who lived locally took their sons home, we sent a 14 seater bus to Johannesburg with boys while the rest inhabited the San or their dorms.

We had one boy admitted to hospital for tests and dehydration otherwise all the boys recovered with normal flu remedies and antibiotics. Most of the boys took a while to recover and were frustrated with the time they had to be off sport. We put all boys off for ten days after their temperatures and pulses were back to normal. There were a number of boys who became ill more than once which concerned parents.

Then on Old Boys' Day we had the sudden death of Mr Wessels which shocked everyone involved with the School. I for one was relieved that we had doctors to deal with the situation. The big question was would an AED have improved Mr Wessels' chances? I doubt it but who knows for sure.

An Old Boy generously donated two AEDs. We have one in the San and one in the Main Quad area for access to everyone at Michaelhouse. We had a demo for as many staff as possible on how to use the AED. This way treatment can be given until the San Sisters arrive on the scene. The Main Quad is where most functions are held with parents and staff. On home rugby days a unit will be available at the First Aid station as was the emergency equipment needed on the day.

The fourth quarter had a different set of problems from a common cold, gastro to mumps. The rest of the world dealt with measles and we had mumps.

Staff

The three Sisters attended the annual School Nurses' Conference in the third quarter. Treverton Schools hosted 45 delegates from around South Africa. The main topics were concussion, the sensitive child, hearing loss, ankle injuries, airway obstruction vs ADHD, chronic sinusitis, wound care and breast cancer to name but a few.

Sr Morag Atherstone left at the end of the year.

Balgown Community Health & Social Development Committee

Chairperson: **Mrs Khausile Mnguni**
Facilitator: **Sr Joanne McMillan**
Secretary: **Mr Nkosi Mahlaba**

The Balgowan Health and Social Committee meets fortnightly. A strategic work plan has been designed based on the response from a questionnaire sent out to the community at the beginning of the year.

Four main areas were identified:

- to educate employees' representatives and community members on HIV/Aids issues to care for people living with HIV,
- to minimise teenage pregnancies by facilitating awareness campaigns,
- to lobby and advocate improvement of health services in Balgowan and
- to alleviate poverty directed at children and encourage self help projects.

Mrs Lynette Sithole from the laundry has been feeding a number of orphaned children in the village from her own kitchen. We offered her help in the way of food parcels; however, she felt she did not need the help at this stage.

Umgeni AID are helping those children who are orphaned with Identity Documents and grants where possible. They also run an active peer support group at Asithuthuke School.

Pastor Sipho Zuma has been researching starting a hospice-type house in Balgowan. Pastor Zuma has drawn up a proposal with costings. He is waiting to hear from the Department of Health if they can assist in any way and for funding.

A monthly support group for all the domestics working in the academic staff houses has been started. This group of ladies are often left out of the community. The meeting is a way of reporting back all that is learned at the regular committee meetings to them.

In the second quarter we had speakers from the Department of Health, Balgowan Clinic, teenagers from local schools and Umgeni Aid Group talking to the support staff on teenage sex and sexuality. The aspect of the legal rights of children and the legal rights of the parents was of most interest to the group.

In the fourth quarter we ran a workshop on parenting. Most of our colleagues are finding parenting difficult as they feel the government has taken away their right to discipline their children. With the parenting workshop I am hoping that control can be brought back to the parents. This year the teenagers presenting for HIV testing at Balgowan Clinic have all tested positive for HIV infection.

Those who attended workshops on home based care and HIV counseling last year have formalised their group. They are waiting to be introduced to the Balgowan Sisters who will be their support system once up and running. The home based carers will be a way of communicating with the patient and the clinic. Many people are being sent home from hospitals to die. This way members of the community can help the sick and their loved ones to give appropriate care at home. A record-keeping form has been designed to fill out for each patient they see. Packs of adult nappies have been delivered to the school for the home based carers to use if needed by their patients.

SCIENCE

HOD: **Mr Adrian Moran**
Staff: **Mr Gavin Ross, Mr Jaap van der Vegte, Mr Michael Schwartz, Mr Raymond Duma, Mr Mfaseni Phungula**

The new year got off to a great start with the results from the 2008 IEB exams. Eleven boys achieved an A symbol and the average was 65% for the Block. Both of these results exceeded our expectations. Attending the IEB conference in Durban helped the department to share ideas with other teachers from around the country, exposing us to different teaching styles and access to projects, tests and exams papers from various schools.

During the year the boys were exposed to academic work, physics and chemical practical and research projects.

The pupils had a busy year participating in the Science Expo and Olympiads. Twenty-one A Block boys wrote the National Science Olympiad and 35 B and C Block boys wrote the Kaaste Science Olympiad in October; hopefully this group will grow and the results will continue to improve.

Eighteen C Block boys participated in the annual FFS Science Expo. Their projects varied from bio-gas to a rope pump. The following results were achieved:

Jonty Needham and Christopher Rossouw -
1st Class, Most promising project in category, Silver Medal
Sean Hugo -
1st Class, Most promising project in category, Bronze Medal
Stuart Hadfield -
2nd Class, Most promising project in category
David Brill and Michael Venter - *2nd Class*
Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse - *2nd Class*
Nick Cox - *2nd Class*
Andrew Stephens and Chester Holliday - *3rd Class*
Keith Moss, Jeremy Bradford, Richard Southey -*3rd Class*

David Brill and Michael Venter also attended the Eskom Science Expo and received a Silver Medal for their project Bio Gas as an alternative Energy Source.

The interest in science over the past year has increased with 63 D Block boys choosing science as a subject for next year; this is very encouraging. The purchase of data projectors and smartboards with the use of Plato has benefited the boys and staff as lessons are more interactive which has made teaching difficult concepts easier.

The following boys received awards at Speech Day:

Rowan Salter - *Most Improved Science Mark over the past year.*
Antony Renton - *Top Achiever Award.*
Anthony Renton - *JL Robinson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Theory and Practical Realms.*
Anthony Renton and **Geoffrey Woollatt** - *Kevin King Memorial Award for Outstanding Scientific Project Work.*

We expect a good set of results for 2009 from A to E Block.





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SPIRITUAL

Written by Canon Alan Smedley

God has greatly blessed Michaelhouse during 2009. To Him be all praise, honour and glory for ever and ever, amen. It gives me great pleasure to report on the following activities that have taken place in the spiritual life of our School.

Christian Focus Week, 21-28 February

Every four or five years we have a Christian Focus Week (CFW) here at Michaelhouse. The last one was held in February 2004. The object of the week was: "To give the Michaelhouse community the opportunity to re-examine the Christian faith. To provide an opportunity for every member of the community to take a fresh look at Christianity in an intelligent, responsible and unpressurised way, and to consider the claims of Christ and the implications of following him".

The theme this year was "My Story Meeting His-Story". To this end a team of 27 people assembled to participate in the week. It was led by Advocate Keith Matthee from Cape Town and the programme was run by Xavier Moran, the National Director of Scripture Union in Independent Schools. Fifteen members of the team were Old Boys, ranging from two who left in 1982 to one who left in 2007.

The team members were: Advocate Keith Matthee SC, Xavier Moran, Cullum Allen (2006), Ross Armstrong (1986), Simon Armstrong (1983), Glen Dowie (2007), Warwick Elliott (1982), David Francis (2006), Andrew Gilliam, Franc Gray, Jono Le Feuvre (2000), Ros Matthee, Dr Cameron McIntosh (1994), Lochlan McIntosh (1996), Daniel Nambassi, Warwick Pearce (1982), Bruce Perry (1999), Guy Robertson (2004), Mark Slaughter (1990), Paul Smedley (2006), Wilhelm van der Walt and Daniel van Zuydam (2005). Wayne Thompson also joined us for a few days and Ant Stott came for an evening. In addition to the above the following members of a Christian rock band from Cape Town participated: Barry Baumgart, Robert Cowles, Jeffrey Vanaswegen and Steven Ahrens.

The team arrived in time for supper on Saturday 31 January. We spent the evening getting to know one another, and then on Sunday morning we gathered to do some planning and praying. At 7pm the CFW was launched at a Full School Evening Service in the Chapel. Dr Michael Cassidy (OM) was the guest preacher. Having been a boy and then Head of House in Pascoe, Michael very quickly established a rapport with the boys using some very funny anecdotes and telling his personal faith story.

The programme for the week included the following: each day began with a Chapel service. This provided an opportunity for continuity. Just before lunch the whole School went to the theatre to listen to an Enrichment Speaker. Each evening there was a voluntary meeting, after which the team split up and went into the Houses to interact with the A and B Blockers. They also met with every class in the School on two separate occasions during the week. The team had all their meals in the dining rooms which provided another opportunity for informal interaction.

The morning Chapel services were addressed by team members, some of whom shared their personal stories and others gave talks on basic principles of our Christian faith. It was a rich variety of input which would have touched different boys in different ways. One staff member commented that they had been 'absolutely brilliant, extremely thought provoking and challenging'.

We were very fortunate to have outstanding Enrichment Speakers who weaved their personal faith stories into their careers. They too were fantastic, and our boys were confronted not only by excellent role models, but also by credible people who were unashamedly Christian. On Monday Shaun Pollock was interviewed by Keith Matthee. On Tuesday Aaron McIlroy, an actor and comedian, gave a hilarious show, and then spoke about his faith. On Wednesday Keith Matthee as an Advocate and acting Judge of the High Court, presented a case for the truth of the "Resurrection of Christ". On Thursday Johan Muller (Sharks Captain) and Jacques Botes shared their Christian stories. Then on Friday, OM, Dr Cameron McIntosh, using a power point presentation and a video clip, spoke about his journey to the Olympic Games in Beijing last year. He participated as a Slalom Canoeist. As we listened to these outstanding men, it was clear that they all had a living, relevant and meaningful personal faith in Christ.

During the week there were also some special functions. Mrs Ros Matthee, who is a clinical psychologist, gave a talk on depression to the ladies of our community. Bishop Rubin Philip addressed a Men's Prayer Breakfast at 6.15am on the Wednesday morning. Then there was a supper for staff and their spouses on the Thursday evening. In addition to this some members of the team had supper with the School prefects and they had lunch with the Christian Fellowship Committee. Lastly, on Sunday at the end of the week, we hosted a gathering for parents. About 50 attended. At this meeting we reported back on the week and then Xavier Moran gave a talk on "Teenagers and Spirituality today".

All in all it was an awesome week. It was truly wonderful and the feedback was incredibly positive. Many, many boys remarked on how meaningful it had been and how much they had appreciated it. To God be all the glory for what He did amongst us during this CFW. Once again He greatly blessed our community and I thank and praise Him for the abundance of His grace which He so generously lavished upon us.

Confirmation Camp

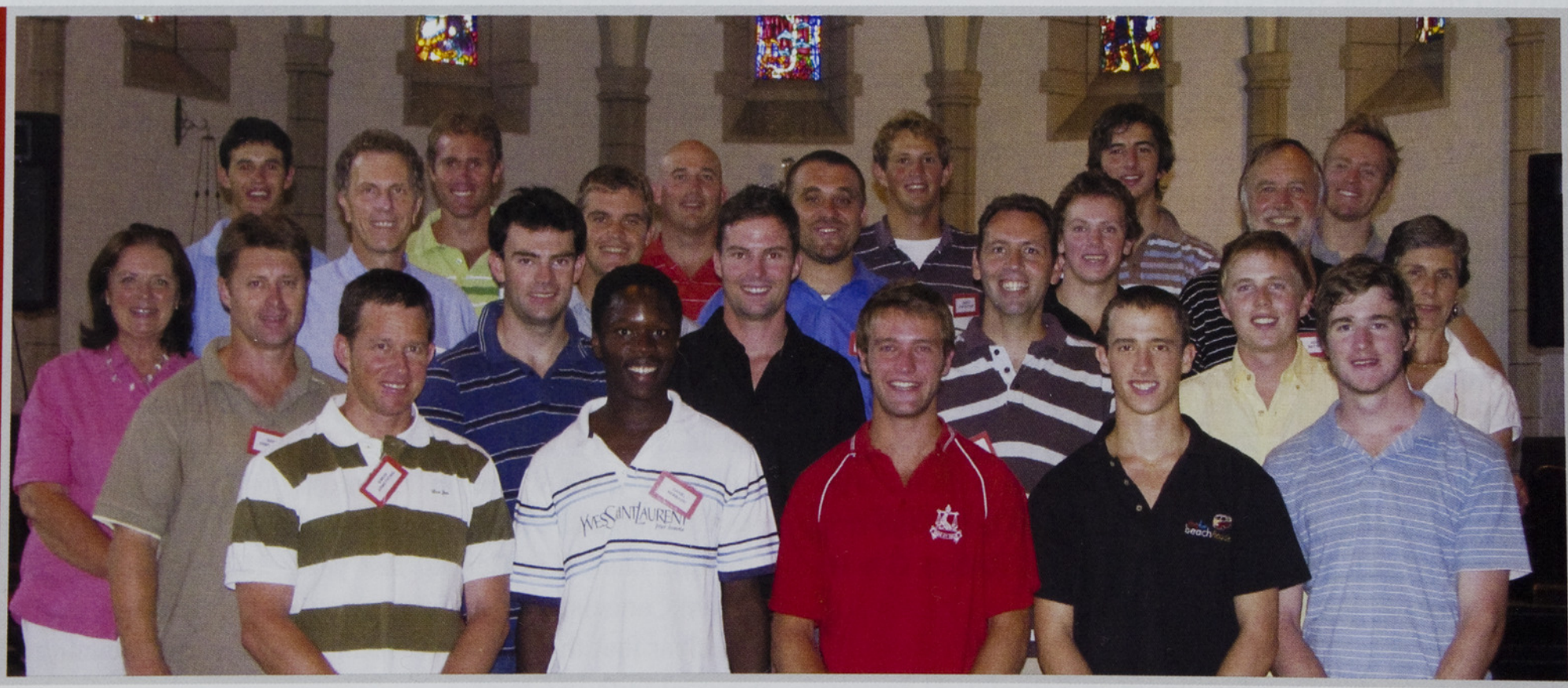
This year 109 boys attended the Confirmation camp at Em'seni, which is at the base of the Spioenkop mountain on the banks of the Tugela river. There were 105 C Blockers and four B Blockers. The camp began on the afternoon of 23 February, at the end of the half term weekend, and we returned to school in time for lunch on Friday 27 February.

Xavier Moran, the National Director of Scripture Union in Independent Schools, and his three young trendsetters ran much of the programme. Messrs Allan Laing, Tim Jarvis, Paul de Wet, Iain Guthrie, Michael Bownes, Viktor Kurz, Simon Crane and the Rector joined us at times during the week and participated in different ways. Benjamin Bradford (Senior Prefect), Dean Dowie (Head of Tatham) and Joshua Magor also came out and spent a couple of days with us. The programme followed the same format we have used in previous years, based upon the Alpha course. The initial topics covered were "Common Objections to the Christian Faith", "Christianity, Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant", "The Person of Christ" and "The Significance of Jesus' Death on the Cross". Xavier Moran then gave a talk in which he encouraged the boys not to make a hasty response. He asked them to seriously consider the cost of discipleship before making a commitment to Christ.

On the Wednesday, we took time to consider the person and ministry of God the Holy Spirit. I believe it is appropriate to devote a whole day to this subject as the focal point of the Confirmation Service is the work of the Holy Spirit. When the Bishop lays his hands on each candidate's head, he prays: "Lord, confirm and strengthen with your Holy Spirit this your child and empower him for your service". Consequently, we considered the topics "Who is the Holy Spirit?", "What does the Holy Spirit do?" and "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?". After supper, and after answering all kinds of questions, we gave the boys the opportunity to make a commitment to Christ and to receive prayer for personal needs as well as to experience the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The following evening we gave this same invitation. Over those two evenings we prayed individually for about two thirds of the boys on the camp.

Other topics covered were "the Confirmation Service", "the Eucharist", "How can I make the most of the rest of my life?", "How can I be sure of my faith?", "How can I resist evil?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "Why and how should I read the Bible?".

Once again, it was such a privilege to have the opportunity to take all these boys away for those few days and be part of



The Christian Focus Week Team

what God was doing in their lives. It is impossible to measure accurately the success of these camps. However, I pray that the seeds that were sown and watered will germinate, and that many of these young men will develop a strong and meaningful Christian faith which will not only give them a solid spiritual foundation for life, but they will also devote themselves to living lives of Christian service in the world.

Confirmation Service

On Saturday 21 March at 6.30pm the Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel. Bishop Rubin Phillip presided and 78 boys were confirmed. Seven of these were also baptised. As is our custom, parents and family were invited to come forward and join the Bishop in laying on hands and praying for each boy. Once again, it was a deeply moving ceremony and Bishop Rubin took time to make each person feel important and special.

Informal Worship

Once a quarter we had what we call an Informal Sunday evening chapel service. They are held at the normal time of 7pm, but the boys are allowed to wear civvies instead of their number ones. They are led by the Christian Fellowship Committee members and one of them gives a talk. The Christian Fellowship Band provided the music and led the worship. The intention is to give the School the opportunity to experience a different style of worship compared to the other relatively formal School services. The atmosphere in the Chapel is more relaxed and we sing only contemporary songs. Most of the boys really enjoy the change.

National Independent Schools Chaplains' Conference

This year the conference was hosted by the Chaplains from St Alban's and St Mary's DSG in Pretoria. It was held from Sunday 26 to Friday 31 July. Five Chaplains from KwaZulu-Natal drove up to Pretoria where we were accommodated at the Farm Inn Hotel just outside the city. This year 25 Chaplains from around the country attended. As always, it was not just the formal programme, but also the informal interaction with fellow Chaplains that made the conference so worthwhile

Christian Representative Council (CRC)

The role of the CRC is to involve A Block boys in the leadership of the overall spiritual life of the School. They meet twice a term and take responsibility for the cell groups, choosing the hymns for Chapel services, prayer groups, Chapel Servers, the Christian Fellowship, and advising the Chaplain on how to make Chapel services as meaningful as possible. This year we had a wonderful group of young men who have served us well.The Chairman was David Strachan and the Deputy, Dean Dowie (Head of Tatham House). The other members were Sanda Shandu (Head of Farfield), Mike Strachan, Joshua Magor, Benjamin Bradford (Senior Prefect), Russel Withey, Alain Mahieu, Andrew King, Dumisani Mabhena and Savvas Christodoulou.

Christian Fellowship (CF)

This year there were never fewer than 80 boys attending the meetings which are held every Wednesday evening during third prep in the Crypt. They were wonderful gatherings and once again I have been astounded and thrilled by the confidence and depth of theological insight shown by the boys who have given talks. The Chairman of the 2009 Christian Fellowship Committee was Sanda Shandu. His deputy was Michael Strachan, and the other A Block members were David Strachan, Dean Dowie, Joshua Magor, Benjamin Bradford and Russel Withey. The following B Blockers were also on the committee: Tendai Ponde, Luke Mennigke, Casper Badenhorst and Gregory Heeger.



Tyrin de Gidts, Shaun Pollock, Courtney Wingfield, James Creasy, Duncan Alexander



Johan Muller, Stuart Riddell, Jaques Botes, Pranov Saluja

The Christian Fellowship Band

The Christian Fellowship Band this year was quite outstanding with some tremendous talent. Sanda Shandu (Head of Farfield) was the lead vocalist and he also played the keyboard. They have led the worship and brought huge energy and vitality to Christian Fellowship meetings. They have also led the worship at our quarterly Informal Evening Worship services in the Chapel. As we had this gifted resource in the School this year, we decided to use them on another Sunday evening each term, in addition to the Informal Service. They have been fantastic.

Unity Camp - Christian Representative Council (CRC) and Christian Fellowship Committee (CFC) training weekend

Over the half term weekend of the fourth quarter, the newly elected members of the CRC and the CFC attended the Unity Camp at Em'seni. Each year Scripture Union in Independent Schools (SUIS) facilitates the camp. The participants are the recently elected Christian Fellowship Committees from the traditional Independent High Schools in KwaZulu-Natal. It is a leadership training camp designed to equip and encourage the committee members to take responsibility for their Christian Fellowships, and indeed the spiritual lives of their schools for the next year. The programme was run by Xavier Moran, from SUIS, and he was assisted by his team of Trendsetters (gap year students). Of the 120 young people who attended, 17 were from Michaelhouse. It was wonderful that five of the nine School Prefects for 2010, including the Senior and Second Prefects, were part of this group and had the opportunity to attend a Christian camp of this nature.

I was present for most of the weekend and it was such a joy to see our boys sitting in their group, involved in deep discussion and praying together. During the sessions they planned for next year and discussed practical ways to make Christian Fellowship more effective. They had a fantastic weekend and reported that it was a most worthwhile experience. On Monday afternoon they returned to Michaelhouse spiritually enriched, refreshed, renewed and better equipped to make a positive contribution to the spiritual life of the school in 2010.

As a follow up to the camp, a Unity Meeting is held twice a term for these same young people. They meet on a Monday evening for a couple of hours at either Hilton College or St Anne's. They usually spend some time in worship, listen to a talk, and then often break into their groups to evaluate the year to date. Once the business is finished they are able to socialise over a cup of coffee. I am enormously grateful to Xavier Moran and the Ministry of Scripture Union in Independent Schools for the fantastic leadership training they offer, not only for our Michaelhouse boys, but for all these key young people in our Independent Schools. The strategic value to the spiritual lives of these schools provided by the Unity Camp as well as the subsequent meetings throughout the year, is enormous. In addition to the spiritual encouragement and guidance they receive, these boys and girls are also given the opportunity to forge lifelong Christian friendships.

Remembrance Day Service

This took place on Sunday 8 November. As has become our custom, a number of WW II veterans laid wreaths in memory of OMs who died in the different forces. Sadly, Dr Barry Stacey who has coordinated the attendance of OMs for the past eight years, went to be with the Lord on 22 October. His daughter, Mrs Val Cotterell, told me that right to the end he was busy planning for this year's gathering. We will miss him greatly. We will also miss Mr Quinton Stubbings, Mr Roland Steer and Mr Peter Francis who also died this year. It was very good to have Mrs Priscilla Francis and Mrs Moireen Stacey with us at the service.

At the start of proceedings wreaths were laid by the following: The Rector, Mr Guy Pearson and Senior Prefect, Benjamin Bradford, on behalf of the School; Mr David Geerdts stood in on behalf of the Navy; Mr Roy Gathorne and Mr Donald Blackhurston on behalf of the Army; Mr Alan Robertson and Mr Nic Pougnet on behalf of the Air Forces; Mr Gordon Chapman on behalf of Prisoners of War and the Red Cross. In addition to these OMs, Hon Colonel Errol Richardson laid a wreath on behalf of the Durban Light Infantry. We also welcomed Honorary Colonel Grant Murray from 15th Squadron and Honorary Colonel Don Guthrie from the Natal Field Artillary, who both joined the parade this year.

Conclusion

Once again I would like to conclude this report by thanking all those who have contributed to the spiritual life of the School during 2009. In particular I would like to thank the following:

the Layministers: Messrs Guy Pearson, Paul Fleischack, John Crawford, Paul de Wet, Allan Laing, Viktor Kurz and Tim Jarvis,

Mrs Kate Smedley, who has continued to teach Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks, as well as ensuring that there are flowers in the Chapel every week,

Pastor Sipho Zuma who has continued to minister to the Zulu speaking employees of the School and to the members of Zenzane village,

the Choir Master, Mr Abri Venter, who has faithfully instructed the choir and played the organ each week, and

the chapel servers, school prefects and the bellringers who participate in the life of the Chapel.

At the Remembrance Day Service on 8 November, the Rector preached a most inspiring and interesting sermon.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE SERMON

Rector Guy Pearson

Remember: At the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month
Pause if only a moment,
And remember the sacrifices made by the men and women
Of our armed forces in the wars of the 20th Century.

We are here today to remember those young men from Michaelhouse who died in combat in the last century. Today I would like to personalise the war by telling you about some of the individuals who died, to focus on the magnitude of the sacrifices made by Old Boys of this School, to remind us of the memorials to the dead and finally to suggest some lessons which we can all learn from the conflicts of the last century.

The very first Michaelhouse boy to die in combat was in fact Trooper WA Buncombe who died at Intombi Spruit on 1 March 1901 while serving in the Anglo Boer War with General French's column.

The Michaelhouse Chronicle records the events as follows:

'One of our men was shot through the head at close quarters. Buncombe was hit almost at the same time by a long shot from some rocks on the left. The bullet entered his left side, and passed down through his body, coming out at his right thigh. As soon as we heard of the matter, Col Chesney and I went up and got there just ahead of the doctor. Buncombe was then lying in some shade his comrades had made with the blankets of the captured men. He spoke to me and asked if the doctor was coming, as he was suffering a lot of pain. Dr Keenan came up just after us, and injected morphia, and from that time Buncombe did not, I think, suffer much pain. He bore it all in the bravest possible way, and was considerate of others and cheerful to the end. He died quietly about two hours after being brought to the camp. He is a great loss to us. He was always cheerful and did his duty well.'

This was written by Captain AS Varne, the Commander in Chief's bodyguard. Wellesley Buncombe was 17 years old.

And then on to the First World War. It is difficult for us sitting here today to fully understand the magnitude and impact of the war on the School. It is significant to remember that the School was in its infancy at the time. The history of Michaelhouse gives some insight into those times.

"The editor of the Chronicle was contrasting the peace of Balgowan with the agony of Europe and was calling on Old Boys to 'give their manhood on their country's behalf, without bluster, without flag wagging, but with cool heads, quiet tongues and nerves of steel'; and he had to recall the name (RG Hindson) as the first Old Boy to die on active service".

Reginald Hindson died on 13 September 1914 at the age of 24.

All in all 43 Old Boys died in the First World War. Their average age was 24 years, they died in the prime of their lives. This may not sound like many but remember there were only 80 boys in the School at that time. It was the death in action of the Rector, AWS Brown, which had the biggest impact. After volunteering in 1915 he served at the front and had written to Justice Tatham; "I am glad to be here but confess that I long to be back at my work at Michaelhouse".



Boys attend service in the Michaelhouse Chapel

On 18 August 1916 he was coolly sitting on the parapet of a front-line trench near Guillemont when a sniper shot him and he was killed instantly.

It was Justice FS Tatham who said 'war is destruction.' He would have known better than anyone; he lost two sons in the War; WI Tatham of the Royal Navy whose submarine was struck by a mine on 15 July 1916. Just three days later his brother, FV Tatham, was killed at Delville Wood on 18 July 1916. The two lamps at the entrance of Screens commemorate the death in action of the Tatham brothers.

Then on to the Second World War. The sacrifice was even greater; in total 128 Michaelhousians died in this War. (Imagine: seated in this Chapel today - there are eight boys in a row and the total number of Old Boys killed in all conflicts is 175. That means that they would have occupied 22 rows in the Chapel, which is the whole of the left hand side). For the third time in its relatively short history, Michaelhouse found itself at war. Because of the nature of the war itself and because the School was a much more complex place, Michaelhouse was deeply affected by the Second World War.

It is worth noting that Michaelhouse Old Boys served with great distinction, valour and courage in these wars. In total in the two Great Wars Michaelhouse Old Boys earned 18 Military Crosses, 20 Distinguished Flying Crosses, eight OBE's, seven MBE's, a King's Medal for Bravery and a host of other medals for their service and bravery. They did us proud. It is worth mentioning that the last surviving recipient of a Military Cross was Colonel Peter Francis who was with us last year and passed away earlier this year. We remember them and are proud of every one of our Veterans who are with us today. When the Senior Prefect and Second Prefect read the roll later, be mindful of the fact that 11 of these men were in their teens at the time of their deaths, the age of you senior boys here today.

It is important for us to remind ourselves about the memorials which are on this estate which remember the fallen in the World Wars.

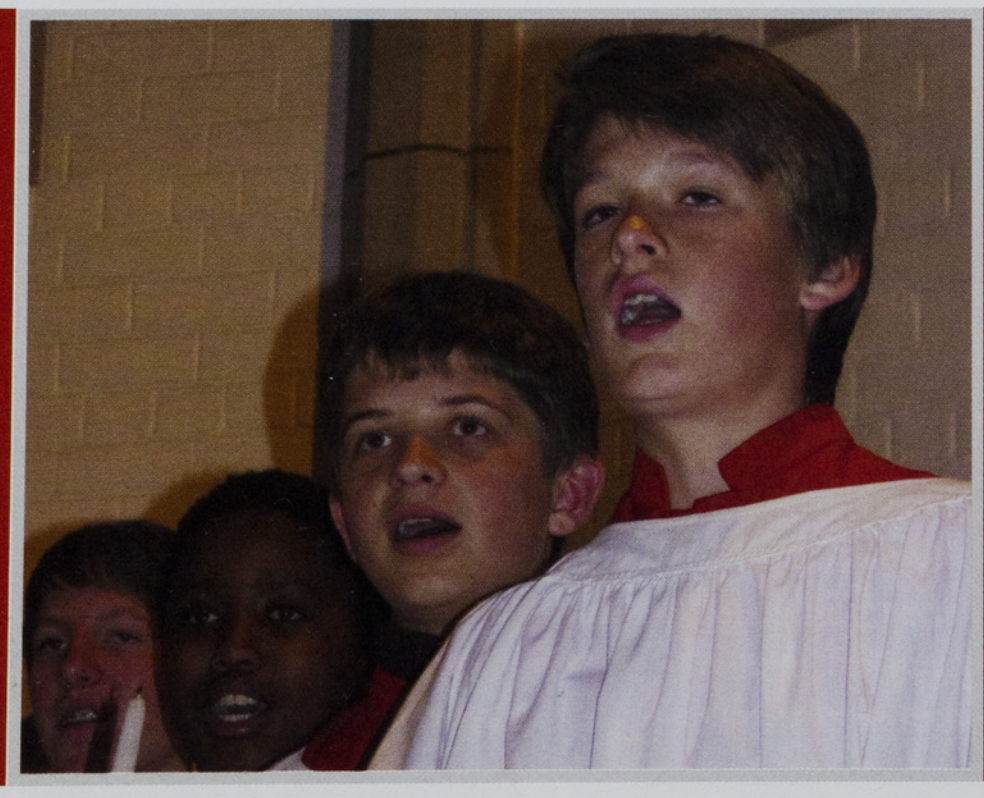
The Memorial Hall is dedicated to those who both served and died in the First World War. Above the main table on the stage, carved into the wood panel is the inscription: *'So nigh is grandeur to our dust, so near is God to man, when Duty whispers low, thou must, the youth replies, I can."* On either side of this are the names of all Michaelhouse boys who served. The dedication of the Memorial Hall took place in 1924. The Scroll of Honour for those who died is inscribed on the outside. On Armistice Day in 1927, 44 Cypress trees were planted along the road to the Bog Stream. This was known as Warriors Avenue, a tree for each fallen soldier. The Cypresses did not grow well and were eventually replaced by the magnificent Pin Oaks we see today which we now call Warriors Walk.

At the end of the Second World War, Rector Snell made this announcement:

'One hundred and twenty-eight Old Boys have lost their lives in the War, one percent of the total Union casualties. It is intended that a visible Memorial should be erected worthy of their sacrifice. A new Chapel, balancing in the scheme of the buildings with the Hall which was erected as a Memorial to those who fell in the First World War, is to be built. Both the Chapel and the Memorial Hall are used daily by every boy, which is as it should be with a Memorial of this kind.'

The Chapel was dedicated in 1952 by Bishop Fisher with these words :

'May this Chapel built to the Glory of God, and in memory of sacrifices, be in Michaelhouse the sign of faith, worship, and zealous service of God and Man.'



Thomas Watt-Pringle, Khumo Phalatse, Hanko von Schichting, Byron Crealy



Cameron Holenstein, Ryan Thompson

What can we learn today from these Great Wars and the sacrifices our Old Boys made?

Firstly, we need to remember those who paid the ultimate price; if there is such a thing as a "Just War" then these were just. We would not be here today if it was not for the sacrifices made. Remember also that while all of us would consider the two Great Wars as wars for freedom and justice, the same cannot be said for all conflicts. It is highly likely that some Michaelhouse Old Boys may have been fighting for the other side in the Anglo Boer War, indeed, often brother against brother. The saying, "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter" is true of later and current conflicts involving graduates of this School.

Secondly, we need to remember that war is fundamentally destructive, as described by Justice Tatham. We cannot fully understand today the misery, the injustice which these men endured. The First World War was fought mainly between men who had to live for weeks at a time in wet, foul and vermin-ridden trenches. It was fought with rifles and bayonets and tanks and unbelievable cruelty, most of it hand-to-hand combat.

Thirdly, we need to thank God that we live in a time of peace, that you young men sitting here today do not have to go to war. It was Jan Smuts who said after the Anglo Boer War, 'we have lost the war, but let us win peace.' He gave this same advice to the Allies after the First World War but this advice was not heeded and the draconian peace terms placed on the Germans were later to lead to the Second World War.

Will these Old Boys remembered here today be the last to pay the ultimate sacrifice? Unlikely, as there continue to be conflicts around the world with Michaelhouse Old Boys serving in places such as Afghanistan.

If peace is to be made a normal state of affairs in our world for ever and ever, it is up to each and every one of us to 'think peace' and not to 'think aggression'.
Let us remember these words above the Roll of Honour outside this Chapel:

Invictus Pax; *"Peace to the unconquered"*

Finally, let us honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice by living our lives here so that the words; "Quit Ye Like Men" on the stone above the Memorial Hall door laid by Justice Tatham in 1928 may be true of us today.

Visiting Preachers

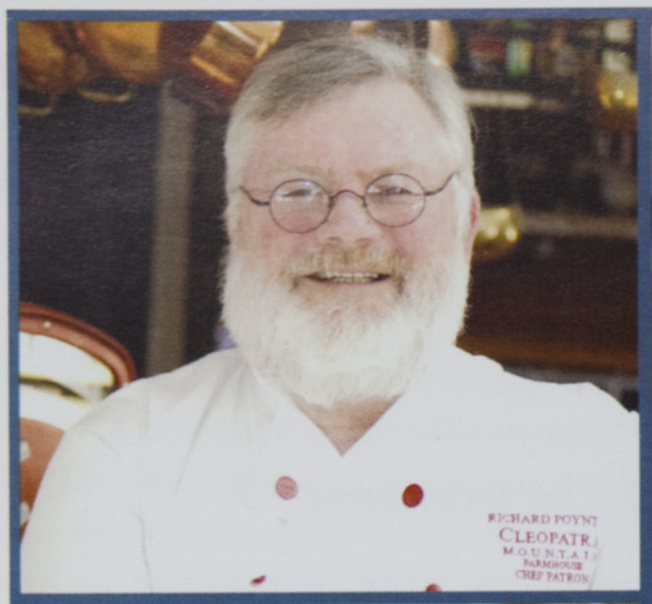
We are most grateful to the following people who were our guest preachers this year:
Mr Tim Jarvis
Mr Michael Bownes
Mr Linda Linda
Rev Patrick Nene
Mr Sizwe Majozi
Rev Fred Pitout

Weddings of Michaelhouse Old Boys and Staff : 2009

Date	Bride	Bridegroom	Comments
10/01	Sally Dewes	Jeremy Cahill	*OB 2001 Staff Son*
04/04	Cindy Wishart	Richard Valentine	*OB 1994*
18/04	Yvonne Eggers	Duncan Wattam	*OB 1995*
13/06	Neliswa Nyathi	Eric Mdlalose	*Staff*
26/09	Melinda van Rooyen	Murray Whelehan	*Staff Daughter*
10/10	Ncamasile Ntombela	Zamo Majozi	*Staff*
24/10	Sallyanne Plane	Euan Dixon-Smith	*OB 1995*
31/10	Candice Burke	Ralph Caywood	*OB 1999*



Back row (l-r): *Rector Guy Pearson, Hon Col Grant Murray, Mr Donald Blackhurston, Mr Roy Gathorne, Mr David Geerdts,Canon Alan Smedley* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Mr Nic Pougnet, Hon Col Don Guthrie, Hon Col Errol Richardson, Mr Alan Robertson, Mr Gordon Chapman*





















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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Written by Mr Paul Fleischack

The evening of the first Friday of the year sees great activity and excitement in the Main Quad as the various Clubs and Societies set up their stands for the annual Clubs & Societies Fair.

The idea is to entice the boys to join the various societies and stands ranged from the ever dramatic First Aid Society to the wildly interesting Agricultural Society, with a wide range of interesting displays in between.

Each boy is expected to participate in at least one club or society a year.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS SOCIETY

Master in Charge : **Mr Sandile Khuluse**
Chairman: **Abbey Ally**
Deputy: **Lethuxolo Mtshali**

The African Affairs Society is a forum in which members are informed about current topics of discussion overshadowing the African continent. The Society is thus one of the oldest at Michaelhouse. Members are allowed to be opinionated and debate relevant topics.

We have covered various topical issues during our meetings. These include:

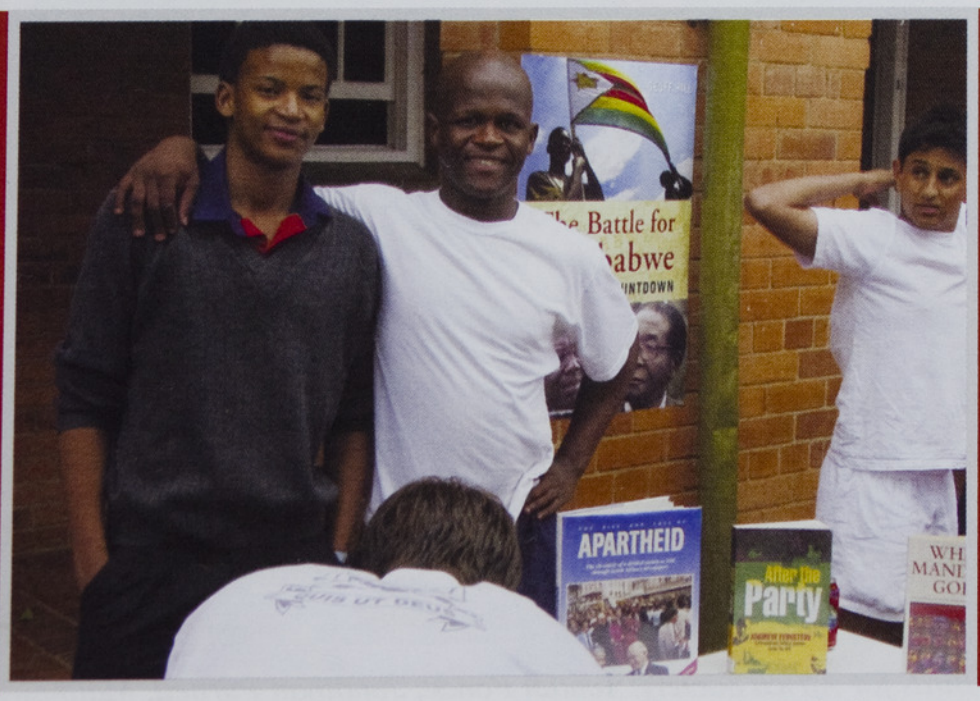
- The South African elections
- The Government of National Unity in Zimbabwe (Is it functioning? Is Mugabe really committed to it?)
- The situation in Guinea Bissau after the murder of its President, and the USA situation.
- The Obama Government: Will he meet the expectations that the world has? Is he really trying to do too much at the same time, as his critics say?
- The 100 days of the Zuma Government: Who is actually running the show; is it Mr Mantashe, Mr Vavi, Mr Nzimande or the President?
- The role played by Mr Malema in the politics of South Africa.

It has been a very enjoyable experience to listen to the boys' different views on different and controversial issues. I cannot recall one meeting where we finished on time; such was their enthusiasm.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Iain Guthrie**
Chairman: **Jordan Goddard**
Vice Chairman: **Cameron Lindsay**
Secretary: **Alain Mahieu**

As a result of greater interest in the society this year the numbers rose to 22 senior and 14 junior members. A number of activities were arranged for the members. On the Michaelhouse estate members were able to take part in the



African Affairs Society: Zakithi Buthelezi, Lethoxolo Mtshali



Agricultural Society

dipping, weening, vaccinating and pregnancy testing of the herd of Nguni cattle kept in the Oribi Reserve. Castrations were observed this year but boys were reluctant to perform them.

The visit to the Agricultural Show has become an annual fixture with the whole Society turning out for the event. The breeds of animals proved to be a draw card for most members with significant interest shown in Boran cattle, Austrolop chickens and miniature horses. Those mechanically minded spent a considerable time discussing the pros and cons of various farming machines.

The year ended with a braai at New Dam. Thanks to Jordan Goddard for his efforts this year and well done on being awarded this year's Agricultural Prize.

AKV SOCIETY

Staff members in charge: **Mr Johan van Rooyen and Mrs Heléne du Toit**
Chairman: **Naudé Breet**

Contrary to general belief that the AKV Society is a Braai Society - although boys are taught the finer art of braaiing from time to time - the main objective of the society is to offer its members the opportunity of exposure to the Afrikaans culture in a broader sense. This year we split the society in to junior and senior groups in order to accommodate junior boys as well. The meetings were informal where some traditional food was made and enjoyed and Afrikaans music played in the background. The Junior AKV with Mrs Heléne du Toit got together for 'melk tert' evenings while they watched Afrikaans drama on DVD. Mr van Rooyen showed the senior boys how to make traditional "roosterkoek" on an open fire. The "roosterkoek" had specific reference to the Matric Literature set book. On another occasion the boys had their braai evening and thoroughly enjoyed what was on offer.

ARCHIVES SOCIETY

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Lynn van der Vegte**
Chairman: **Michael Richardson**
Secretary: **Matthew Lowe**

With the Christian Focus Week being held earlier this year, it was decided to make the Michaelhouse Chapel and the link between Michaelhouse and the churches in the surrounding district the theme for the year. This later proved to be a very appropriate theme as, in researching the history of the Chapel, it was discovered that the dedication ceremony of the old chapel which was designed by Sir Herbert Baker was held on 20 February 1909 – exactly 100 years ago.

At the first meeting of the year, the history of the Michaelhouse Chapel was traced from its existence in 1909 as the "Old Chapel" as it is known today, through a period of extensions during 1925 and 1934, culminating in 1952, in the magnificent building we enjoy today. The current Chapel was built in honour of the 128 Old Boys who died during the Second World War and it was built to complement the Memorial Hall which honours those who had died in WWI.

The variety of kneelers in the chapel provided an interesting topic for the second meeting of the year. Mrs Sarah Pennington, the wife of Rector Rex Pennington (1969-1977) was the brain behind this amazing project. Originally there were 700 kneelers in the chapel. These kneelers were made by the mothers of Michaelhouse boys - the record being eight by a Mrs MacMurray. One of two standard patterns could be used or a more personal design was encouraged. Each kneeler has some initials or unique symbol on it which can link it to its original creator.

Our guest speaker at the third meeting was Rev Fred Pitout, an Old Boy himself and the Chaplain at Michaelhouse prior to Rev Alan Smedley. The beautiful stained glass windows in the chapel were discussed in detail during the boys' Divinity



AKV Society: Michael Karam, Stevie Leclezio, Matthew Fraser, Jason Clarke, Naudé Breet



Birds for Africa Society: Tendai Ponde, Jonathan Purnell, Matthew Lowe

classes, so Fred chose to focus on one window only - the one depicting the Archangel Raphael guiding the young Tobias. The boys enjoyed listening to the story of Tobias who had gone on a long journey, accompanied by Raphael, to find a cure for his father's blindness - hence in the School song - 'Raphael the Cure of God'.

An exciting fourth meeting took the boys to a place which very few Michaelhouse boys have ever seen before - the dark and dusty room where the organ pipes are housed. Mr Colin Hele, the official tuner of the organ, chatted to the boys about the history of the chapel organ which had been donated to the school in 1951 by the Barlow family, restored and included in the new Chapel in 1952. The organ was originally built for Sir Lionel Phillips, the South African mining magnate, by Brindley and Foster, the same company which built the beautiful organ in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall.

The last three meetings were outward bound - finding connections between churches in the district and Michaelhouse. At St John's Gowrie Presbyterian Church in Nottingham Road the name Jaffray cropped up in various places. Mr Walter Jaffray originally sold the land on which Michaelhouse is built to the School. The first organist for the church was a Miss Jaffray, believed to be one of Mr Walter Jaffray's daughters and the baptismal font was a donation in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Jaffray - Mr Walter Jaffray's mother. The graves of most of the Jaffray family can be found in the cemetery at St John's. The St Matthew's Chapel in Lidgetton was our destination on another outing. Lidgetton was named after the Lidgett family who bought the farm in the area in the 1800s and who have had sons at Michaelhouse. Michaelhouse families associated with the St Matthew's Chapel are the Mitchell-Inneses, the Thompsons and most recently, Colonel Peter Francis, who was at Michaelhouse from 1930 to 1932 and was buried there following a military funeral which was held in the Michaelhouse Chapel earlier this year. The final outing of the year was to the Hilton College Museum and Chapel. The boys felt very strongly that they would like to start working on a project to create a similar museum at Michaelhouse - perhaps this will become our theme for 2010.

ART SOCIETY

Teacher in Charge: **Ms Joy Preiss**

The Art Society had 19 members this past year. The majority of activities were centered around outings to exhibition openings and on the odd occasion we met in the Art lecture theatre to watch art movies and to have discussions. The most popular exhibition to attend has always been the annual KwaZulu-Natal Matric Art Exhibition which is held in the Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg. The trip is made down to Pietermaritzburg at 5pm and we arrive at our destination with plenty of time to view and examine the artworks on show. This year two of our A Blockers had their work on display and we were able to view it in the context of what is being done at the other schools in KwaZulu Natal. Other exhibitions attended were The Wykeham Collegiate Combined Exhibition, and the A Block portfolio exhibition opening.

BIRDS FOR AFRICA SOCIETY

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Kate Smedley**
Chairman: **Mivan Howard**
Secretary: **Antony Renton**

The year began with the festive annual Clubs and Societies Fair and thanks to two very enthusiastic members, namely Matthew Lowe and Jonathan Purnell, we signed up over 30 members, only three of whom were never to be seen again. The majority, however, remained keen and eager for most of the year and we are happy to report on a record number of outings this year.



Art Society: Simon Watt-Pringle, Ms Joy Preiss



Debating Society: Abbey Ally, David Horscroft

The first one was to see the Barn Swallows at Mount Moreland and 14 of us set off on a rather overcast Friday afternoon in March to witness the amazing sight of millions of these tiny birds coming in to roost at sunset in the reed bed situated there. Even the weather could not dampen the event and a general decision was made to repeat the trip next year.

During the winter and second quarter we had evening meetings for general discussion as bird life is fairly quiet at this time. However, in August, Mrs Kate Hulley, of Hopewell Farm, informed us that a baby Wattled Crane was being raised by its parents near their dam. Six of us spent a wonderful Sunday afternoon near the dam where we had a good sighting of the Crane family as well as Red Knobbed Coots, Yellow Billed Ducks, Blackheaded Heron and a number of geese and other birds. The Hulleys kindly invited the boys back to the house for tea and biscuits before returning to Michaelhouse.

On 25 August, we had an evening meeting, where Mr Rory Drysdale kindly gave of his time to share his memories of birding as a boy and his interest in birds. Eats and cake rounded off a good informal time together. Other outings included six of us going to the Falcon Ridge Raptor Centre in the Champagne Valley on a very hot Sunday morning on 13 September, to witness a superb display of raptors and owls which was enjoyed by us all, as well as a most informative talk. We spent an hour afterwards at Em'seni on the banks of the Tugela, enjoying the peace and tranquility of the area but the bird life was quiet - a bit too early in the season to see many of the regulars.

On 16 September, five boys attended a talk in Howick given by Mr George Zaloumis on his trip to Madagascar. A quick call to the fast food outlets rounded off a pleasant evening. Finally, during the fourth quarter some of the boys became involved in the 'Free Me Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre' in Howick and this has afforded them the opportunity of seeing a Purple Crested Turaco, a Pygmy Kingfisher, Herons and a number of Owls at close quarters. Justin Rodger had the dubious pleasure of feeding an injured baby Spotted Eagle Owl raw chicken hearts by hand whilst facing a very sharp pointed beak. Philip Clay had the honour of force feeding baby Hadedahs with the same delicacy. Brave boys indeed.

All in all, we had an interesting year with good attendances at most of our meetings. Unfortunately most of the society's outings are usually limited to a maximum of six boys as most boys seem to have a hectic sporting schedule and time at weekends is at a premium. However, the society is alive and well and we look forward to many more sightings and new trips next year. Sadly, our Secretary, Antony Renton, was involved in a bad cycling accident during the fourth quarter and our thoughts and prayers go out to him during this time of recuperation and we wish him a full recovery.

BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Albie Dahlberg**

The Board Games Society met on two evenings a quarter and meetings were attended by approximately ten boys on each occasion. The society has a large number of games with the most popular being 30 Seconds, Battleships and Jenga. The boys generally had a great deal of fun and often did not wish to leave at the end of meeting time. The object of the society is to enjoy a more relaxed and less studious environment.

BOXING CLUB

Coach: **Mr Phlorian Mnikathi**
Captain: **David Pearce**

The Michaelhouse Boxing Club met twice a week for training and sparring sessions under the watchful eye of Mr Phlorian Mnikathi, a Junior Welter Weight who had a seven year career which included eight professional fights (four wins, three losses and a draw) before retiring and coming to work at Michaelhouse. Mr Mnikathi is currently part of the Media Centre team.

The boxing club received a generous sponsorship from Mr Greg Williams which enabled them to purchase punch bags, gloves and spin balls. This was greatly appreciated.

The club was made up of fourteen members who enjoyed working out at Michaelhouse as well as travelling to the Edendale YMCA at the beginning of the year for sparring practice.

Professionalism and safety are Mr Mnikathi's key concerns and when sparring the boys wear head guards, mouth guards and body boxes, and there has not been one injury since the club started in 2003.

BUSINESS SOCIETY

Master in Charge**: Mr Rory Drysdale**
Club Members: **Christopher Rossouw, Richter Landman, Alasdair Allen, Rati Mashego**

The Business Society met regularly during the year. A number of trades took place: Coal of Africa shares were all sold. Shares purchased were 200 Woolworths, 750 Esor, 50 Impala Platinum and 50 Nedbank.

The unit value at the start of the year was R0.97 per unit. On 12 November 2009 the unit price had increased to R1.27 per unit. This represented a 31% increase for the year.

Fund holdings on 12 November 2009:

1000	Grindrod	17 950
200	Wilson Bayley	23 522
150	Anglos	46 366
750	Esor	3 038
200	Woolworths	3 410
50	Impala Platinum	8 575
50	Nedbank	6 048
	Cash	1 027
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DEBATING SOCIETY

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Louise Erwee**
Chairman: **David Horscroft**
Colours: **David Horscroft**
Half Colours: **Rati Mashego, Simon Watt-Pringle, Joshua Magor, Cameron Wilson.**

Bryan Buchler and Magashe Ngoepe earned their colours but as C Blockers they could not receive them. They will get them in 2010.

We started the year off by hosting a touring team from Bloemfontein, St Michael's School for girls on 4 February. We had two teams that were a mixture of juniors and seniors. Our boys won both debates and a good time was had by all. The presence of the fairer sex certainly contributed to this!

On 1 March the KwaZulu-Natal Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships were held at St Mary's in Kloof. Bryan Buchler, Rati Mashego and Magashe Ngoepe participated in this event. They were required to participate in four different categories: prepared speeches, prepared reading, debating and impromptu speeches. Each of the participants were placed in the top five in at least one category. Bryan, in particular, is to be commended on his first position in the debating category. There were 46 participants from all over KwaZulu-Natal.

Overall rankings:
Bryan Buchler - 6th
Rati Mashego - 15th
Magashe Ngoepe - 16th

On 10 May Michaelhouse hosted the KwaZulu-Natal Inter-League Debating Tournament. Both Bryan Buchler and Magashe Ngoepe were invited to participate in this event as members of the Midlands Team and acquitted themselves extremely well.

By 30 April both the junior and senior teams had completed seven rounds of debating in the Midlands League. On 30 July our junior team participated in the final round against Drakensberg Secondary and were victorious.

On 26 July David Horscroft was invited to participate in the KwaZulu-Natal Inter-League Tournament held at GHS, Pietermaritzburg, where he delivered his usual command performance.

The September holiday was an extremely busy debating period. We participated in two tournaments lasting three days each. From Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 September David Horscroft, Tendai Ponde, Menzi Ndlovu and Vincent Nunes participated in the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships held at Clifton in Durban. Seventy one participants from all over the country were expected to participate in four different categories.

Overall rankings:
David Horscroft -20th
Tendai Ponde - 23rd
Vincent Nunes - 53rd
Menzi Ndlovu - 69th

From Friday 2 October to Sunday 4 October Bryan Buchler and Magashe Ngoepe participated in the Provincial Debating Tournament as members of the Midlands Team. The tournament was held in Port Shepstone. A very promising young E Block debater, Jonathan Goschen, had also been selected as a reserve for this event. Twenty teams belonging to all the different leagues in KwaZulu-Natal took part. The Midlands was one of the top four teams to participate in the semi-final being closely defeated by Pietermaritzburg. What was particularly thrilling was that it was at least six years since a Midlands team has got this far!

At our final function of the year we thanked our senior debaters, Simon Watt-Pringle, Joshua Magor, Cameron Wilson, Tendai Ponde, Menzi Ndlovu and David Horscroft, for their dedication to debating over their years at Michaelhouse. The Coyle Prize for Exceptional Service to Debating was awarded to David Horscroft. He is thanked for his incredible input and enthusiasm over the years in all spheres of debating at Michaelhouse.

FILM APPRECIATION SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Simon Crane**

This has been a tremendous year for the Film Appreciation Society. Our numbers have grown dramatically. From the fledgling days in early 2007 when a handful of boys would arrive at the MLT for a discussion and a movie, through the establishing period of 2008 when our numbers began to grow, this is a society that is rapidly becoming one of the top societies at Michaelhouse.

In 2007 we met five times, in 2008 just four times and at the time of writing we have already had our seventh meeting.

Forty seven boys attended the seventh meeting this year; the largest number since I started the society three years ago.

Certain changes have been implemented this year. Most importantly, we have moved the meeting venue from the MLT to my English classroom because my classroom has the best surround sound system in the school and the movies are projected on to a screen 1.7m wide. This means no compromises in terms of audio and video quality which is critical when you are running a Film Society.

Well the question that remains is "What have the boys been watching?"

We started the year with "First Blood"; a 1981 movie in which Sylvester Stallone defends himself against a corrupt Sheriff. I chose this because it is an intelligently made original in which oddly there is only one fatality. It contrasts effectively with Stallone's more violent sequels.

We followed this with an action festival of two Terminator movies; "The Terminator" from 1984 and "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" from 1991. These two movies proved very popular and it was indeed interesting how well the latter was received considering it is now eighteen years old.

In the depth of our Balgowan winter Ridley Scott's 1979 sci-fi movie "Alien" showed the boys how tension could be created through clever use of suggestion. The boys found this particularly interesting, especially in the current climate of suspense movies that show far too much.

I tempered the action theme with a clever Denzel Washington drama called "John Q" and I was amazed at how receptive the boys were to a thinking movie in which there is very little action. They were tremendously moved by this story of the relationship between a father and his son. So much so that one of the boys used a clip from this movie as the basis for his Chapel service later that month.

To round off the year we watched an adaptation of John Grisham's novel "The Rainmaker" which is a very effective courtroom drama featuring Matt Damon, Danny de Vito and Claire Danes and our largest attendance was for the Dennis Quaid remake of "Flight of the Phoenix" which was largely filmed on our doorstep in Namibia.

I have been delighted to see this Society grow this year. This is a field that I am passionate about and clearly there is a demand from the boys. And so we press onwards enthusiastically towards 2010.

FIRST AID SOCIETY

Sister in Charge: **Sr Joanne McMillan**
Chairman: **Philip Clay**
Secretary: **Tseko Letlala**

Netcare 911 trained 19 of our first aiders at First Level First Aid and seven at Second Level.

For the first two home games we had a good turn out to my meetings to plan the duties for the Saturdays.

I am always questioning whether we do enough with first aid support at home games. At the Michaelhouse vs Hilton game I asked the ER 24 Support if what we provide for home games is sufficient. The paramedic assured me that what we provide outdoes all other schools. Our first aiders are very good and have adult professional supervision for when it is needed, coupled with the medical facilities on hand.

The paramedic did not feel having an ambulance at the school was necessary as we could stabilise a person in our First Aid room until an ambulance arrives at the school.

I felt reassured that we are providing adequate cover for home winter sport games. It is often pointed out to me at



First Aid Society: Joshua Moon, Duncan Guiney, Zaahir Hurribunce, Philip Clay



Paintball Organising Club

away games that the first aid is not always adequate even when an ambulance is on site. The ambulance is only as good as the people who perform the first aid.

In the second term Mr Paul Fleischack and Mr Neil van der Merwe took over the coordinating of the First Aid Team which relieved the San Sisters so that they could concentrate on the flu epidemic. Mr Paul Fleischack placed some of the responsibility on the Medical Student Leaders as part of their medical leadership portfolio.

We had the end of year braai for all those who helped with first aid this year at Notting Hill to thank the boys for their input in the School. They enjoyed braaing their own meat and swimming away from the school grounds.

FRENCH SOCIETY

Teachers in Charge: **Mdm Martine De Maroussem, Mdm Isabelle Schweyer**

The French Society was started at the beginning of the year with the aim of giving the boys an opportunity to enjoy French movies outside of class context.

The boys had the opportunity to watch: Mon père, ce héros (*My father, the hero*), Astérix, Mission Cléopâtre, La gloire de mon père, Taxi 1 and Taxi 2. There was a very positive response at the first show.

Of all the boys that joined the Society, the D Blockers have been the most regular and need to be commended for their diligence.

HOOPS SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Tatenda Chidzawo**

The focus of 2009 was to attempt to produce six competent referees and to have all six come from the student ranks. On top of that we tried to train two competent scorers. This seemed to be an ominous task, especially since, if we did succeed in this endeavour, Michaelhouse would be the only school in the province to have so many school boy referees. The boys that were chosen to be part of the programme were enthusiastic and willing to learn from their mistakes. The term ended up being a huge success with the production of six highly competent referees who have impressed within the walls of the School and with opposing teams. They have done so well that early in 2010 they are all getting their official grading enabling them to officiate at higher levels.

In the following year the Society will attempt to build on this success by hopefully adding two more boys and possibly some coaches who have shown a keen interest to join the refereeing ranks. Furthermore, we hope to increase the number of scorers that are able to assist on match days. Another aim for the coming year is community outreach where the society will hopefully be able to assist Mr Sibiya with the Asithuthuke boys' team.

The names of the boys that were part of the referees programme are Patrick Howard, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Tyler and Cheyne Halliday, Sean Hugo and Adrian Krige. The two scorers that were always available to help were Jonathan Laing and Otto Joseph.

In conclusion the society thanks Mr de Klerk for always giving us the support that we needed through the year.

PAINTBALL ORGANISING CLUB

Master in Charge: **Mr Bernard Whitaker**
Chairman: **Pieter Pelser**

The Paintball Organising Club is a new club formed this year. The aim of the club was not about the playing of paintball, but rather getting the boys involved in organising events; obviously they had first option of playing in these events. We had a number of highly successful outings to Renegade Paintball, where a good time was had by most. We also had a very entertaining day at Michaelhouse with a large number of boys competing. This put immense pressure on the committee, but the day on a whole ran very smoothly. We are in the process of buying our own equipment which will make the paintball a lot more affordable. The club was chaired by Pieter Pelser who did a brilliant job of getting the club running.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Graeme Calway**
Chairman: **Francis Edwardes**
Secretary: **Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse**

This was another good year for the Photographic Society. Our numbers steadily increased, although all from the same House. Yet again the number of entries to the Pietermaritzburg Camera Club Competitions increased, and the standard is definitely on the way up. Francis Edwardes (C Block) and Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse (C Block) have progressed from one star photographers to two star, and Nicolas had one of his photos (God's Awesome Power) submitted to Provincial and National Inter-Club Salons, where it received a commendation. Francis Edwardes achieved the Most Junior Points Award from the Pietermaritzburg Camera Club and



Photographer: Francis Edwardes



Photographer: Alexander Jordaan



Photographer: Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse



Photographer: Kieran Allen

Photographic Society: photographs by members

Nicolas Wiehe Lagesse the Most Gold and Merit Awards in the junior section.

There were several members who submitted their first photos to the Camera Club Competition and all of them attained at least one Gold Award.

I would like to thank Mr André van Wyk who assisted me this year.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SOCIETY

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack**

The President's Award is the South African name of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, which began in the United Kingdom in 1956. This international scheme aims to promote self-improvement through participation in community service, sport, an adventure and purposeful recreation. The award can be achieved at different levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level requires a greater commitment and personal development within each of these fields.

All C Block boys register for the Bronze Level President's Award as part of their Life Orientation Programme. The opportunities for service, sport and society participation offered at School as well as the compulsory three day hike give all boys the opportunity to achieve the Bronze Award in their C Block year.

The President's Award Society was established to support those boys who wish to progress to the Silver and Gold Awards or to fast track their Bronze Awards. The opportunity to hike in the 'Berg with girls from The Wykeham Collegiate may have been a strong motivation for some members to complete the adventure requirement before the three day hike!

The following boys have been awarded the Bronze Certificates of the President's Award and have started working towards the Silver award:

Anthony Strathern, David Pearce, David Bradford, Gregory Heeger, Digby Berriman, Duncan Guiney, Thomas Thorpe

SCUBA DIVING CLUB

Master in Charge: **Mr Michael Schwartz**
Chairmen: **Gregory Heeger and Luke Taylor**
Staff: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield, Mr Mike Bownes, Mr Righardt Kotze**

It was a very active year for the Scuba Diving Club again. We added 28 open water divers, eight advanced divers and

five rescue divers to the club. There were numerous trips to Aliwal Shoal and the Club also enjoyed a very successful trip to Egypt in the June holidays.

In the first quarter, two Open Water One courses were started. One was lead by Mr Kotze and another by Mr Bownes. The first course saw 17 boys qualify at the end of the first quarter and the second course saw 12 boys qualify at the start of the second quarter.

All in all this year, the social divers were given the opportunity to dive on six occasions. Sometimes these dives coincided with the course dives, but generally they were done on their own.

One such dive took place on Sunday 1 November. Six boys and Mr Schwartz left a rather wet Michaelhouse and headed towards the South Coast aiming for Umkomaas. It was not raining when we arrived, but the wind had started to blow. We did a sea launch as there was not enough water in the river. The swells were quite big and this made for a rough start to the first dive for the day. After about 30 minutes of bumping up and down, we arrived at Aliwal Shoal's Raggies Cave. At the start, the water felt relatively warm, but this was to change half way through our dive. We dropped directly onto the cave and five small raggie sharks welcomed us to their space. The visibility was about 10m which is very good for the Shoal at this time of the year. A manta ray paid us a brief visit. We encountered a number of fish on the day, but the highlight for me was when a school of barracuda circled directly above our heads. What a fantastic sight. After 40 minutes under the water, I and many of the boys were cold. It was time to surface. The wind had increased in strength while we were under the water and the swells were even larger. Our skipper handled himself very well and ensured we had a safe trip back.

After much planning and preparation, the day finally arrived for 30 members of the Michaelhouse community to embark on an Egyptian adventure. Looking back on the trip, I am amazed at all that was accomplished on the trip. For some it was 11 days and for others it was 16 days, including travelling time. Six flights, 16 dives, live-aboard boats, the pyramids and temples; these are a few of the activities we completed. We departed from OR Tambo at 9.45am on Saturday 27 June. In the next five days, we would do 16 dives in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gulf of Suez. The water temperature was about 25°C and the visibility about 30m. With the sea nearly flat all the time, these made for good diving conditions. We were able to experience lots of the coral life in the sea, saw many different, local fish and marine species; it was a real privilege to be given the opportunity to dive in this amazing place. This was definitely a worthwhile experience; one I hope to be able to repeat in the not too distant future. We can all look back on an experience that has enriched our lives. We were also able to start new friendships or build on existing ones.

Over the weekends of 9-10 and 29-30 August, eight boys did their training and completed the course that allowed them to receive their Advanced Qualification. Five boys and Mr Schwartz were attempting to become the first Rescue Divers at Michaelhouse and probably the first group from Michaelhouse to do this course. It is a very time consuming course, but the best course we have done so far.

In this course you really learn how to be a diver and become a lot more confident in the water. You learn to take note of what is happening around you and to take care of your equipment. Firstly, we had to do an emergency response first aid course, theory, practical and an exam. Then we had to do all the lectures and another theory exam. The diving portion consisted of a full day at Shires Quarry, two dive scenarios at Umkomaas in very cold water conditions and then a morning doing surf rescue scenarios in Durban. It is a mentally tough course. You learn how to respond when you are cold and tired. The second dive at Umkomaas demonstrated this. We did a 20 minute dive in very cold water. We got back onto the boat in very rough sea conditions and unkitted. Once we were relaxed and starting to warm up, the dive instructor then set a rescue scenario before us. We had to plan, re-kit



Scuba Diving Club: on tour in Egypt



Scuba Diving Club: on tour in Egypt

and get back into the water. Thirty minutes later we were on our way back to the shore, practising CPR on the boat continuously for about 20 minutes. Needless to say, we were exhausted once we were on land. The surf rescue scenarios were interesting, but challenging. Durban decided to show us how big the swells can really be in her waters. This was physically the most demanding part of the course. All in all, a great course to do and a must for anyone who wants to improve his skills in the water.

It was a most enjoyable diving season, albeit a very tiring one. The boys and I have managed to log many dives this year and many boys are experiencing the wonders of under water diving. My thanks to Mr Adlington-Corfield, Mr Kotze and Mr Bownes. My thanks also go to Beryl at Africa Blue for her instruction, help and leadership during all our diving in 2009.

THEATRE TECHNOLOGY

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Dionne Redfern**
Staff: **Mr Jean-Louis Swart**
Chairman: **Kenneth Renton**
Honours: **Kenneth Renton**
Colours: **Mark Farrow**

This year's crew consisted of eight members all of whom worked together as a well-functioning team. The crew worked exceptionally hard, running technicals for all events which required sound and/or lighting in the Theatre and on occasion helping with the Music School performances, the Christian Focus Week, lighting for drama exams as well as audio for Enrichment Speakers.

Under superb leadership by the Chairman, Kenneth Renton, the crew efficiently ran technicals for this year's major production "Ipi Ntombi", for which we used every theatrical light and sound channel in the theatre!
The number of shows listed in the theatre report gives some indication of the time and commitment the theatre crew gave. In addition to this, Kenneth Renton and Mark Farrow were both invited to work on a crew for ProSound/T&A Lighting which ran the MMINO Music Mix Festival held at the Durban ICC during the September holidays. Both Kenneth and Mark were commended on their knowledge and the work ethic they portrayed while working with professionals.

TOASTMASTERS' SOCIETY

Teachers in Charge**: Mr Viktor Kurz, Mrs Dionne Redfern**
Chairman: **Sanda Shandu**
Vice Chairman: **David Horscroft**
Secretary: **Kieren King**

We can look back at 2009 with a deep sense of satisfaction. The speeches delivered were of the highest standard matched by a Committee who have promoted the excellence of our society at every turn.

Our meetings (there were two dinners per term) are formal by nature with the format allowing for impromptu speeches, followed by prepared speeches. We had 41 members with 25 from A Block and 16 from B Block.

As is customary for each meeting, a theme is chosen for the evening, with all the speeches (impromptu and prepared) following the theme. These themes are either chosen to fit in with something that is happening in the world at the time of the meeting, or chosen by the boys. Thus, our February meeting's theme was entitled: "What's love got to do with it…" to tie in with Valentine's Day. Other themes during this year have been: "It's a conspiracy", "It's black and white" (this meeting was close to the Hilton/Michaelhouse Derby Day), "Escape" and "Perspective".

The third quarter saw our ever-popular Parents' and Son's Evening on 4 September. The theme for the evening was



Toastmaster's Society: Stephen Lishman, David Horscroft, Joshua Magor



Matthew Heenan with a rainbow trout

"Numbers". This evening is only for the A Block members and parents, and marks the final meeting attended by the A Block member. It is the highlight of the year, where boys showcase their oratory talents and skills learnt whilst in the Society. This year two parents agreed to present a speech; Mr Mark Bradford and Mr Craig Watt-Pringle.

At this evening, awards were made to certain boys for their contribution to the society. These were voted for by the boys. The awards for 2009 were:

Jack Crutchley Award for Excellence in Public Speaking: **Joshua Magor**
John Pluke Award for the Most Improved Speaker: **Stephen Lishman**
Dudley Forde Award for the Promotion of Excellence of Toastmasters: **David Horscroft**

TROUT CLUB

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**
Chairman: **Mark Blore**

The Trout Club enjoyed a busy and successful year. In addition to two outings per quarter we had a guest speaker, Mr Peter Brigg, who came to one of our meetings to talk about his lovely coffee table book, "The Call of the Stream".

Philip Clay is congratulated on his selection to fish for the KwaZulu-Natal Team in the Junior Inter Provincial Fly Fishing Competition.

The highlight of the year remains our annual pilgrimage to Trout Camp in East Griqualand. Having missed last year's camp this was my first with hosts Murray and Bimpy Cathcart who have taken over the baton from Murray's parents, Stigs and Lynne. The trip was fantastic with the generous and gracious hospitality of the Cathcart family ever evident. Although no trophies were landed the trip was successful with everyone catching at least one fish. It was very gratifying to be present with Andrew Roos, Leonard von Stackelberg and Nicholas Cox for the capture of their first trout. Well done to all of them! Trout Camp has been going for over fifty years and it is worth mentioning that this year's camp was accompanied by Dads Ian Cox and Murray Heaton-Nicholls, both of whom attended the camp as Michaelhouse boys themselves. Mr Andrew Green also accompanied his son Kelby.

During the fourth quarter we had our annual fun competition against the Hilton College Trout Club. It was fished in miserable conditions up at the Le Sueur's lovely lake. It was a memorable day on which both schools managed to get their 4x4 vehicles stuck in thick mud, requiring the boys to do a lot of pushing before they could start fishing! Although our boys caught a number of fish, the final honours went to Hilton College.

The Club is only able to function as a result of the generosity of our many riparian owners who allow us access to their lovely waters. We are completely indebted to them. I am also very grateful to Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield and Mrs Win de Wet for their ongoing assistance in the running of the Club.

90 x 2030

Master in Charge : **Mr Paul Fleischack**

As the threats to our planet increase, and we progressively exceed planetary boundaries we have a choice: either we carry on the same way and become depressed; or pick up the challenge and explore the true impacts of our life styles and seek to reduce our CO_2 emissions.

We all seek to live lives that are good for ourselves, for others and bring about happiness. But this is not always the case. Sometimes the way we live, and the resources we use and green house gases our lifestyles emit, exceed the life support systems of earth. We use too much energy and create green house gases that further threaten life on earth. We create too much waste, use too much water and often our lifestyles reduce the precious biodiversity that sustains life on earth. How can we live differently on earth?

The 90 x 2030 Organisation aims to reduce carbon emissions globally by 90% by the year 2030. Towns, businesses, schools and community groups world-wide subscribe to this programme. Emission reduction is brought about by recycling waste, using alternative and renewable energy and by reducing the consumption of energy. This will require a change in behaviour and consumption patterns of the general populus.

Having earned permanent Green Flag status in the Ecoschools programme in 2008, Michaelhouse continues to strive to apply environmental best practices through membership of the 90 x 2030 Organisation. This ensures that boys and staff remain involved in all the environmental activities which were initiated during the Green Flag project.

As part of the 90 x 2030 programme, our boys have met with their counterparts at St Anne's, who are introducing similar activities. Two boys, David Brill and Michael Venter, also successfully harvested methane from dung and bana grass, using equipment sponsored as part of the Green Flag Award. This project has attracted much attention and has been published in the Independent Schools Magazine well as other publications.

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ORIBI RESERVE

Masters in Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack, Mr Iain Guthrie**

The Oribi Reserve grows from strength to strength. The oribi, while difficult to see on most occasions, appear to be thriving. Three blesbuck lambs were born, of which two survived. Three mountain reedbuck were introduced earlier in the year and have settled well.

Once again, the E Block Outdoor Education campout was held in the reserve; this year they were based at Strips Dam, just inside the boundary. This venue is isolated and offers no sight of the surrounding farm buildings or local houses. Boys camping in this area enjoy a wilderness experience, free from the influence of extraneous light or sound. Being on the edge of the reserve also meant that the event had minimum impact on the reserve.

The start of the long weekend in the second quarter is earmarked for an annual ceremony in the reserve for the whole School. This year we highlighted the importance of preserving this pristine area of mistbelt grassland in an area which is under threat of housing developments.

Boys continue to participate in a range of activities in the reserve each week. All benefit from these experiences, although not all enjoy the more physical work that sometimes has to be done. Their efforts in eradicating alien plants are now becoming visible. The reserve is all but clear of bugweed. The focus is now on removing the remaining blackwoods in the indigenous forest areas and brambles from grasslands.



Annual Oribi Reserve Ceremony

Once again the streams in the reserve bear testimony to the health of the grasslands. They ran clear and strong throughout the winter. The quality of the grassland continues to improve. Each year the amount of visible soil decreases, particularly in areas that had been grazed rather than burned.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Written by Rev Fred Pitout

2009 was a particularly busy and challenging year; with a new Community Partnership Manager along with Mrs Michelle Huntley, we worked "to ensure that Michaelhouse develops a lifelong service ethos in its boys and facilitates meaningful economic, social and environmental contributions to the development of the local community". (Goal Five - Social, Economic and Environmental responsibility - Michaelhouse Vision 2015).

We adopted the Zulu concept of ILIMA – "we work together", in order to "review and to deepen the School's commitment to service of community and country as part of the broader curriculum" (Action One of Goal Five)

Through the year more than 500 boys were involved in service projects in the School and through Community Partnerships Programmes.

SCHOOL BASED PROJECTS

Founders - Boys were involved at Asithuthuke with the upgrading of classrooms, repairing ceilings and painting. All this was done working in partnership with Asithuthuke pupils.

East - Boys were involved at Asithuthuke School replacing broken window panes and painting the outside of three classrooms. Blankets were collected during the second quarter and distributed to homes of those unemployed in Zenzane Village.

West - Mrs Lynn van der Vegte continued to oversee the weekly reading project to help estate children with their English.

Farfield - Mr Michael Schwartz encouraged boys to go on weekly visits to Greendale House in Howick. Boys formed new friendships through their visits with aged people.

Tatham - Boys coached Nottingham Road Primary School children in hockey, soccer and cricket every week.

Pascoe - Boys travelled to Hlanganani Primary School every week and were involved in sports coaching and the development of vegetable gardens.

Baines - Mr Johan van Rooyen and boys continued with weekly visits to Sunfield Home for the mentally handicapped.

Mackenzie - Boys visited Khazimula Shelter on a weekly basis. They assisted the 32 children with homework, computer literacy and sport.

Maths Literacy Support - run by Mr Paul de Wet. Mr Mvelo Phungula visited Jabula School in Lidgetton every week whilst Mr Sihle Mtshali, one of our interns, coordinated work amongst 60 matric students from Asithuthuke, Nottingham Road Combined School and Dambuza (Mooi River). This was much appreciated and Maths marks rose substantially.

D Block Integrated Studies - As part of the programme after mid-year exams, all D Block boys spent a whole day going to school at either Nottingham Road Combined or Asithuthuke Schools. This life experience education was much appreciated by all.

DONOR BASED PROJECTS

Smile (St Marys' Interactive Learning Experience in English).
On Wednesday afternoons we bussed in 72 Grade 4 and 5 children from Crystal Springs Primary School in Lidgetton. Capitol Caterers sponsored a light lunch for the children who then moved into three classes for English lessons with Mrs Kate Smedley, Mrs Charlie Ross and Mrs Emma Guthrie along with four B Blockers in each class. After an hours lesson the children enjoyed games on Punchbowl, before returning home. Seventy four B Block boys received Smile Certificates for this Community Partnership Work.

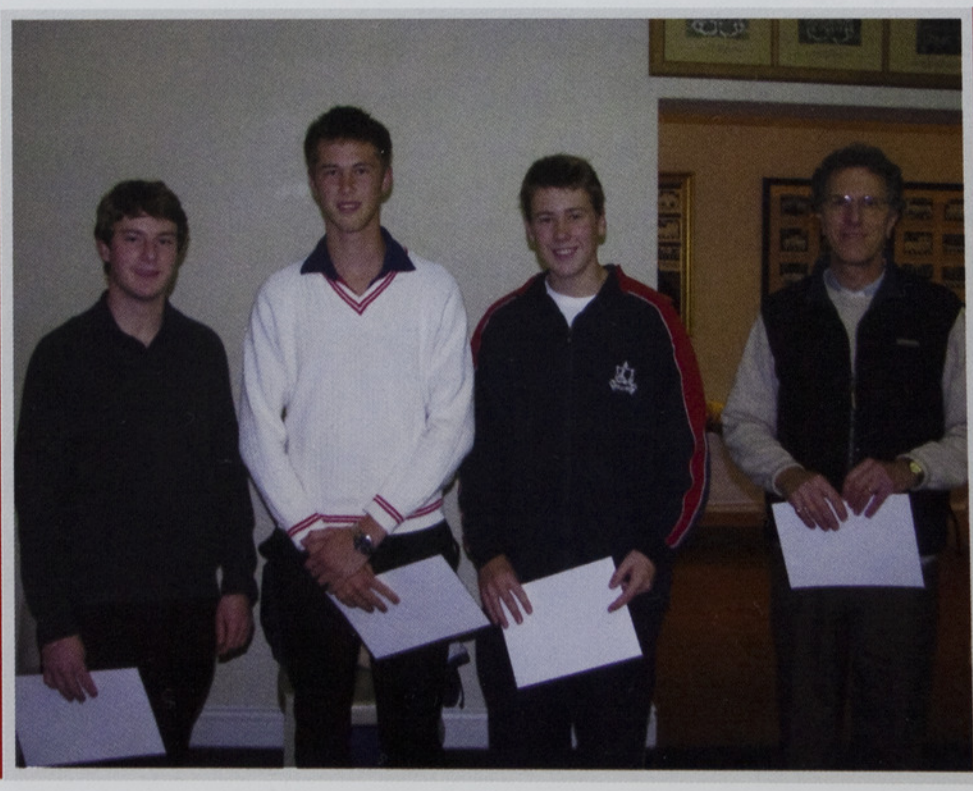
Khazimula Shelter
Mrs Elke von Schlichting continued to provide energy and commitment to helping the children. Thanks to all those who are part of the MySchool card system, the proceeds of which were able to supply extra food and clothing for the 32 children.

Art Competition
Ten local schools participated in the competition which had the theme "All Creatures Great and Small". Around 1500 entries were received from Grade 0 - Grade 12. Mrs Faith Bam and Mrs Janet Hesketh, both on the Board of Governors, had the unenviable task of judging the art. Prize-giving was held in September with winners being given certificates followed by cakes and cooldrinks in the Roy Gathorne Pavilion.

Art Programme
Mr Sandile Sibiya continued to give weekly lessons in art and craft to 12 pupils from Asithuthuke School. The students each completed four pieces of work. The aim is for students to produce saleable art and crafts thus providing future employment.



Nikolai von Stackelberg and Grant Walker in the Sanctuary they converted at Hlanganani School



SMILE: Michael Nash, Richard Lynn and Jonathan Taylor receiving their certificates from Canon Alan Smedley

Basketball
Mr Sandile Sibiya provided coaching to 15 boys from Asithuthuke School on a regular basis. Lessons took place in the Inglis Indoor Centre and on the outside court at Asithuthuke. The boys played numerous matches with some success.

Woodberry Forest School (USA)
Mr Ben Hale brought eight boys on a follow up visit in February. They successfully painted the large interior of the school hall at Hlanganani School as well as helped with lessons with the Grade 6 and 7 children in the Computer Laboratory.

Swimming
Intern Mr Tango Nchukana took Tuesday and Thursday morning swimming lessons at Nottingham Road Primary School. As an accredited swimming coach, simply teaching children to swim and enjoy the water was most rewarding.

Peter Brown Award
Nikolai von Stackelberg and Grant Walker converted the annex area of the Hlanganani School Hall into a Sanctuary. A large wooden cross made of large planks, kindly donated by OM Philip Stanistreet, was painted and erected. This Holy Space is recognised and used by the children. One hundred and fifty isiZulu Bibles were also purchased and donated to the school.

Mrs Esther Zuma's Creche (Lidgetton)
Forty-two small children were cared for everyday by Mrs Zuma and a helper. Through the efforts of Mrs Boo Lewis and the local "Angels of Hope", a large new room and an ablution block have been built. Twelve Founders boys and Mr André van Wyk laid 170m² of grass in the grounds - thanks to the efforts of our Bursar and Michaelhouse estate staff.

Balgowan Health and Social Development Committee
This body has grown from the original Balgowan Clinic. Chaired by Khanysile Mnguni and Raymond Duma, representatives of all departments and local communities met fortnightly. Community Pastor, Rev Sipho Zuma represented all those who live in Zenzane Village which now has more than 100 new houses. Senior Sanatorium Sister, Joanne McMillan and Sister Mhlongo from the local clinic have continued to oversee the HIV/Aids programme. Counselling, home based care and provision of ARV's has been looked after. Counselling for teenagers was provided by Simphiwe Dumakude of the Umgeni Paralegal Centre, at Asithuthuke School.

ABET
Mrs Marianne Crane and Mrs Debby Evans revived the Adult Education and Literacy Programme. Forty-two adults have registered and eight local educators (from the previous ABET Course) gave their services. The Roy Gathorne Oval Pavilion was a buzz every Wednesday evening with groups meeting in every available nook and cranny! All adults were assessed by the IEB and are now formally registered in the correct respective groups.

ICDL
The International Computer Literacy Programme continued to be offered to all to estate staff and local teachers. Mr Mfanseni Phungula, himself a past graduate, had a group of 24 people meeting late Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Julie Flanegan, HOD IT Department, oversaw the programme.

We give particular thanks to the following donors: DHB Investments (Pty) Ltd, The Fulton Trust, Nottingham Road Farmers Association, Woodberry Forest School (USA), Wellington College (UK), 8 Miler Club, Nina Campbell Quine Trust, Fulcrum Trust (UK), Tony Richmond, Tarian Trust, visiting exchange students to Michaelhouse, Capitol Caterers, Bay Farm Tours (UK) and MySchool Card.



Esther Zuma Creche: laying grass



Tatham boys at Nottingham Road Primary

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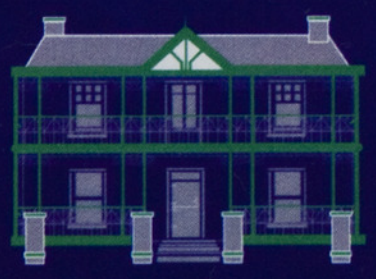

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AQUATICS

SWIMMING

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**
Coache: **Mr André van Wyk**
Captain: **Chase le Roux**
Honours: **Renier Janse van Rensburg, Matthew Shave**
Colours: **Daniel Rodgers, Nicholas Byrne, Chase le Roux**
Half Colours: **Storm Gallie, James Nupen, Tristan van Dam, Ryan Shiel**

The emphasis was changed this year to promoting individual swimmers, rather than to promote a school swimming squad where we battle to compete at a reasonable level. We do not have the depth of talent of our competitors.

Inter-House Gala

Last year I reported that the Inter-House gala was, for the third year, held in near perfect conditions. Not so this year. The gala was suspended half way through due to a massive thunderstorm. Fortunately we were able to finish the event at a later stage.

Results were as follows:
Junior Individual Medley (A Wex Trophy):
Lee Savory
Senior Individual Medley (Branson Bowman Edgar Trophy):
Matthew Shave
Junior Victor Ludorum (Nick Folker Trophy):
Lee Savory
U17 Victor Ludorum (Andrew Wex Cup):
Matthew Shave
Senior Victor Ludorum (Bob Larsen Silicones Trophy):
Nicholas Byrne

Open freestyle relay (Bowman Edgar Trophy): **Tatham**
Winning House (relays) (K & B Reeve Trophy): **Farfield**
Winning House: **West**
Twentyman Trophy (Swimming Staff Trophy): **Was not swum**

Age group championship
U19 Gold: **Nicholas Byrne**; *Silver*: **Cameron Lindsay**;
Bronze: **Benjamin Bradford**
U17 Gold: **Matthew Shave**; *Silver*: **Daniel Rodgers**;
Bronze: **Storm Gallie**
U16 Gold: **Renier Janse van Rensburg**; *Silver*: **Ryan Shiel;**
Bronze: **Kieran Lyle**
U15 Gold: **Lee Savory**; *Silver:* **Luca Scribante**;
Bronze: **Greg Waterman**
U14 Gold: **Christopher Whiting;** *Silver:* **Cameron Bird**;
Bronze: **Ryan Thompson**

The following record was broken at this year's gala:
Renier Janse van Rensburg: U16 50m Breaststroke: 33.10

Inter-School Competition

We were outclassed by most of the competing schools this year. Points were as follows:

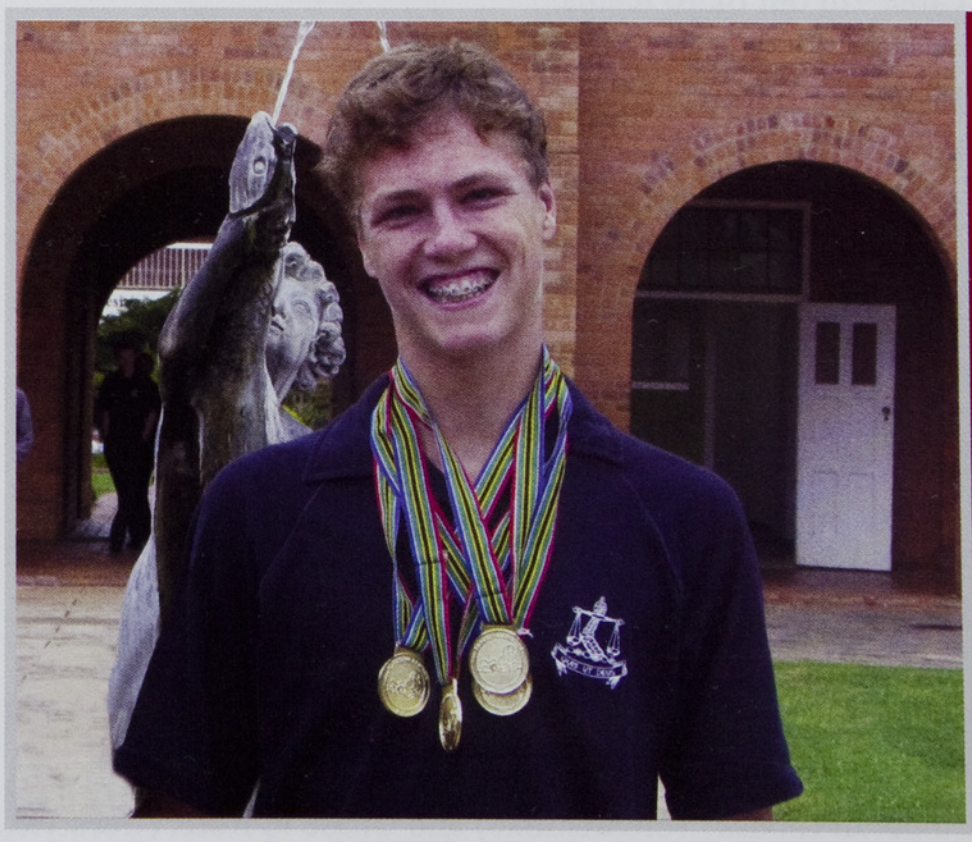
Michaelhouse Invitation Gala:

A Gala

1st	Kearsney	171
2nd	Hilton	163
3rd	Maritzburg College	111
4th	Northwood	98
5th	Michaelhouse	86
6th	Treverton	49

B Gala

1st	Kearsney	128
2nd	Maritzburg College	82
3rd	Hilton	80
4th	Michaelhouse	29



Sean Clarke displays his medals



Swimming Team: Back row (l-r): *M.Shave, S.Christodoulou, R.Janse van Rensburg, S.Maclaren, S.Thring, B.Bradford, M.Daly* ***Middle row (l-r):*** *M.Potter, C.Bird, C.Whiting, T.Everett, R.Thompson, S.Wadeson* ***Front row (l-r):*** *J.Clarke, N.Byrne, Mr R.Drysdale, C.le Roux (c), Mr A.van Wyk, C.Lindsay, T.van Dam*

Private Schools Quadrangular Gala

The results were as follows:

1st	Kearsney	108
2nd	Clifton	103
3rd	Hilton A	98
4th	Michaelhouse	50
5th	St Charles	31

Dimant Co-Ed Gala

St John's drew Michaelhouse as a partnering school this year and we battled against some stiff opposition. We eventually came 7th out of 10 teams.

Howick Championship Gala

Final positions were:

1st	Michaelhouse	149
2nd	Howick	136
3rd	St Charles	134
4th	Treverton	127
5th	Hilton B	124
6th	Hermansburg	56
7th	Carter	56
8th	Wembley College	42

First places were achieved by: Sean Clarke (freestyle and backstroke), Renier Janse van Rensburg (breaststroke), Cameron Lindsay (breaststroke) and Chase le Roux (freestyle, backstroke and butterfly).

Provincial Competition

Midlands

The following swimmers were chosen to represent the Midlands Swimming side:

U15/16: **Sean Clarke** (50 backstroke, 100m freestyle and 50 freestyle) and **Lee Savory** (50m butterfly)

KwaZulu-Natal

Sean Clarke was selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at SA Schools' Nationals.

SA Schools

Sean Clarke won two gold medals at the SA Schools Championships. He also took part in a national gala in Port Elizabeth during the Easter holidays and achieved the following results:

100m backstroke	1st	
100m freestyle	1st	
50m backstroke	1st setting a new SA record	32, 99
50m freestyle	1st setting a new SA record	27, 60

World Disabled Swimming Championship Gala

Special congratulations to Sean Clarke who was selected to represent South Africa at the World Disabled Swimming Championship Gala held in November, in the following events:

50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 200m individual medley.

Zambia

Lee Savory also needs special congratulations for being selected to represent Zambia during the Christmas holidays.

SA Short Course Championship Gala

Sean Clarke swam in five events over the four day gala. He broke the South African record in all five events in his age group. He was the youngest swimmer competing.

His times were as follows:

50m freestyle	26	New record
50m butterfly	30.2	New record
50m backstroke	31.3	New record
100m backstroke	1m 14.00	
100m freestyle	1m 00.2	

1km Open Water Swim at Merthley Dam, Greytown

Nicholas Byrne	(13:26)	3rd overall, 1st in age group
Cole Hunt	(15:46)	7th overall, 2nd in age group
Courtney Wingfield	(16:05)	
Mathew Wingfield	(20:02)	

Triathlon

Five of our boys competed the KwaZulu-Natal Triathlon Trials. The best three results were as follows:

Chase le Roux	3rd
Tristan van Dam	5th
Greg Heeger	9th

Congratulations to Chase le Roux who was selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the National Championships in Germiston.

Midmar Mile

Congratulations to Sean Clarke who came second in the disabled event.

Michaelhouse had about 130 boys swimming which is the most we have ever had participate in this event. Chase le Roux and Nicholas Byrne swam it in about a 24 minutes, and Tristan van Dam and Andrew Batley finished in about 25 minutes.

8 Miler Award

Ten swimmers were official entrants and all raised money for charity. Congratulations to both Lee Savory and Storm Gallie who were in the top ten for raising the most money for charity. Lee raised in excess of R40 000 and Storm more than R20 000. Lee raised the third highest amount of all the 8 Milers and won R1 000 for his efforts.

Medal No.	Name	Year
1	Michel Mahieu (FA)	2006
2	Richard Bennett (FA)	2006
3	James Winter (W)	2007
4	Simon Dougall (FO)	2007
5	Dougie Button (FA)	2007
6	Nicholas Byrne (T)	2007
7	Nicholas Byrne (T)	2008
8	Rees Keene (FA)	2008
9	Andrew Chance (FA)	2008
10	Henk Appelo (B)	2008
11	David Bennett (FA)	2008
12	Michael Eybers (B)	2008
13	Johan van der Linden (B)	2008
14	Andrew Batley (FA)	2008
15	Jason Clarke (M)	2008
16	Chase le Roux (B)	2008
17	Cameron Lindsay (W)	2008
18	Alain Mahieu (FA)	2008
19	Stephen Thring (T)	2008
20	Storm Gallie (T)	2008
21	Nicholas Byrne (T)	2009
22	Cameron Lindsay (W)	2009
23	Tristan van Dam (FO)	2009
24	Jason Clarke (M)	2009
25	Stephen Thring (T)	2009
26	Storm Gallie (T)	2009
27	Reece Chittenden (FO)	2009
28	Michael Venter (FA)	2009
29	Lee Savory (M)	2009
30	Sean Clarke (M)	2009
	OLD BOYS	
1	Richard Bennett	2008
2	Patrick Durham	2009



Michaelhouse successful 8 Mile swimmers.



Water Polo: First Team: Back row (l-r): *A.Mahieu, C.le Roux, R.Janse van Rensburg, M.Watkins, M.Shave* ***Second Row(l-r):*** *R.Gifford, D.Berriman* ***Front Row(l-r):*** *L.Karovsky, C.Lindsay (c), Mr K.Kumm, N.Byrne, A.Batley*

WATER POLO

Master in Charge: **Mr Bernard Whitaker**
Coaches: **Mr Kyle Kumm, Mr Brad Roets, Mr Albie Dahlberg, Mr Brandon Akal, Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Ashley Dixon, Mr Neil van der Merwe, Mr Tango Nchukana**
Captain: **Cameron Lindsay**
Provincial Representation:
KZN U19B: **Cameron Lindsay**
KZN U19C: **Matthew Shave, Digby Berriman, Kieran Lyle**
KZN U16B: **Renier Janse van Rensberg**
KZN U14A: **Christopher Whiting, Cameron Bird**
KZN U14B: **Dylan Rice, Matthew Potter**

On the whole Michaelhouse had one of its most successful seasons ever. We achieved good results from most of our fixtures and in general most teams won more than they lost. The coaching staff were extremely dedicated this year. Cameron did an exceptional job in leading the first team, as well as the boys in general.

The first team had an extremely good year beating most of the schools in Saturday fixtures. The tournaments were a bit disappointing. This first team has really grown in confidence and played some outstanding water polo.

The second team also grew in stature, winning most of their games in convincing style. They played a brilliant style of water polo this season with passion and pride. I am confident a lot of these players will be playing for the first team next year. The U16A team had the most disappointing end to a season you can get, losing a close game to Hilton College, thus spoiling what would have been an unbeaten season. This team has a lot of talent.

The under U15A team must be one of the most improved teams in the School. With some big losses in the first quarter, they turned this around and were one of the stronger teams in the Province, coming third in the Top Ten Tournament.

The U14A team was full of talented players who did extremely well this season, getting four boys into KwaZulu-Natal teams. They had some poor results against some of the schools, but then some brilliant results as well.



Inter-House Water Polo

WATER POLO RESULTS

MHS OPPONENT	1st	2nd	3rd	U16A	U16B	U15A	U15B	U14A
Maritzburg College	W 8-3	W 5-2	-	-	-	L 5-2	L 9-0	W 8-3
Northwood	W 8-1	-	W 6-2	W 7-1	L 4-1	-	-	-
Treverton 1st	-	-	W 11-5	-	L 7-3	-	-	-
Treverton Girls 1st	-	-	W 9-7	-	W 11-3	-	-	-
Hilton College	W 19-7	W 14-3	W 10-2	W 11-7	W 9-6	L 11-6	W 5-2	L 8-3
St Charles	W 17-9	-	-	W 9-5	-	W 16-1	-	W 7-2
Thomas More	W 19-11	W 20-0	-	-	-	W 12-3	-	W 13-2
Clifton College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14-0
DHS	L 5-3	-	-	-	-	W 7-0	-	-
Glenwood	W 5-3	W 10-1	-	W 10-1	-	-	W 9-1	
Hilton College	-	-	-	-	-	L 8-2	-	L 8-2
Kearsney	L 5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	L 9-3
Maritzburg College	L 9-3	-	-	-	-	D 2-2	-	W 8-3
Northwood	D 2-2							
Westville	L 6-0							
Westville	W 13-12	L 8-6	L 12-3	W 8-1	-	-	L 8-3	D 4-4
St Charles	W 14-4	-	-	-	-	W 13-0	-	W 11-2
Kearsney	W 9-8	L 8-6	-	W 7-4	-	W 5-3	D 4-4	L 9-0
St Charles	-	-	-	W 16-3	-	W 13-0	-	W 5-1
Hilton College	-	-	-	-	W 5-3	-	-	-
Northwood	W 8-2	L 7-2	-	-	-	W 11-5	W 3-1	W 8-1
Maritzburg College	L 9-5	L 6-3	-	W 4-2		D 2-2	L7-2	W 5-4
Northwood						L 1-0		
Glenwood						L 4-2		
DHS						W 9-0		
Hilton College						L8-3		
Thomas More			w			W 7-3		
Hilton College	W 9-6	W 12-3	W6-5	L 3-1		W 6-3	L 6-2	L 13-1

ATHLETICS

Master in Charge: **Mr George Ferreira**
Coaches: **Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Brandon Akal, Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Richard McMichael, Mr Kyle Dowie, Mr Kyle Kumm, Mr Africa Msimango, Mr Tatenda Chidzawo, Mr Rory Drysdale**
Captain: **Alain Mahieu**
Colours: **Gregory Heeger**
Half Colours: **Eric Wiehe Lagesse, Ibrahim Yusuf, Pierre Noel, Spencer Smith**
Provincial Representation: **Gregory Heeger**

It is saddening to witness how athletics is dwindling as a school sport in KwaZulu-Natal. Our boys had few opportunities throughout the year to compete at well organised competitions against other school athletes in the province. As a result, fewer boys chose athletics as their summer sport.

During the first and fourth quarters, the boys attended League Meetings organised by KwaZulu-Natal Athletics. Unfortunately, the boys often had to compete against athletes outside their age groups at these meetings, which resulted in less fulfilling competition experiences.

In an attempt to provide more competition opportunities during the third quarter, Inter-School meetings were organised in which Michaelhouse, Hilton College, St Charles College and Westville Boys High competed. Hopefully these meetings will grow in stature and numbers in years to come. A special word of thanks is extended to all the coaches for all their efforts during training sessions and meetings. Without Mr Rory Drysdale's organisational assistance, Sports Day and the Michaelhouse Invitation Meeting would not have been possible.

Athletics is a lonely sport. Therefore the athletes who attended gruelling training sessions need to be commended on their efforts.

"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit."

Ken Doherty



Athletics Team: Back Row (l-r): *B.Arnott, C.Holenstein, M.Hanbury, G.Heeger, Mr B.Akal, M.Karam, S.Smith,G.St Clair, G.Jooste*
Middle Row: (l-r): *M.McDonald, C.Swarts, P.Clay, J.Fieldgate, D.Guiney, I.Yusuf, R.Patchitt, S.Hartman, J-P.Akal, N.van der Bos*
Front Row (l-r): *Mr.T Chidzawo, D.Mabhena, A.Mahieu (c), Mr G.Ferreira, L.Royce, M.Blore, Mr E.de Klerk*

Thank you to all those boys who displayed tremendous spirit during training sessions and competitions.

Congratulations to Gregory Heeger who represented the KZN team at the South African Youth Championships in the 400m hurdles after he won this event at the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Championships. We were also very proud of Cameron Holenstein (U14 javelin) and Zaahir Hurribunce (U15 shot put) who represented the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Invitation Team at the Grey College Invitation Meeting.

Michaelhouse athletics sadly had to say goodbye to Mr André Black at the end of the second quarter. Mr Black was passionate about athletics at Michaelhouse. Due to his passion for the sport and his expertise, he attracted many boys to the sport. As Master in Charge, he worked quietly and tirelessly to organise meetings and trips for our athletes. The track around Willows is much quieter since his departure and Michaelhouse athletics is much poorer without him.

RESULTS

- **Inter-House Athletics**

Trophies: A - Relays Day
The Five Age Relay (Grant Cornish Bowden Floating Trophy): **Farfield**
4 x 100m Relay (David Chance Floating Trophy): **Tatham**
Senior 4 x 800m (The West 1971'ers Challenge Trophy): **Farfield**
Winning House (CRH Harris Floating Trophy): **Farfield**

Age Group Champions
U14: 1st **Gareth Jooste** (E); 2nd **Geoffrey Gedye** (M); 3rd **Cameron Bird** (W)
2009 Champion: **Gareth Jooste** (E)
U15: 1st **Michael Fenn** (W); 2nd **Carel Swarts** (Fo); 3rd **Christopher Brits** (T)
2009 Champion: **Michael Fenn** (W)
U16: 1st **David Brill** (Fo); 2nd **Jon-Paul Akal** (P); 3rd **Harry Epsom** (T)
2009 Champion: **David Brill** (Fo)
U17: 1st **Patrick Howard** (T); 2nd **Ian Sturgeon** (E); 3rd **Greg Heeger** (Fa)
2009 Champion: **Patrick Howard** (T)
U19: 1st **Neil Benton** (M); 2nd **Mark van Heerden** (Fa); 3rd **Alain Mahieu** (Fa)
2009 Champion: **Neil Benton** (M)

Trophies : C - Sports Day
Junior Victor Ludorum (Paul Nash Trophy):
Michael Fenn (W)
Under 17 Victor Ludorum (Martin Rose Floating Trophy):
Patrick Howard (T)
Senior Victor Ludorum (John Odams Trophy):
David Brill (Fo)
Standard Points (John Odams Trophy): **Tatham**
U19 100m Sprint (D Barford Trophy) :
David Strachan (Fa)

Best Single Performance in a Field Event (Mike Gledhill Cup): **Cameron Holenstein** (Fo)
Best Single Performance in a Track Event (Steven Waidelich Floating Trophy) **Patrick Howard** (T)
Best Single Performance in a Javelin Event (JR Cairns Trophy): **Cameron Holenstein** (Fo)
Best Middle Distance Athlete (GD Barrie Trophy): **Alain Mahieu** (Fa)
Best Single Performance in any event (St Evens Trophy): **Cameron Holenstein** (Fo)
20x100m Combined Age Relay (J Cahill Floating Trophy): **Farfield**
Service to Athletics (M Jeffrey Memorial Tray): **Alain Mahieu** (Farfield)
Winning House (MHS Eric Strapp Memorial Trophy): **Farfield**

Michaelhouse Invitation Athletics Meeting

U19 : **Alain Mahieu** - 1st 800m
U19 : **Mark Blore** - 3rd 800m
U19: **Jonathan Fieldgate** - 3rd 200m
U19: **Andrew King** - 2nd Shot Put
U17: **Patrick Howard** - 1st 100m
U17: **Gregory Heeger** - 3rd 100m; 1st 200m
U17 : **Matthew Hanbury** - 3rd 800m
U17: **Michael Karam** - 3rd 200m
U16: **Toka Tsiki** - 2nd Long Jump;1st Triple Jump
U16 : **Robert Drummond** - 1st 3000m
U16 : **Duncan Guiney** - 3rd 3000m
U15: **Stephan Hartman** - 1st Discus
U15: **Zaahir Hurribunce** - 1st Shot Put
U15: **Michael Fenn** - 1st 800m
U15 : **Carel Swarts** - 2nd 800m
U15: **Junior Standard Relay Team** - 1st
U14: **Cameron Holenstein** - 3rd Shot Put
U14: **Gareth Jooste** - 1st 800m
U14: **Murray McDonald** - 1st 3000m; 2nd 800m

Medals:
Michael Fenn: *Best Junior Middle Distance Performance*
Zaahir Hurribunce: *Best Junior Throw Performance*
Toka Tsiki: *Best Senior Jump Performance*

Hilton College Invitation Athletics Meeting

U14: **Murray McDonald** - 1st 1500m
U14: **Cameron Holenstein** - 1st Shot Put; 1st Javelin
U14: **Ciaran Furniss** - 3rd Long Jump
U14: **Christopher Whiting** - 3rd Shot Put
U15: **Zaahir Hurribunce** - 1st Shot Put
U15: **Michael Fenn** - 1st 1500m; 2nd High Jump; 3rd Javelin
U15: **Matthew Markides** - 1st High Jump
U15: **Carel Swarts** 3rd 400m
U16: **Toka Tsiki** - 2nd Long Jump; 3rd 100m
U16: **Joshua Goddard** - 2nd 400m
U16: **Jon-Paul Akal** - 3rd Shot Put
Open: **Alain Mahieu** - 1st 1500m
Open: **Neil Benton** - 3rd High Jump
Open: **Matthew Hanbury** - 3rd 1500m

ASA Sub Junior Meeting in Ladysmith

U15: **Zaahir Hurribunce**: 1st Shot Put (New record)
U15: **Stephan Hartman**: 3rd Discus
U14: **Cameron Holenstein**: 1st Javelin (New record)
U14: **Nicholas van der Bos**: 3rd 800m



Gregory Heeger represented KZN in the 400m hurdles.



U19 Medal Winners: Alain Mahieu, Neil Benton, Mark van Heerden



***Basketball First Team: Back row (l-r)**: K.Bortsie, D.Norman, P.Howard **Middle row (l-r):** M.Mwayi, N.Mosienyane, S.Mhlongo, R.Mavhunga*
***Front row (l-r):** N.Benton, A.Laing (c), Mr A.Laing, M.Ziumbe, M.Fraser*

BASKETBALL

Master in Charge: **Mr Elmar de Klerk**
Coaches: **Mr Allan Laing, Mr Selby Sibiya, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, Mr Msizi Mchunu Mr Given Dzingwa, Mr Tatenda Chidzawo, Mr Johan van Rooyen**
Captain: **Andrew Laing**
Vice Captain: **Munatsi Ziumbe and Matthew Fraser**
Honours: **Andrew Laing, Munatsi Ziumbe**
Colours: **Matthew Fraser, Neil Benton, Patrick Howard**
Half Colours: **Neil Mosienyane, Kweku Bortsie, Mudiwa Mwayi, Ranga Mavhunga, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Devin Norman**
Provincial Representation: **Patrick Howard, Andrew Laing, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Devin Norman, Munatsi Ziumbe**

It was fantastic to enjoy our Indoor Centre facilities and never have to cancel practices or matches due to weather disruptions. Basketball is a very popular option amongst the boys, to play as a summer sport. We were able to have nine teams available for fixtures. We were very fortunate to have the services of intern staff as coaches and referees. Although our junior sides (U14A and U14B) did not win many matches, it was great to see how they have developed as players and the level of their ball skills. We did focus at junior level on basic ball handling skills, catching and passing and shooting. I would like to thank all the coaches for their valuable input during the year. Special thanks to Mr Laing for all the time and effort that he offered during off-season training and coaching the first team. As the coach of the first team, he must be congratulated on an outstanding 2009 season.



First Team



Matthew Fraser

BASKETBALL RESULTS - 2009

Opponent	Team	Result	For	Against
Treverton	1st	Won	47	27
St Charles	1st	Won	51	50
	2nd	Lost	11	30
	U16A	Won	31	29
	U15A	Lost	17	40
	U15B	Lost	8	18
	U14A	Lost	6	12
	U14B	Lost	0	23
Maritzburg College	1st	Won	63	56
	2nd	Won	40	19
	U16A	Lost	37	40
	U16B	Lost	24	38
	U15A	Won	34	32
	U15B	Won	24	18
	U15C	Lost	18	40
	U14A	Lost	11	52
	U14B	Lost	2	14
Kearsney College	1st	Won	42	39
	2nd	Won	32	25
	3rd	Lost	23	4
	U16A	Won	23	21
	U16B	Lost	29	16
	U15A	Lost	22	17
	U15B	Won	22	15
	U15C	Won	21	15
	U14A	Lost	32	26
	U14B	Lost	22	10
Hilton College	1st	Won	52	32
	2nd	Won	29	24
	3rd	Lost	23	25
	U16A	Lost	30	33
	U16B	Won	45	16
	U15A	Won	30	27
	U15B	Won	23	21
	U15C	Lost	17	33
	U14A	Lost	27	37
	U14B	Lost	10	23

Opponent	Team	Result	For	Against
St Johns Tournament				
Rondebosch	1st	Won	54	23
St Johns	1st	Lost	30	32
St Stithians	1st	Lost	32	36
Bishops	1st	Lost	35	38
Clifton	1st	Won	60	26
Durban	U16A	Won	51	26
	U15A	Won	63	9
	U14A	Won	16	8
Alex High	1st	Won	61	41
	2nd	Lost	25	50
	U16A	Lost	14	32
	U16B	Lost	36	30
	U15A	Won	34	22
	U14A	Won	37	32
	U14B	Lost	8	33
Kearsney College	1st	Won	61	52
	2nd	Won	20	31
	U16A	Won	22	15
	U16B	Won	43	24
	U15A	Won	43	24
	U15B	Won	36	33
	U15C	Lost	12	36
	U14A	Won	27	14
	U14B	Lost	12	26
St Nicholas	1st	Won	40	37
	U16A	Won	50	13
	U14A	Won	23	1
St Charles	1st	Won	76	62
	2nd	Lost	31	39
	U16A	Won	50	10
	U16B	Won	37	19
	U15A	Won	37	32
	U15B	Won	22	16
	U14A	Drew	23	23
	U14B	Lost	15	15





Canoe Club: Back row (l-r): *M.Heenan, A.Miller, J.Fisher, J.Epsom, B.Arnott, C.Holenstein, R.Holliday, J.Atkinson, M.Green, D.Pearce, S.Adderley* ***Third row(l-r):*** *M.Richardson, J.Chileshe, R.Patchitt, N.Chaplin, S.Callen, C.Smorfitt, A.Houston, O.Clark, C.Lindsay* ***Second row (l-r):*** *T.Everett, T.Lee, JJ.Bradford, M.Brown, J.Swynnerton, L.Dixie, J.Dean, L.Strachan, G.Purbrick* ***Front row (l-r):*** *M.Dean, Mr A.Redfern, B.Bradford (c), Mr I.Guthrie, S.Maclaren (vc), Mr A.Adlington-Corfield, O.Gandar*

CANOEING

Masters in charge: **Mr Iain Guthrie, Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**
Captain: **Benjamin Bradford**
Vice Captain: **Stuart Maclaren**
Honours: **Stuart Maclaren**
Colours: **Owen Gandar, David Pearce**
Half Colours: **Benjamin Hodgson, Nic Chaplin, Michael Richardson, Ryan Patchitt, Antony Renton, James Fisher, Jonathan Chileshe, Jonathan Dean, Matthew Heenan, James Bradford, Reggie Holliday, Andrew Houston**
SA Protea Colours - Canoeing (Sprints): **Stuart Maclaren**
SA Protea Colours - Canoeing (Marathon): **Stuart Maclaren**

Canoeing at Michaelhouse remained a popular choice for boys, particularly in summer. The river races drew most support with events such as the Dusi, the Fish and races on the upper uMngeni. While the river races remained popular, slalom, sprints, canoe polo and enduro races made for a variety of experiences for the boys. Training is of a high standard and the boys remained self motivated and keen on progressing. The addition of a weekly gym session helped with fitness, while the weekly 'dice' at Camps Drift was well supported.

Msundusi River Races

The Msundusi provided our boys with a number of events and challenges. The canoeing year began with the famous Dusi and included smaller events below Camps Drift (the Inter-Schools Dusi and the Ngwenya Classic) as well as the Allan Gardiner Challenge in the scenic Msunduzi Valley above Inanda Dam.

We had a good showing at the Dusi and won the U18 schools' event with Stuart Maclaren 2nd, Matthew Dean 4th, Owen Gandar 7th, David Pearce 10th, Antony Renton 12th, Nic Chaplin 24th, Benjamin Hodgson 27th, James Fisher 30th, Jonathan Chileshe 33rd and Michael Richardson 36th. In the U16 section the K2 teams of Matthew Heenan and Luke Strachan, and Jeremy Bradford and Jonathan Dean, took second and third places respectively.

Inter-Schools Dusi Race was won by Stuart Maclaren with Matthew Dean placed 4th, Owen Gandar 5th and Julian Atkinson 6th (all U18) and Andrew Houston 3rd (U16). The Ngwenya Classic saw Matthew Dean reach the low-level bridge in second place U18, with Owen Gandar 5th, Antony Renton 6th, David Pearce 7th in K1's.

In the Allan Gardiner Challenge, in the Msundusi Valley, David Pearce and Andrew Houston were 1st U18 in their K2, Matthew Heenan and Luke Strachan 2nd U16 in their K2 and Craig Smorfitt and Anthony Millar in Anthony's dad's K2 kept the spectators in suspense for a considerable period!

Mooi River Race
While Nguni goats and cattle dotted the banks of the Mooi, our paddlers enjoyed the early challenge of this Inter-School race. Stuart Maclaren was on form to take 1st place, Matthew Dean 5th, Owen Gandar 6th and Julian Atkinson 7th (U18). Andrew Houston was 2nd U16 and Bruce Arnott 2nd U14.

Umzimkhulu River Races
An eventful club outing to practise for the Drak and the Hilton/Michaelhouse was spent on the upper reaches of the Umzimkhulu. Apart from the KZN Mixed Doubles Champs which saw Matthew Dean and partner in 4th position, Owen Gandar and partner in 5th and Benjamin Bradford and partner 6th (U18), there was lots of adventurous tripping. Antony Renton and Reggie Holiday wrapped their K2 and were lost upstream for most of the day, only to be found tired, wet and hungry at the rendezvous restaurant.

The Drak this year fell over the long weekend but this clean water, mountain-fresh race still attracted a considerable following from the boys. Stuart Maclaren was 5th, Matthew Dean 6th, Antony Renton 12th, Julian Atkinson 13th, David Pearce 15th, George Purbrick 31st, Reggie Holliday 34th, Benjamin Bradford 41st and Michael Richardson 45th in U18 section. In the U16 section Andrew Houston was 2nd, Jeremy Bradford 12th, Matthew Heenan 20th and Jonathan Dean 21st.

Canoe Dinner and Hilton/Michaelhouse Weekend
The Annual Canoe Dinner was an opportunity for the canoeists to express their thanks to parents who endured their son's canoeing exploits through the year. Seconding a canoeist can be a long and grueling task with few opportunities for seeing your canoeist. The evening, held at Rawdons, paid tribute to the support our parents gave so willingly and to the Masters who organised the events. Stuart Maclaren was our Best Senior Canoeist, Andrew Houston our Best Junior and the indomitable Antony Renton and Reggie Holiday received the "Sinking Goose" trophy.

Parents from Hilton and Michaelhouse look forward to the annual Canoeing Hilton/Michaelhouse. This canoeing and camping weekend took place on 7 and 8 March on the Umzimkhulu near Underberg with camping at Glenhaven. The first day saw Stuart Maclaren scoop first place with Matthew Dean a close 2nd and Owen Gandar 3rd. The fight was knocked out of the Hilton canoeists and on Sunday the first 14 paddlers in were from Michaelhouse with another win for Stuart Maclaren, Owen Gandar moved to second place and Andrew Houston had a magnificent day to finish third. Matthew Heenan (D Block) showed tremendous promise to win the trophy for the Best Novice. In the end Michaelhouse won the weekend event comfortably.

Tugela Race
Spioenkop Dam campsite became our base for the Tugela 20 weekend. This eventful weekend saw Antony Renton win half a lamb at the lucky draw in Winterton and become the main sponsor for the Rhodes Canoe Club (consisting mainly of OM's). Despite the Spioenkop horses raiding the camp site during the night and eating up the left over phuthu from the evening braai, we were still able to cook a large breakfast of porridge, scrambled eggs, bacon and toast. This resulted in many of the 'breakfast eaters' missing the start of their race batches! Matthew Dean managed a 3rd U18, David Pearce and Benjamin Bradford an admirable 1st K2 U18.

Upper uMngeni
A number of races on the Upper uMngeni from Albert Falls Dam provided the boys with pleasant river races. In the Alex Caruth Memorial Race Owen Gandar was placed 4th U18 and Antony Renton 7th, while Tim Everett was placed 3rd U16. The Nobby Nel Memorial Race had David Pearce and Andrew Houston 1st U18 in their K2 with Jonathan Dean and Matthew Heenan 4th U16. Mark Brown was 7th U16 K1 and Mitchell Green was 8th U16.

In the Popes Canoe Schools Race Stuart Maclaren was 1st U18 and 1st overall, Matthew Dean 3rd, Owen Gandar 4th, Julian Atkinson 5th and Benjamin Bradford 10th. In the U16s Andrew Houston was 5th, Luke Strachan 6th and Matthew Heenen 8th.

In a well supported Ozzie Gladwin, Stuart Maclaren was placed 4th U21 K2, Matthew Dean and Owen Gandar were 1st U18, Luke Strachan 2nd U16, Jonathan Dean 7th, Craig Smorfitt and Anthony Miller 4th K2 and Bruce Arnott 1st U14. The father and son team of Mark and Benjamin Bradford were 107th in the Open K2. We are not sure if Dad was paddling.

Fish River Canoe Marathon
Our parents ran The Fish this year and the event was seen as one of the highlights of the canoeing calendar. Despite some mishaps, Owen Gandar wrapping his canoe at Keith's Rapid the day before the race and many canoeist getting lost in the mist on the dam at the start of the race, the results were good. In K2s Benjamin Bradford and George Purbrick were 1st U18, Jonathan Dean and Jeremy Bradford were 1st U16 and Luke Strachan and Craig Smorfitt were 2nd U16. In the K1s U18 David Pearce was 8th, Matthew Dean 13th, Julian Atkinson 14th and Jonathan Chileshe 33rd, while in the U16s Matthew Heenen was 5th and Andrew Houston 12th.

Shongweni Inter-Schools
The rugged and picturesque scenery of Shongweni Dam hosted the Inter-Schools race. Here our U18s were placed as follows: Stuart Maclaren 1st, Owen Gandar 3rd, Julian Atkinson 4th, Matthew Dean 6th, David Pearce 7th, Benjamin

Hodgson 24th and George Purbrick 25th. Our U16 results were: Andrew Houston 3rd, Luke Strachan 14th, Anthony Miller 16th, Matthew Heenen 17th, Jeremy Bradford 20th and Craig Smorfitt 22nd.

Sprints

The sprints season this year was dominated by Stuart Maclaren whose hours of regular training paid handsome dividends and saw him achieve Protea Colours and represent South Africa in Germany, Portugal and Russia.

In the KZN Sprint Champs at Nagle Dam, Stuart Maclaren was in blistering form winning all six races, the K1 500m, 1000m, 5000m and K2 200m, 1000m, 5000m to scoop six gold medals. Benjamin Bradford won the K1 1000m B final.

Stuart Maclaren performed superbly at the SA Sprints Championships and the SA Schools Championships. He won five gold and four silver medals at the SA Champs and two gold, three silvers and one bronze medal at the SA Schools Champs. Julian Atkinson did well to come 8th in the SA Schools A Final in the 500m.

Stuart was selected to represent South Africa at the World Championship in Moscow. He achieved double Protea Colours for Marathon and Sprints, a fantastic achievement! Stuart Maclaren came 2nd in the SA Canoeing Marathon Championships and represented South Africa at the World Canoeing Marathon Championships in Portugal where Stuart and his partner finished 6th in the B Final (8 per final - 54 boats in total) which was a great result.

K4 Shongweni Race

The K4 races allowed us a weekend camp over at Shongweni Dam and the School's supply of tents were put to good use once we had worked out how to put them up. Egg and bacon rolls went down well for lunch and a steak braai on Saturday filled the tummies of our tired athletes.

Stuart Maclaren and his team were placed 1st U18 and 1st overall, while the MHS U18 team consisting of David Pearce, Benjamin Hodgson, Julian Atkinson and Benjamin Bradford were placed 4th U18 and 6th overall. The 1st U16 team with Matthew Heenan, Luke Strachan, Tim Everett and Andrew Houston was placed 4th and 9th overall and the 2nd U16 team of Jonathan Dean, Mark Brown, Jasper Epsom and Timothy Lee was placed 6th and 13th overall.

Canoe Polo

This was a popular addition to the canoeing calendar and our team did well to win the tournament on the Varsity Pool in Pietermaritzburg. Matthew Dean, Benjamin Bradford, Antony Renton, Luke Strachan and Julian Atkinson made up the winning team.

Slalom

In the first Inter-Schools Slalom this year the Michaelhouse first team, consisting of Stuart Maclaren, Benjamin Bradford, Owen Gandar and Matthew Dean, were placed first with a combined time of 346 seconds, beating Maritzburg College by over 25 seconds. In the U18 section Stuart Maclaren was placed 1st, Benjamin Bradford 2nd, Owen Gandar 4th, Matthew Dean 5th, Julian Atkinson 6th and James Fisher 10th. Jeremy Bradford in the U16 section came 4th and Bruce Arnott in the U14 section placed second.

The second Inter-Schools Slalom event we again won with Benjamin Bradford 1st U18, Matthew Dean 5th and Antony Renton 6th. In the U16s Julian Atkinson was 7th, Mitchell Green 10th and Jonathan Dean 13th, while in the U14s Bruce Arnott, Luke Dixie, Luke Strachan, Jack Swynnerton, Jasper Epsom and Sebastian Adderley learnt important skills which will stand them in good stead.

Dice

The weekly Dice on a Thursday evening was a popular way for boys to train and be part of the greater canoeing fraternity. This regular event at Camp's Drift was not to be missed by the boys. Mr Guthrie's weekly avian counts reached 87 species. The Night Race held at the Dice saw Matthew Dean



Back row (l-r): *Stuart Maclaren, Benjamin Hodgson, Andrew Houston* ***Front row (l-r):*** *David Pearce, Mark Brown, Jonathan Dean, Timothy Lee, Jasper Epsom*



Rector Guy Pearson congratulating Stuart Maclaren on his Protea Colours

placed 2nd, Julian Atkinson 3rd, Benjamin Bradford 4th and Owen Gandar 5th in the U18s.

Enduro

The Inter-Schools Enduro was held this year at the uMngeni Mouth and boys had to contend with considerable wind and incoming tide. The event however was enjoyable and Michaelhouse finished second overall to Maritzburg College who dominated the U16 section. Our U18 team consisting of Stuart Maclaren, Matthew Dean, Benjamin Bradford and Julian Atkinson was placed first; the U16 team of Jonathan Dean, Craig Smorfitt, Jack Swynnerton and Mitchell Green was placed third to two College teams and our U14 team with Bruce Arnott, Luke Dixie, Jasper Epsom and Sebastian Adderley was placed second.

The Michaelhouse Canoe Club was placed second in the Inter-Schools League this year having won the U18 section, however Maritzburg College took the Schools Trophy.

While results were important the camaraderie built up in the Canoe Club over the year was a unique aspect of the Michaelhouse experience. Who will forget Antony Renton and Reggie Holiday's epic adventure on the Umzimkhulu, with the whole Canoe Club anxiously looking for them? Who will forget the wonderful stories they told of wrapping their boat, trying to get back to the road with broken shoes while darkness was setting in or the relief of finding them in Underberg. Boys from all age groups in the School have made friendships, forged on the rivers, endured hardships together, experienced success and disaster and grown together to make another year of enjoyable canoeing.

CRICKET

Written by Mr Nick Cahill

Master in Charge : **Mr Nick Cahill**
Coaches :
First XI: **Mr Graeme Calway and Mr Chris van der Berg**
Second XI: **Mr Adrian Moran**
Third XI: **Mr Richard McMichael**
Fourth XI: **Mr Paul de Wet**
Fifth XI: **Mr Gavin Ross**
U16A - **Mr John Crawford**
U16B - **Mr Nick Cahill**
U16C - **Mr Africa Msimango**
U15A - **Mr Sam Mofokeng**
U15B - **Mr Mike Bownes**
U15C - **Mr Hayden Henderson-Everill**
U15D - **Mr Linda Linda**
U14A - **Mr Bryan Tarr**
U14B - **Mr Alwin Murugen**
U14C - **Mr Mike Thomson**
U14D - **Mr Simon Crane**
U14E - **Karabo Sesupeng**
Honours: **Hilton Mudariki**
Colours: **Russell Withey, Mark Van Heerden, Garth Davson, Daniel Hulbert**
Half Colours: **James Hitchcock, James Taylor, Richard Atherstone, Andrew Stephens, Rowan Salter, Stephen Lishman, Paul Heaton Nicholls**
Provincial Representation
U19 KZN Inland: **Hilton Mudariki**
U17 KZN Inland: **Daniel Hulbert**
U15 KNZ Inland: **Robbie Anderson, Zipho Mhlongo, David Watson**

The rain again interfered with a significant number of cricket matches in both the first and fourth quarters. Fortunately with our excellent facilities and efficient grounds staff, we were able to reduce this issue to a minimum.

The astro nets are being redone and new reeling is in place and one set of grass nets has been replaced. We will really need to start with a programme of replacing some of the older pitches and, hopefully, this will begin in 2011.

We attended the Michaelmas week at College (1st XI) and the Hilton festival (U14).

I thank the coaches for their considerable input and hope that Michaelhouse continues to resist the trend which has seen the number of high school cricketers decreasing alarmingly in KwaZulu-Natal.

CRICKET RESULTS 2009

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	No Result
1st	14	4	2	6	2
2nd	9	1	0	8	0
3rd	5	4	0	1	0
4th	7	4	0	2	1
5th					
TOTAL	**35**	**13**	**2**	**17**	**3**
U16A	12	5	0	7	0
U16B	6	3	0	3	0
U16C	2	1	0	1	0
U15A	7	3	0	3	1
U15B	6	5	0	1	0
U15C	5	4	0	1	0
U15D					
TOTAL	**38**	**21**	**0**	**16**	**1**
U14A	12	8	0	3	1
U14B	8	2	0	6	0
U14C	7	3	0	4	0
U14D	4	0	0	4	0
TOTAL	**31**	**13**	**0**	**17**	**1**



Cricket First XI: Back row (l-r): *C.Wilson (Scorer), D.Hulbert, A.Stephens, M.Good* ***Middle row (l-r):*** *M.Watson, J.Hitchcook, S.Lishman, R.Atherstone* ***Front row (l-r):*** *R.Withey, M.van Heerden, Mr G.Calway, H.Mudariki (c), Mr.C.van der Berg, G.Davson, R.Salter*
Inset: *P.Heaton Nicholls*

FIRST XI CRICKET REPORT

Written by Mr Graeme Calway

Team Members : **Robert Anderson, Richard Atherstone, Garth Davson, James Hitchcock, Paul Heaton Nicholls, Daniel Hulbert, Hilton Mudariki** (Captain)**, Alex Pienaar, Rowan Salter, Andrew Stephens, James Taylor, Mark van Heerden , Russel Withey**

Results

In South Africa:

All Day	Played 12	Won 4	Drew 4	Lost 4
T20	Played 2	Won 0	Drew 0	Lost 2

In England:

All Day	Played 11	Won 9	Drew 1	Lost 1
T20	Played 6	Won 5	Drew 0	Lost 1

The pre-season festival was a sign of things to come for the whole year. The first day and half was washed out and we managed to play on the second afternoon, against Bishops, where we lost by four wickets. The third day brought better weather and a fixture against Helpmekaar; after electing to bat first Michaelhouse amassed 216/4, Mark van Heerden top scoring with 89*, assisted by Michael Good 38 and Hilton Mudariki 34*.

This took us to our first Saturday fixture of the year at home to Glenwood, who chose to bat first and set a target of 234; this was too many on a pitch that was turning and when the rain came Michaelhouse were well behind the clock. Our declaration match against St Charles was a grafting affair after choosing to bat first and losing wickets at regular intervals and only lower order contributions from Paul Heaton Nicholls, Daniel Hulbert and Richard Atherstone got us to a total from which it was possible to win. Once again the weather intervened, bad light stopping play with St Charles needing 69 to win off 13 overs with six wickets in hand, a good game spoiled.

The following week at home was a complete disaster. Winning the toss again and electing to bat, Michaelhouse were bowled out for 128, with only Mark van Heerden and Garth Davson troubling the scorers. This was nowhere near enough and College comfortably passed the score, winning by ten wickets. The final match of the first quarter took us to Kearsney and it was a similar scenario as before. Kearsney batted first and scored too many runs, only for the rain to save Michaelhouse again.

The highlight of the season was the June/July tour of England, where the weather was obliging and the cricket good. We were looking for a good tour that would take us forward into the third and fourth quarters after some of the ordinary cricket we had played in the first quarter, and as you will see from the overseas tour report this certainly happened with fine performances from a number of the boys.

So to the third quarter and a rematch with Glenwood

in Durban. Glenwood batted first and after some loose bowling early on, Michaelhouse pulled it back and were left chasing 206. After the loss of a couple of early wickets, a partnership between Michael Watson and Garth Davson put Michaelhouse in control, but the loss of Watson for 33 off the last ball before tea was a blow. We then lost regular wickets including Davson for 67, and in the end only a quickfire 25* from captain Mudariki got us close, losing by 17 runs, but an improved performance from the first quarter.

The following week was a home match against DHS. Michaelhouse won the toss and put DHS in to bat, and a good decision it was, with all ten wickets falling to catches, nine behind the wicket, including five for wicketkeeper Mudariki. DHS were bowled out for 60, Daniel Hulbert the chief destroyer taking 5/16. Watson and van Heerden did the necessary, Michaelhouse winning by ten wickets.

Michaelmas Week followed, with our first match against St Davids. St Davids batted first and posted 164, the wickets being shared amongst the bowlers. Michaelhouse chased down the target with ease, winning by seven wickets, van Heerden top scoring with 88*. The next day saw a tough encounter with Affies. Michaelhouse won the toss and put Affies in to bat, and after having them in trouble at 120/6 Affies fought and set a total of 201, which was a perfectly acceptable total. However, Michaelhouse once again lost wickets at regular intervals and only a lower order partnership between Hulbert and Atherstone brought some respectability to the score as Michaelhouse were bowled out for 149.

The following day was a great advert for declaration cricket. Michaelhouse batted first against St Johns and posted a total of 221, with good contributions coming from U16 newcomer Cameron Macaskill 53, James Hitchcock 57, Mudariki 38 and a swashbuckling 58 off 40 balls at the end from Heaton Nicholls. After a couple of early wickets had put Michaelhouse in control, a fight back came from St Johns and they were then cruising, needing only 60 runs off 12 overs with seven wickets in hand. The re-introduction of spinner Russel Withey brought the downfall of the two batsmen at the crease, and with nine needed off the last over with five wickets in hand, James Hitchcock took a wicket and conceded five runs to leave St Johns four runs short of victory and match drawn.

Next day we were due to play Grey College, and both teams arrived with players suffering from gastro, so we reduced the match to a 20 over game and only Mudariki with 53 at run a ball put up any resistance. Michaelhouse set a total of 123, which was never going to trouble Grey and they won comfortably by nine wickets.

After the holiday and into the fourth quarter we played St Charles at home. Batting first Michaelhouse set a target of 224, good contributions with the bat coming from Hulbert and Andrew Stephens, who scored 28 off the last two overs. Tight bowling from Heaton Nicholls, Hitchcock and Davson restricted St Charles to 216, and we won by seven runs.

The following week came our second disappointing performance of the year against College, College batting first and scoring 245. Even though this was a big score, on a good pitch with a fast outfield this was not out of the reach of our batsmen. But an inept batting performance saw Michaelhouse bowled out for 87, a disappointing way to finish the season.

Once again I would like to thank MIC Mr Nick Cahill and second team coach, Mr Adrian Moran, for their input throughout the season.

CRICKET TOUR – JUNE/JULY 2009

Written by Mr Nick Cahill

The first cricket squad enjoyed a very successful tour to England during the June/July holidays.

We were blessed with wonderful weather - only one of the 12 fixtures was affected by rain - and enjoyed some fine performances on the field. It was particularly pleasing to see how the young members of the squad were encouraged; this had a very positive influence on the all round performance of the team.

We arrived in London on 26 June 2009 and spent six nights in Leatherhead, Surrey. Our first taste of English school grounds was the marvellous field at Sevenoaks where we met up with Mr Chris Tavare (former England batsman who had brought a school team to Michaelhouse some years ago) and Old Boy and Senior Prefect, Matt Fendick (2000). The remainder of the time in Surrey was spent playing in a festival at St John's where we met a number of South Africans teaching/nursing in the UK. Our boys were pleasantly surprised at the hospitality and friendliness of their schoolboy counterparts.

After Leatherhead, we travelled to Woburn Sands outside Milton Keynes where we were based for five nights. We were able to explore the area, enjoy a 20/20 festival at Stowe School and we are most grateful to parents, Peter and Patrice Critchley, for their wonderful hospitality. They went out of their way in so many ways and we are indebted to them for their involvement and kindness. Again, a number of Old Boys travelled to watch the cricket and this was appreciated.

We then travelled to Tonbridge in Kent where we took part in a festival involving top UK teams where we acquitted ourselves very well.

The players were competitive throughout and there were a number of outstanding performances. The boys were also fine ambassadors for School and nation; they were helpful, interested and behaved like true gentlemen and sportsmen. I was proud of them.

We ended with three days in London, the highlight of which was a tour of the Houses of Parliament where we were guests of Lord Richard Scott (Old Boy 1951). We were privileged to have had this opportunity to meet this remarkable man - a Senior Lord in the highest court in the UK. We are most grateful to him for his time and generosity.

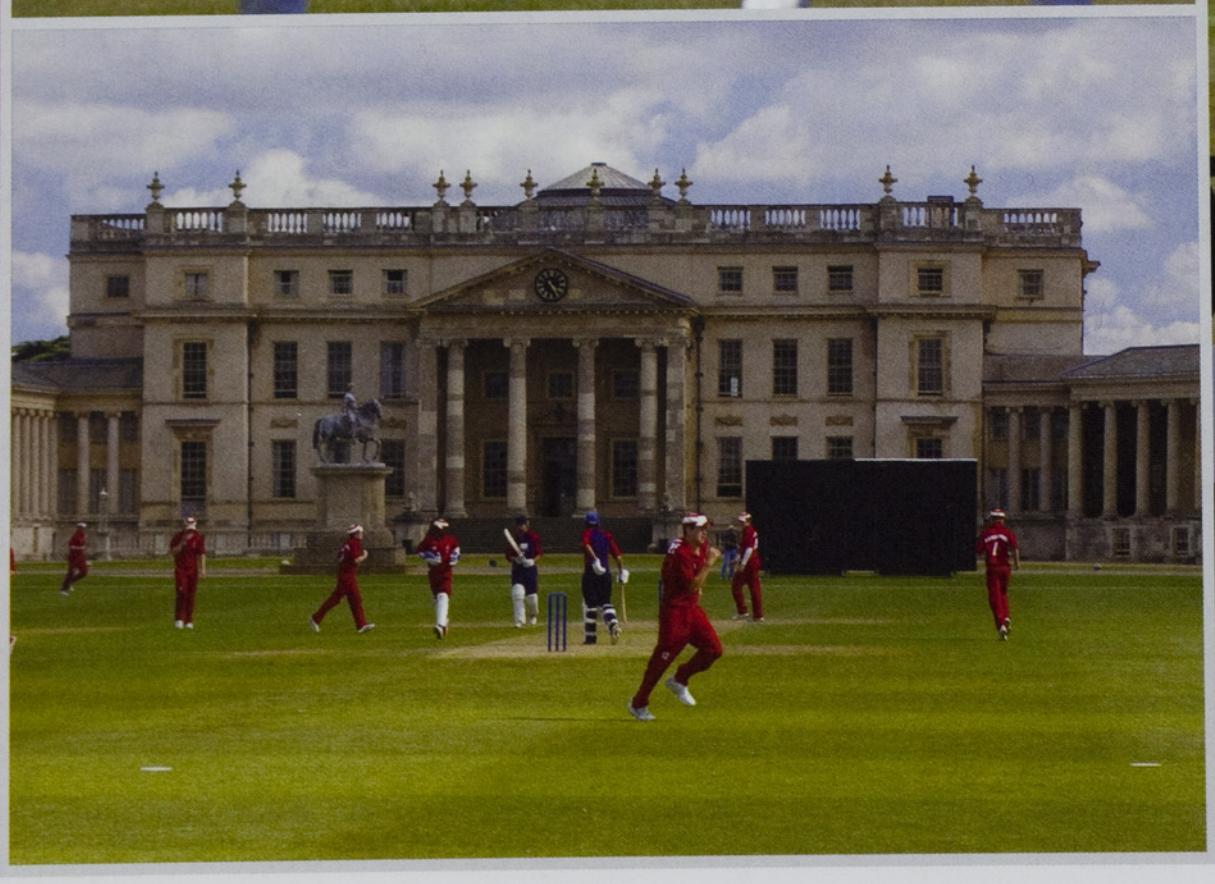
Throughout the tour, the accompanying parents were wonderfully supportive and helpful and this also contributed to the success on and off the field. I thank them sincerely for their presence and help. A wonderful tour ended safely with our arrival at OR Tambo Airport on 13 July 2009.

I would also thank Mrs Susan Dawson of the Bursary Department for the enormous amount of time and effort she gave us. Her expertise and enthusiasm played a significant role in ensuring that all arrangements were in place.











The England Cricket Tour - June/July 2009

ENGLAND TOUR RESULTS

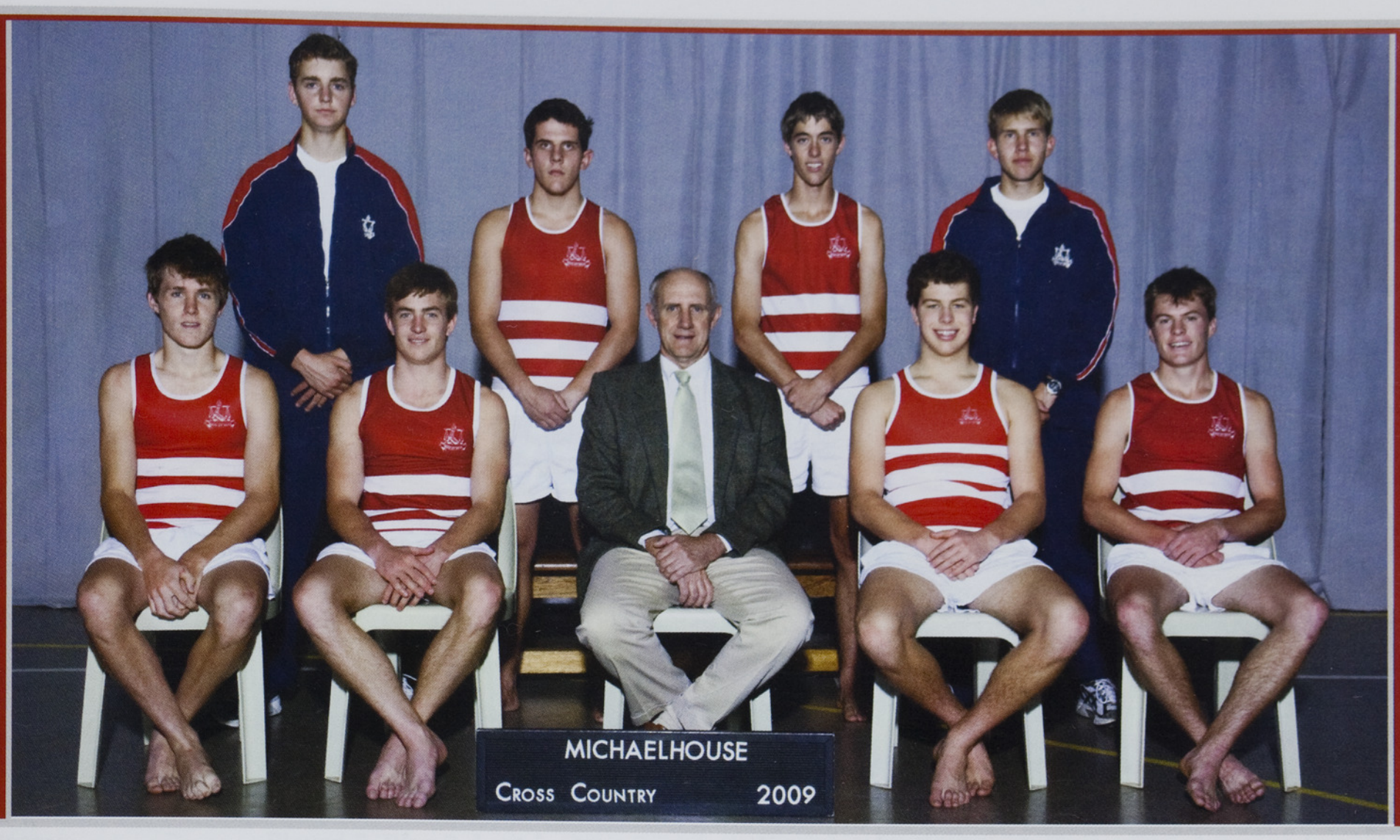
DATE	OPPONENT / UK	SCORE	
28 June 09	Sevenoaks (50 overs)	MHS 218/6 Paul Heaton Nicholls 39*, Sevenoaks 135 all out MHS won by 83 runs	Robert Anderson 45, Richard Atherstone 45, Russel Withey 3/24
29 June 09	St Johns (Leatherhead) (50 overs)	St Johns 190/9 MHS 192/5 MHS won by 5 wkts Robert Anderson 35	Garth Davson 5/29 Mark van Heerden 56* Garth Davson 37
30 June 09	Loretto (Edinburgh) (50 overs)	Loretto 132 all out MHS 134/3 MHS won by 7 wkts James Hitchcock 43	Daniel Hulbert 5/28, James Hitchcock 3/7 Garth Davson 48*
1 July 09	Brentwood (20 overs)	Brentwood181/4 MHS 163/8 MHS lost by 18 runs	Garth Davson 81 Mark van Heerden 33
2 July 09	T20 Tournament	MHS 231/4 St Josephs Ipswich 144/7 MHS won by 87 runs	Mark van Heerden 89 Garth Davson 64 Rowan Salter 4/25
	T20 Tournament	Stowe 154/9 MHS 159/0 MHS won by 10 wkts	Andrew Stephens 3/23 Mark van Heerden 80* Garth Davson 52*
3 July 09	T20 Tournament	MHS 152/2 K.C.S. Wimbledon 122/8 MHS won by 30 runs	Garth Davson 71* Mark van Heerden 66 Andrew Stephens 4/35
	T20 Tournament	MHS 168/6 Warwick 120 all out MHS won by 48 runs	Robert Anderson 74, Hilton Mudariki 33 Russel Withey 3/24
	T20 Final	K.C.S. Wimbledon 109/8 MHS 112/1 MHS won by 9 wkts Rowan Salter 5/20	Daniel Hulbert 3/15 Mark van Heerden 71* Richard Atherstone 33,
7 July 09	55 Overs	Millfield 139 all out MHS 38/5 in 10 overs MHS needed 109 in 35 overs D/L method No Result	
8 July 09	45 Overs	MHS 207/8 Tonbridge 185 all out MHS won by 21 runs James Hitchcock 3/36	Hilton Mudariki 80 Garth Davson 6 Russel Withey 3/35
9 July 09	55 Overs	MHS 201 all out Kent Street HS (Australia) 204/8 MHS lost by 2 wkts	Richard Atherstone 57, Mark van Heerden 54 James Hitchcock 3/27

ENGLAND TOUR BATTING AVERAGES 2009

	Sevenoaks	St Johns	Loretto	Brentwood	St Josephs	Stowe	K.C.S.	Warwick	T20 Final	Millfield	Tonbridge	Kent Street H.S.	Total Runs	Not Outs	Highest Score	Ave
R Atherstone	45	5	7	2	16	DNP	DNB	22	33*	0	9	57	196	1	57	21.78
R Anderson	33	35	DNB	DNP	3*	DNB	DNB	74	DNB	7		0	152	1	74	30.40
G Davson	7	37	48*	81*	64	52*	71*	DNP	4	0	60	5	429	4	81*	61.29
M van Heerden	24	56*	DNP	33	89	80*	66	7*	71*	10	0	54	490	4	89	70
H Mudariki	9	4	2	1	DNB	DNB	DNB	33	DNB	17	80		146	0	80	20.86
J Hitchcock	DNP	16	43	4	DNB	DNB	0*	1	DNB	3*	8	1	76	2	43	12.67
A Stephens	12*	DNP	DNB	13	3	DNB	DNB	9*	DNP			8	45	2	13	15
D Hulbert	DNB	11*	16*	2	DNP	DNB	DNB	DNP	DNB	0*	24	1	54	3	24	18
P Heaton Nicholls	39*	DNB	DNB	1	16*	DNB	DNP	4	DNB		3	3	66	2	39*	16.67
J Taylor	29	DNB	DNB	7	DNB	DNB	6	10	DNP		12	28	92	0	29	15.33
A Pienaar	DNP	DNB	DNB	DNP	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB		0*	14	14	1	14	14
R Salter	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNP	DNP	DNB	DNB			2*	2	1	2	2
R Withey	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNP	DNB	DNB	DNB	DNB				0	0	0	0

ENGLAND TOUR BOWLING AVERAGES 2009

	Seven-oaks	St Johns	Loretto	Brent-wood	St Josephs	Stowe	K.C.S.	Warwick	T20 Final	Millfield	Ton-bridge	Kent Street H.S.	Total Overs	Total Maidens	Total Runs	Total Wickets	RPO	Ave
R Atherstone	3-0-23-1	DNB	2-0-21-0	DNB	4-0-22-0	DNP	3-0-29-0	2-0-14-1	DNB			6-1-30-0	20	1	139	2	6.95	69.5
R Anderson																		
G Davson	2-0-14-1	10-0-29-5		4-0-28-0	3-0-24-0	3-0-27-0	DNB	DNP	4-0-24-0	8-4-21-0	3-0-14-0	1-0-3-1	38	4	184	6	4.8	30.67
M v Heerden																		
H Mudariki																		
J Hitchcock		10-0-52-1	4-1-7-3	4-0-33-2	1-0-14-0	2-0-15-0	DNB	DNB	DNB		9-0-36-3	11-3-27-3	41	4	184	12	4.49	15.33
A Stephens	5-0-29-2	DNP	1-0-7-0	DNB	4-0-23-1	3-0-23-3	4-0-35-4	3-0-27-1	DNP	7-1-23-1		2-0-11-0	29	1	178	10	6.14	17.8
D Hulbert	5-2-13-1	9-0-37-1	9-0-28-5	4-0-26-0	DNP	4-0-12-2	4-0-23-0	DNP	4-1-15-3	10-3-27-1	7.3-1-32-2	11-0-39-0	67.5	7	252	14	3.73	18
P Heaton Nicholls	2-0-18-0	DNB	4-1-11-0	4-0-34-2	DNB	4-0-25-1	DNP	2-0-10-1	1-0-9-0	9-3-32-2	2-0-19-0	5-1-14-2	33	5	172	8	5.21	21.5
J Taylor																		
A Pienaar		3-0-14-0	3-0-27-1	DNP	4-0-23-2	2-0-17-1	2-0-10-0	4-0-20-2	3-0-14-2				21	0	125	8	5.95	15.63
R Salter	6-1-14-2	8-0-36-1	5-2-16-1	2-0-29-0	4-0-25-4	DNP	DNP	3-0-21-0	4-1-22-1	10-2-20-5	9-1-50-0	8-0-29-1	59	7	262	13	4.44	20.15
R Withey	8-0-24-3	10-1-15-0	1-0-11-0	2-0-25-0	DNP	2-0-14-1	4-0-18-2	4-0-24-3	4-0-24-1	6-2-14-0	9-2-35-3	9-0-47-0	59	5	251	10	4.25	25.1



Cross Country Team: Back row (l-r): *D.Guiney, R.Griffin, S.Partridge, S.Griffin* ***Front row (l-r)****: A.Houston, A.Mahieu (c), Mr R.Drysdale, M.Blore, D.Pearce*

CROSS COUNTRY

Master in Charge: **Mr Rory Drysdale**
Captain: **Alan Mahieu**
Inter-House results were as follows:

INDIVIDUAL:
This is the first time this course was used so all times were records.

Juniors	1st	**Carel Swarts**	(Fo)	23m30, 07(Record)
	1st	**Michael Fenn**	(W)	23m30, 07(Record)
	3rd	**Cheyne Halliday**	(Fa)	
Seniors	1st	**David Pearce**	(T)	31m28, 80 (Record)
	2nd	**Andrew Houston**	(T)	
	3rd	**Jethro Thomas**	(T)	

HOUSE:
(The figures in brackets show the number of participants per house and last year's position)

House	Juniors	Seniors	Combined	Position
FO	54 (23)	95 (23)	149	3 (3)
E	55 (25)	35 (17)	90	6 (6)
W	56 (20)	29 (30)	85	7 (7)
T	85 (22)	**213** (33)	298	2 (2)
FA	**201** (28)	157 (33)	**358**	**1** (1)
P	70 (19)	64 (28)	134	4 (8)
B	69 (26)	36 (19)	105	5 (5)
M	44 (16)	41 (26)	85	7 (4)

GOLF

Master in Charge/Coach: **Mr Brad Flanegan**
Assisted by: **Mr Jaap van der Vegte**
Captain: **Stephen Lishman**
Vice-Captain: **Garth Davson**
Colours: **Garth Davson, Colin Davson, Stephen Lishman**
Half Colours: **Thomas Kean, Daniel Hulbert, Christopher Brits, Patrick Critchley, Matthew Smurthwaite**
Provincial Representation: **KZN Schools 'B': Garth Davson, Colin Davson**
1st Team Players: **Stephen Lishman, Garth Davson, Colin Davson, Daniel Hulbert, Christopher Brits, Patrick Critchley, Thomas Kean, Ross Perryman, Matthew Smurthwaite**

"Some days you are the pigeon, other days you are the statue"

The year 2009 can be summed up by saying that we had a pretty good year. We certainly exceeded our expectations. The year started with a more convoluted fixture list than usual, due to the winter sport seasons being moved forward by three weeks which meant that a complete first quarter league was no longer possible as we only had six weeks to play an eight week league.

Notwithstanding, we put in our usual mixture of sublime and mediocre golf intertwined in the first quarter, depending on how hectic the sport schedule of the week had been. Asking a boy to practise cricket twice a week and rugby/hockey on



Golf First Team: Back row (l-r): *P.Critchley, M.Smurthwaite, T.Kean* ***Middle row (l-r):*** *R.Perryman, C.Brits*
Front row (l-r): *D.Hulbert, S.Lishman (c), Mr B.Flanegan, G.Davson (vc), C.Davson*

the other two days and then still play like Tiger on a Friday, is sometimes asking just a little too much. We had a mixed bag of results in the league; it was wonderful to have a new team in Kearsney College, a welcome addition to the Midlands League. We beat and lost to Kearsney and St Charles whilst we drew twice with Maritzburg College (we played each one twice) whilst we unfortunately only had one crack at Hilton College, losing to them.

The second team had a wonderful time, winning all their games with consummate ease. However, they are playing only matches against second tier schools in their league. In their one match against top quality opposition, they managed a creditable draw with Maritzburg College. They were ably lead by Russel Withey and he had great support from a number of boys who made up the second team.

The Douglas Cup unfortunately had to be postponed due to the inordinate amount of rain towards the end of the first quarter. More detail on the Douglas Cup will follow later. We competed very successfully in the KwaZulu-Natal School Championships at the end of the first quarter eventually coming second. Patrick Critchley in his first round at Beachwood shot a very creditable 75 gross. The team of Colin and Garth Davson as well as Patrick must be congratulated on a fine achievement.

During the Easter holidays it was once again off to Pretoria for the Affies (AHS) Annual Golf Festival, where unfortunately we did not perform to expectation and eventually ended up playing out for seventh and eighth place, defeating Pretoria Boys' High for the right to come seventh.

The obvious highlight of the year was the tour to the UK during the July holidays. The postponed Douglas Cup fixture took place on the first weekend of the third quarter. After four consecutive losses it was fantastic to win the trophy back; the Douglas Cup has now been played for nine years, with Hilton College having won five and Michaelhouse four times. In the tenth year of the cup's existence we are fervently hoping to balance the books again. Once again a great day was had by all ending up with the coach being "ponded" for his efforts in inspiring the team to victory.

Mr van der Vegte took four boys to Sun City for the annual St John's College week; unfortunately we were without our matrics who wisely decided school was a better option. Notwithstanding taking a weaker team, the boys performed exceptionally well and despite being ranked 26th out of the 40 teams, they ended up in 16th position, a fine achievement, as well as being the highest placed KZN team at the championship. Hearty congratulations to Mr van der Vegte as well as Colin Davson, Patrick Critchley, Daniel Hulbert and Matthew Smurthwaite.

The swansong of the school year was the School Championship and Inter-House Competition. The champion for the year was Colin Davson who narrowly defeated Michael Greig in a play-off after being tied at the end of eighteen holes. I certainly hope to see a lot more of Michael in the future. Thomas Kean ended up one shot off the pace in third position. The Inter-House competition was won by East House (Colin Davson, Stephen Lishman and Russel Withey) beating Mackenzie House by four points.

We say adieu to our captain of the last two years, Stephen Lishman, who has been nothing short of superb in marshalling the troops throughout his reign. We also unfortunately have to bid one half of the Davson team, Garth, farewell. Dale Stephen and Russel Withey who made up the lower places in the Douglas Cup team have also reached the end of their school careers and we wish them all the best of luck in the future.

In conclusion I feel it is safe to say golf is very healthy at Michaelhouse and I look forward to the next few years with renewed enthusiasm.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS:

Natal Champs:	
(18 Holes - 3 man team)	2nd out of 18 Teams.
St John's Elite International Tournament:	
(72 Holes - 4 man team)	16th out of 36 Schools.
Match play:	
Midlands A League:	
1st team:	Played 7, Won 2, Lost 3, Drew 2.
Midlands B League;	
2nd team:	Played 5, Won 4, Drew 1.
Douglas Cup vs Hilton :	Won 11½ to 8½.
Affies Festival:	7th out of 10 teams.

GOLF UK TOUR - JUNE/JULY 2009

Written by Mr Brad Flanegan

Why does one undertake a tour? My personal belief is that there are basically two types of tours which fall broadly under the headings of either a reward, or a development tour. A reward tour would be undertaken in a year where one had an exceptional team and one wished to showcase their skills as well as rewarding them for their dedication. A development tour could be defined as trying to build a team for future years. The UK tour would then justly be called a development tour.

Due to the fact we were piggy backing on the cricket tour it was clear that this was not going to be a golf tour in the true sense of the word. The timing of the tour also put us in the middle of the UK schools summer break, which made finding school fixtures very difficult. After trying unsuccessfully to arrange fixtures against local opposition, I then changed tack to touring with the goal of giving the golfers exposure to different types of golf courses and different cultural experiences.

We did manage to secure a spot in the ISGA (Independent Schools Golf Association) end of season championships. I am extremely pleased to report that the three golfers chosen to represent Michaelhouse at this event performed above expectation and we finished a very creditable 4th out of 40 schools in the event. One of our golfers, Patrick Critchley finished as the runner up in the U15 division which gave us representation at the prize table and obviously lent our tenure there some more credibility.

I also had the opportunity to gain an understanding of the size and scope of golf as a school sport in the UK. Like South Africa, golf as a school sport seems to be gaining rapid popularity and they have a great number of inter-school as well as inter-regional leagues. Understandably it is much easier for them to have well structured summer leagues as distances in the UK are far less of a problem than experienced in South Africa in general and in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands in particular. It probably also doesn't hurt that they have about four more hours of daylight in their average summer day than we do. "Note to anyone in Government, KwaZulu-Natal needs daylight saving!"

Much appreciation must go to Mr Peter Critchley, father of Patrick, who put together most of the golfing venues for us. We certainly didn't lack for opportunities to play golf and also through his influence the cost of golf was close to negligible. If one considers that it cost each boy £140 in total for 11 rounds of golf, it becomes clear how incredibly lucky we were to have someone in his position negotiating the rates on our behalf.

We also had the experience of playing on true links golf courses of which there are very few in South Africa. This teaches all of us a very different set of skills to what most of us are used to. Most South African golf courses are more American in styling and thus rely much more on target golf as opposed to the creative shot making and subtle nuances required for links golf.

A personal highlight of the tour was being able to spend a day at the Scottish Open which is held annually at Loch Lomond, one of the truly spectacular venues in world golf. The nearest we get to an event of this magnitude is probably the SA Open and for most boys it was an almost surreal experience to be able to walk within earshot of most of the world's best golfers. The notoriously fickle Scottish weather also played its part and we experienced Scotland in glorious sunshine, not, I am led to believe, an every day occurrence.



Russel Withey, Dale Stephen



Hockey First XI: Back row (l-r): *M.Collins, M.Shave, P.Pelser, D.Hulbert, S.Donaldson* ***Middle row (l-r):*** *K.Allen, B.Hardman*
Front row (l-r): *J.Trehaeven, T.Gardner, Mr K.Dowie, C.Panther (c), Mr A.Redfern, D.Dowie, J.Thomas*

HOCKEY

Master in Charge: **Mr Mike Thomson**
Coaches: 1st**: Mr Alan Redfern**
2nd**: Mrs Win de Wet**
3rd**: Mr Peter Dennyson**
4th**: Mr Paul de Wet**
U16A**: Mr Mike Thomson** U16B**: Mr Bryan Tarr**
U16C**: Mr Kyle Dowie** U16D**: Mr Simon Crane**
U14A**: Mr Mike Bownes** U14B**: Mr Alwin Murugen**
U14C**: Mr Linda Linda**
Captain: **Clinton Panther**
Vice Captains: **Dean Dowie and Tom Gardner**
Honours: **Clinton Panther, Jethro Thomas, Dean Dowie, Tom Gardner**
Half Colours: **Jake Trehaeven, Matthew Shave, Craig Clowes, Sean Donaldson, Daniel Hulbert, Kieran Allen, Matthew Collins, Pieter Pelser**
National Representation:
SA U18: **Clinton Panther**
Mr Alan Redfern (Assistant Coach)
SA U17: **Jethro Thomas**
Provincial Representation KZN Inland
U21: **Jethro Thomas, Tom Gardner**
U18A: **Clinton Panther, Jethro Thomas**
U18B: **Dean Dowie, Tom Gardner**
U16A: **Sean Donaldson, Craig Clowes**
U16B: **David Watson, Zipho Mhlongo, Stephen Griffin, Andrew Houston**
U14A: **Luke Stevens**
U14B: **Connor Grealy, Guy Tatham**

HOCKEY REPORT

Written by Mr Mike Thomson

This season saw us commence hockey in March and play through until June as the new season timings took effect. This coincided with a decision taken by the Michaelhouse hockey staff to cut down on the number of mid-week fixtures after the disruption of last season. The result was that while in the end we fielded two more teams, we did play 14 fewer fixtures in total. This might have been obviated, had many of our competitors been able to match us with fixtures across the board.

In statistics then we played a total of 132 fixtures, winning 78 (almost 60%) drawing 14 and losing 40. We scored 345 goals for and conceded 158. In comparison to the last season, while our win percentage is virtually the same, we did score 104 goals less. However on the plus side, our defensive record improved, as we conceded some 64 goals less than last year.

Statistics can tell us something, but there is always more to a season. We had excellent SA and Inland Provincial representation and both the Inland U16A and the Inland U18A teams won their respective Inter-Provincial Tournaments. As to our own teams, Mr Alan Redfern's First XI improved consistently throughout the season.

Mrs Win de Wet's Second XI played hockey as only a Michaelhouse Second XI can: "at times sublime and yet

at times frustratingly pedestrian". However, their gutsy comeback from 2-1 down in the second match against Hilton to record a 3-2 victory was brilliant. The fourths, under the stewardship of Mr Paul de Wet played with great vigour and effort, when they could get opposition, but generally seemed to struggle to score goals.

The U16A was a team of great talent and when they concentrated and tried, they were capable of beating anybody. Unfortunately they still need to learn that hockey is a team game and that they were always better when they passed the ball and did not try and rely on individual skills, no matter how good they may be. The U16Bs, coached in the Tarr style, whether by Bryan or his son and assistant Cuan, were always a wonderful side to watch as they played some very attractive hockey, but also seemed to struggle to find the goals on a regular basis. The U16Cs and Ds of Mr Kyle Dowie and Mr Simon Crane respectively, really played some excellent hockey, not always on very flat and helpful fields and it was most pleasing to see their level of development and enjoyment.

While the U14As did not record the most impressive set of results, Mr Mike Bownes really did a wonderful job with a great set of young men. I have seldom seen a Michaelhouse side who played with such consistent determination and effort in the face of considerable physical odds against them. Mr Alwin Murugen should be the envy of every financial Fund Manager, as he managed to grow the U14B team from eight players to a group of over 22 which necessitated us having to call in the help of additional coach Mr Linda Linda towards the end of the season. Obviously much enjoyment and growth is happening in those ranks.

The pride of place for the 2009 season, must however go to Mr Peter Dennyson and his Third XI. Played 12, Won 12, 59 goals for and a measly five against, speaks of an exceptional season. The team played with flair, fun and fundamentals and always did their coach proud. Peter protected his charges with great zeal and clearly informed me after his successful fixture against Maritzburg College that under no circumstances whatsoever was I to consider another match against the Third XI or any other College team for that matter.

Thus 2009 was a good season, but there is still plenty of room for improvement. Our players at all levels have to develop their physical conditioning and need to give more on the field as I really believe our players probably give on average about 60% effort.

In closing, I wish to publicly express my thanks to a number of people without whom the season could not run. Firstly to the dedicated and knowledgeable group of coaches who run Michaelhouse hockey; lady and gentlemen you give unstintingly of your time, enthusiasm and expertise and it has again been a privilege to work with you. Secondly to Mr Graeme Calway and Mr John Crawford for their help and support in the organisation of transport, fixtures, umpires and all other manner of mundane tasks that go with organising sport at Michaelhouse. Thirdly to all the support staff, Mr Gunther Heynecke and Mr Ernest Barkhuizen who coordinate the grounds, the San Sisters for First Aid, Shy and the drivers for transport, the Laundry and Trade Inn for organising and washing the 1st and 2nd XI shirts, and lastly to Ms Mandy Roulliard and the kitchen staff for the lunches and teas throughout the season

Finally 2009 was a landmark season, as it saw us say goodbye to the Dowie Family. Gail and Alan Dowie have watched at least one son play in the Michaelhouse first hockey team for 11 consecutive seasons. That is dedication for you!

HOCKEY RESULTS

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against
1st	17	9	5	3	39	24
2nd	15	11	3	1	49	24
3rd	12	12	0	0	59	5
4th	5	0	2	3	3	11
U16A	18	13	4	1	55	14
U16B	15	11	3	1	52	11
U16C	12	9	1	2	29	8
U16D	9	3	5	1	11	13
U14A	13	3	8	2	27	26
U14B	12	6	6	0	18	15
U14C	4	1	3	0	3	7
	132	**78**	**40**	**14**	**345**	**158**

FIRST XI HOCKEY REPORT

Written by Mr Alan Redfern

The 2009 season was always going to be a building season. Having lost the core of a very good team at the end of 2008, the pool of players that we had to draw on was relatively inexperienced. At times this season we had three D Block boys on the field, along with a further three C Block boys. It served as an excellent learning curve for these boys and there is no doubt in my mind that these young men have learnt some very valuable lessons which will hold Michaelhouse hockey in good stead in the years to come.

The moving of the hockey and rugby seasons into the first quarter saw us start the season on 14 March against Westville down in Durban. Fortunately the weather played its part and we were blessed with a cool overcast day. The young first team got the season off to a brilliant start with a fine 4-1 victory over a competitive Westville 1st XI.

It was obvious from the word go that the captain, Clinton Panther, was going to play a central role in the team's fortunes during the season. Jethro Thomas also displayed early signs that he was developing into a striker to be reckoned with. Dean Dowie showed the maturity that comes with three years of first team experience by superbly marshalling a very young and inexperienced defense.

Our second fixture of the season was always going to be one of our toughest of the year - Maritzburg College on the Papes water based astro. Once again Clinton Panther was outstanding despite the fact that he was carrying an injury. The Michaelhouse boys were fantastic in the first half and we were very unlucky not to go into half time 2-0 up. With a one goal advantage and a minute left on the clock in the first stanza, Jethro Thomas produced a sublime piece of skill in eliminating two defenders and then flipping the ball over the College keeper only to be denied by the cross bar. College came back strongly in the second half as the effects of Panther's recent injury slowed him down allowing College to dominate the midfield and Michaelhouse ran out of steam in the heat of the Maritzburg sun. College ran out deserved 3-1 winners.

The Easter holiday tour entailed a trip down to the beautiful South Western Cape. York High hosted a very successful Independent Schools Hockey Festival on their newly laid water based astro turf. The quality of the opposition was excellent and we came away with two draws, two wins and a loss to St Andrews, Grahamstown, in a game that we dominated in all facets apart from goal scoring.

Our first game of the second quarter also saw us playing our first home game of the season. A highly motivated, well organised and well coached DHS team that had not managed a victory over Michaelhouse in the past four years played some excellent hockey in defeating us 2-1 in a fast paced and exciting encounter. Unfortunately for us it was once again a case of not finishing off our chances, we earned eight short corners during the game but did not manage to convert one!

The first Hilton/Michaelhouse game was played at Michaelhouse. (Hilton were the form team going into the game and certainly boasted a more experienced unit than us). Form, however, often goes out of the window during these Derby games and our boys played some excellent hockey dominating most phases of the game. Hilton scored first but this did not deter the First XI and they fought hard to equalise. As has been the case in the last few home Derby games, Michaelhouse was unable to finish off the boys in black and white and we had to settle for a draw.

A mid week fixture against Clifton followed the disappointment of the Hilton weekend and the team quickly bounced back with a 5-1 victory. One of the performances of the season followed when we travelled down to Botha's Hill to play Kearsney. With Clinton Panther and myself away with the SA U18 team and Jethro Thomas and Tom Gardner away with the Midlands U21 team (all at the National U21 IPT) we took Kearsney on with a severely depleted team. Dean Dowie really stepped up to the plate and captained his young team with enormous courage. Daniel Hulbert scored two fantastic goals and Matthew Shave got his only goal of the season to give Michaelhouse a 3-2 victory (very much against the form book).

A good victory against Northwood, a very disappointing loss to St Johns and an important victory over St Davids followed the Kearsney victory.

To me one of our technically most proficient performances was against a very well coached Glenwood team on their new water based surface. Tactically the team was superb and implemented the game plan brilliantly; we were most deserving of the 4-1 victory. St Charles is rapidly improving as a hockey school and our fixture against them was an exciting one. Clinton Panther demonstrated why he was nominated as the top U18 hockey player in the country as he put on an excellent display in a gratifying 3-1 victory. The final game of a long season was against Hilton away. Hilton College played excellent hockey in defeating us 4-1.



First XI at the start of a match



Dean Dowie keeps his eye on the ball

We never really got going and were outplayed in most areas of the game. It was a disappointing end to what had been a very encouraging season.

Clinton Panther, Dean Dowie and Tom Gardner did a fantastic job leading this young team. The future of Michaelhouse hockey is looking good.

As has been mentioned the top players were Clinton Panther, Jethro Thomas, Dean Dowie and Tom Gardner. My congratulations to Sean Donaldson, Zipho Mhlongo and David Watson (all D Block boys who won 1st XI caps) and to Matthew Shave, Craig Clowes, Matthew Collins, Daniel Hulbert, Kieran Allen, Jake Trehaeven, Rob Clucas and Pieter Pelser on representing the first team.

Clinton Panther was awarded the Scott Fraser Trophy for the Player of the Season. Matthew Collins won the Alan Butcher Stick for the Most Improved Player and Dean Dowie won the Coaches Award for Commitment to Hockey at Michaelhouse.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Kyle Dowie for his assistance and support throughout the season. He did an excellent job videoing the games and assisting me with the analysis of them. The boys certainly learnt a great deal from him. I wish him all the best in his coaching career.

HUMAN KINETICS

Master in Charge: **Mr George Ferreira**
Staff: **Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Brandon Akal** (Intern)

Human Kinetics is an essential component of Life Orientation that helps students become successful at and value health enhancing physical activity.

Our E and D Block boys attended HK classes once in a 10 day cycle. Our goal was to help them acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes that lead to a lifetime of physical activity. Positive fitness behaviours can:

- counteract major risk factors of heart disease (obesity, high blood pressure),
- improve muscular strength, flexibility and aerobic endurance,
- improves self confidence, self esteem and self control
- help regulate weight control and improve body composition,
- help improve cognitive functioning,
- help students establish and strive for achievable personal fitness goals,
- help students make appropriate decisions about their behaviour and fitness,
- help students to follow rules and established safe procedures,
- develop movement skills,
- increase bone density,
- help release tension and anxiety,
- strengthen peer relationships,
- reduce risk of depression,
- promote a positive, lifelong attitude toward health enhancing physical activity,
- make the heart a stronger and more efficient pump,
- help lower blood pressure and resting and working heart rates, and
- provide more energy for daily activities.

The boys were exposed to the following concepts in both Blocks: cardio respiratory endurance; muscular strength; endurance; flexibility; healthy habits and wellness.

E and D Block students participated in fitness pre testing during the first two HK lessons of each quarter. These tests include:

- the Progressive Bleep/Shuttle test measured aerobic endurance,
- one minute push ups measured upper body muscular strength and muscular endurance,
- one minute sit ups measured abdominal muscular strength and muscular endurance,
- modified sit and reach measured low back and hamstring muscle flexibility,
- explosive base jump test measured lower body explosive strength, and
- max pull up test measured upper body strength and muscular endurance.

After participating in these fitness pre tests, the students set personal goals based on interests and fitness needs. Follow up testing enabled the boys to evaluate their progress.

I want to thank Mr Righardt Kotze and Mr Brandon Akal sincerely for their dedicated input during HK lessons.



Human kinetics fitness class



Rugby First XV: Back row (l-r): *D.Strachan, D.Berriman, M.van Heerden, M.Watson, K.Bortsie, J.Nupen*
Middle row (l-r): *H.Mudariki, J.Tatz, E.Wiehe Lagesse, A.King, S.Mhlongo, J.Chellan* ***Front row (l-r):*** *P.Howard, R.Nakin, Mr G.Ross, C.Lindsay (c), Mr R.Kotze, A.Craib, O.Green*

RUGBY

Honours: **Reef Nakin (awarded in 2008), Patrick Howard, Cameron Lindsay, Siyabonga Mhlongo**
Colours: **Oliver Green, Andrew King** (awarded in 2008), **Kweku Bortsie, Joshua Chellan, Andrew Craib, Hilton Mudariki, James Nupen, David Strachan, Jonty Tatz, Mark van Heerden, Michael Watson, Erik Wiehe Lagesse**
Half Colours: **Digby Berriman, Bryden Foster**
Representative selection:
Midlands: **Andrew Craib, Erik Wiehe Lagesse, Joshua Chellan, Andrew King, Cameron Lindsay, Kweku Bortsie**
Selectors XV: **Mark van Heerden, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Reef Nakin, Patrick Howard, Oliver Green, Michael Watson**
KZN Final Trial: **Mark van Heerden, Andrew Craib, Erik Wiehe Lagesse, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Reef Nakin, Patrick Howard, Michael Watson, Cameron Lindsay, Kweku Bortsie**
KZN Academy A: **Andrew Craib, Erik Wiehe Lagesse, Kweku Bortsie**
KZN Schools: **Reef Nakin, Patrick Howard, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Cameron Lindsay**
U18 Academy B: **Mr André van Wyk** (coach)

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Written by Mr Ryno Combrinck

It's been a remarkable year for our OMs. Michaelhouse this year were represented in three National teams. Patrick Cilliers became our first emerging Springbok in the nail biting draw against the British and Irish Lions on a wet Newlands, Ross Cronjé excelled for the SA U21s in the World Cup in Japan while Patrick Lambie and Ruan Combrinck played for SA U19s against France. It is also wonderful to see that a number of our OMs have been capped at Currie Cup level and that we had representation in all the Currie Cup competitions as well as the Vodacom Cup. Well done boys, we are proud of you.

It would be impossible to play any matches here at Michaelhouse without our sanatorium sisters. Special thanks go to Sr Joanne McMillan and her team of Sr Alice McGhee, Sr Morag Atherstone and the First Aiders. They did a fantastic job looking after the boys next to the fields but very importantly also when they had to receive treatment in the Sanatorium. Our opponents were also privileged to be in the good hands of this team.

Sometimes one only realises how fortunate we are to have such wonderful practice and playing fields when you visit other schools. Mr Gunther Heyneke must be thanked for his efforts in preparing our fields.

Mr Graeme Calway is another person that works in the background to help ensure that everything runs according to plan; his efforts are much appreciated.

A special thanks and congratulations must go to all the coaches. It is always difficult to take a team through a gruelling season and again our boys were able to entertain their supporters with exciting and entertaining rugby on many fields in South Africa.

Festivals & Tours

One of the interesting aspects of touring is to measure yourself against the unknown. During the domestic season you will always have a fairly good idea of what to expect from your opponents and by being exposed to different players and teams you end up being tested in many more ways, which is always good.

The First XV played at the Grey High School Festival. They were tested early against a well organised hosting team. They managed to regroup and had a good victory against Nico Malan and ended with a spectacular win against Kingswood. The Second XV won't be too impressed with their results at the Vryheid Festival but it's fair to say that they learned from their mistakes if one looked at the year's overall results. The Third and Fourth XV returned from Vryheid all smiling and a record of four from six against tough opposition. Again touring proved beneficial to these teams as they can be proud of good results during the season.

The U16s again played at the Paarl Gym Festival. This is without a shadow of a doubt the toughest festival in South Africa at this level. Our boys did wonderfully well by returning unbeaten against St Andrews, Dinamika and Helpmekaar. Sadly they could not build on their success after the tour.

The U15s attend the Independent Schools' Rugby Festival that was again held at Woodridge. They started poorly but pulled themselves together with a convincing win over St Albans. Hard lessons were learned and fortunately they managed to remember them as the season progressed.

Season

The First XV again had a very successful season and only lost twice. It will be fair to say that the difference against Westville was the bounce of the ball although they were a very good team. The boys can also keep their heads high as they went down against a powerful Glenwood team. The stand-out performance for me was the match against College on Goldstones. A remarkable effort on defence and the determination to win was spectacular to watch and this 13-10 victory will be remembered for years to come. The open teams spoilt their good season with a disastrous last fixture against Hilton College. Only one open team did not manage to have an overall win/loss ratio of 50% or more for the season and it will be hard to improve the record against Glenwood; seven open teams played and six ended in victories. Ultimately the A Blockers improved from a 44% winning record at U14 level to just over 60% in their last schoolboy season. This is quite remarkable and they can be very proud of themselves and their coaches' efforts.

The U16As started the season with five teams but injuries soon took its toll. If one considers that this age group still managed to have the best U16 results in a number of years, it can then be said that we look forward to seeing the improvement over the next two years. If one excludes the only E team match they will end with a winning record of 57%, a huge improvement from the past. The A team won't be too satisfied as they could not build on their U15 successes and I hope they realise that hard work lies ahead.

In the final match of the season the U15A team were demolished by Hilton College. We were not at full strength but it was still hard to witness. The lesson here is that lately U16 teams find it difficult to improve on their U15 performances and hopefully this would be the warning everybody needed. It will, however, be wrong to forget the fact that the A team improved with a nearly 100% winning



Cheer Leader Sanda Shandu



Joshua Chellan

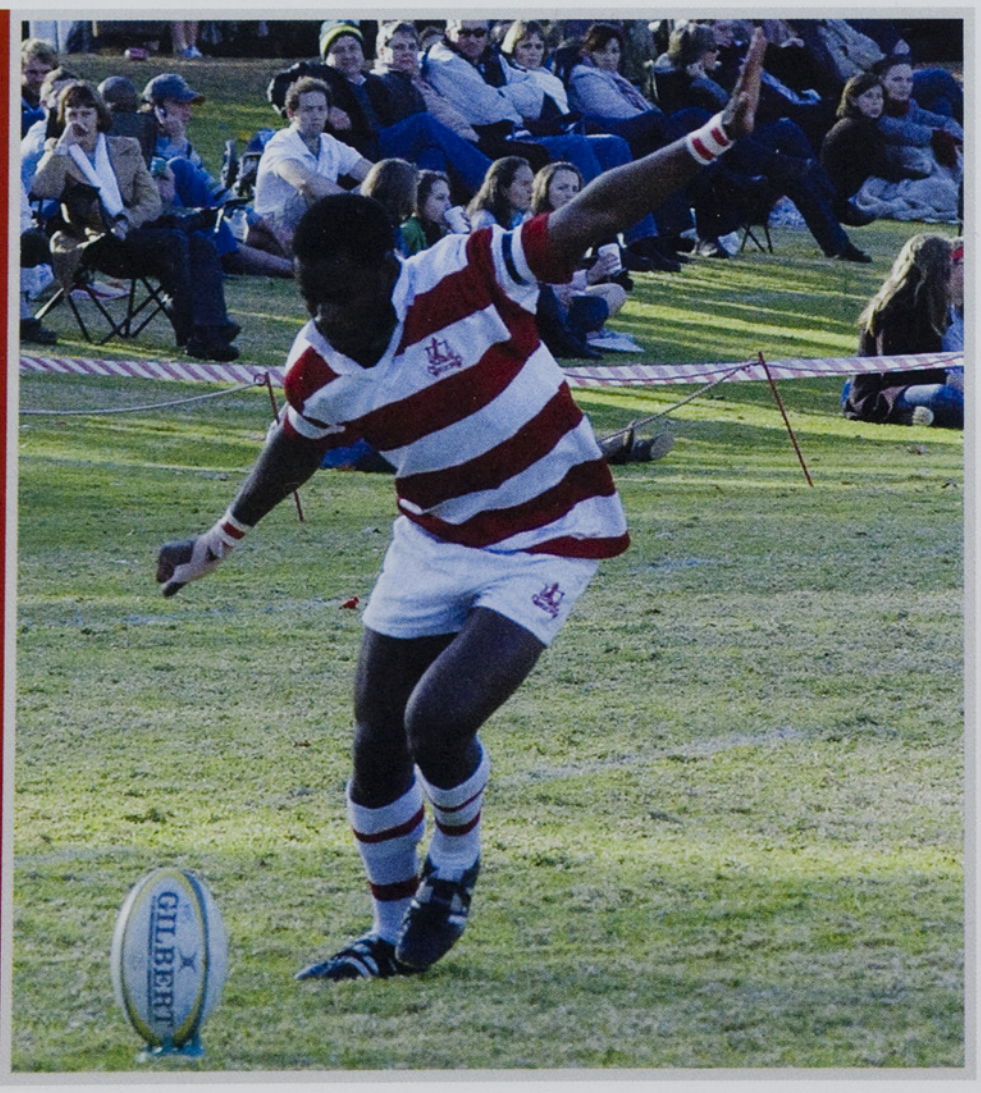
ratio from the year before. That in itself is quite remarkable and the coaches and boys need to be applauded for that. We all hope they can build on that.

The U14s had a mixed bag of results with the C team again being the most successful and only losing two of the ten matches. It's a difficult age group to coach as they have little time to prepare and with this in mind it was encouraging to see how the boys improved through the season. A notable result was the A's turnaround from a 0-29 loss to a 13-5 win against Hilton College in the second match. The way the players responded to the work the coaches put in is encouraging and I look forward to seeing this age group develop.

In all, Michaelhouse had a successful year between the four white lines. With success I am not only referring to the results but also to the fact that the players and coaches always gave their all to their team mates and School, while enjoying themselves. I believe they entertained and hopefully inspired their supporters to watch more exciting schoolboy rugby and in most cases to show how this running game should be played.

The 2009 Season will sadly also be remembered for the passing of Mr Gerrit Wessels (Third XV father of Roux Wessels), on the banks of Meadows. Mr Wessels was a staunch supporter of Roux and his team. Our thoughts remain with the Wessels family.

It's wonderful to have the support of my wife Celeste, and to have my boys, Herman and Robert, running around the fields on match days. I thank them for it.



Hilton Mudariki

FIRST XV RUGBY REPORT

Written by Mr Gavin Ross

Results:

Grey P.E. Festival

vs Grey P.E.	lost	5 - 33
vs Nico Malan	won	19 - 15
vs Kingswood	won	34 - 0

Domestic Season

vs Westville (A)	lost	15 - 20
vs College (A)	won	13 - 10
vs Sutherland (Pretoria) (H)	won	66 - 10
vs DHS (H)	won	51 - 10
vs Hilton (H)	won	13 - 8
vs Kearsney (A)	won	26 - 19
vs Northwood (H)	won	13 - 0
vs St John's (A)	won	33 - 20
vs Glenwood (A)	lost	20 - 31
vs George Campbell (H)	won	27 - 10
vs St Charles (H)	won	33 - 25
vs Hilton (A)	won	40 - 20

Summary:

Played:	15	**Won:**	12	**Lost:**	3
Points for:	408	**Points against:**	231		
Tries for:	63	**Tries against:**	28		

Players who started in one or more games (number of games started in brackets).

Captain: **Cameron Lindsay** (15)
Vice captain**: Andrew Craib** (14)
Thys Albertse (1), Stephen Avidon (3), Digby Berriman (4), Kweku Bortsie (9), Guy Brunskill (1), Joshua Chellan (12), Manuel de Abreu (3), Bryden Foster (6), Oliver Green (14), James Hitchcock (3), Patrick Howard (14), Andrew King (13), Stephen Lishman (2), Dumisani Mabhena (2), Siyabonga Mhlongo (8), Christopher Morris (3), Hilton Mudariki (11), Reef Nakin (14), James Nupen (12), Rory Nuttall-Smith (3), David Pearce (1), David Strachan (5), Jonty Tatz (14), Mark van Heerden (15), Michael Watson (11), Erik Wiehe Lagesse (12)

The pressure on the team at the beginning of the season was enormous. Michaelhouse had probably just completed two of their most successful consecutive seasons in recent years. The expectations were high and everyone was apprehensive, but at the same time eager to get the season underway. To add further pressure some sceptics predicted a 50% success rate. Fortunately this prediction proved to be way off the mark.

At the outset, special thanks must be made to the boys who played in the previous year's first team. They helped instil the trust, self belief and camaraderie which is so necessary when playing at this level. The lessons learnt from the 2008 season were quickly built into the team philosophy and "inch by inch" and "always stay humble" once again stood the team in good stead throughout the season.

The early start to the season, with two games being played before the Easter vacation, meant that pre-season training had to be well organised involving total commitment from all players. Here the boys rose to the occasion and managed to juggle their numerous other first quarter activities to find time to accommodate rugby. The team was, however, a tad short of match practice when they took to the field against Westville. Numerous unforced errors characterised the first half and the team was somewhat fortunate to turn 0-5 down at the break. As the second half progressed so did the confidence improve and two tries were scored. Inexperience allowed Westville to also add two tries and the game was narrowly lost. It was a great relief to have the first game under the belt and the boys, to their credit, realised that with hard work they could develop into a very competent unit. Another daunting task awaited the team the following Saturday. College on Goldstones was not going to be easy. The mistakes made the previous Saturday were worked on and a better prepared and more confident side took the field. A tight first half, with each team scoring a try, ended with College leading 5-7. Both teams missed opportunities and only traded penalties until Michaelhouse broke the deadlock by scoring a try in the dying seconds of the game. Michaelhouse had not beaten College on Goldstones since 1999.

The midweek fixture against Sutherland was won comfortably with the team running in ten tries. The boys reassembled a week later to prepare for the Easter Festival in Port Elizabeth. Sadly the hard work before leaving and the experience gained in the previous three games was not carried into the game against Grey PE. Three soft tries in the first twenty minutes really had Michaelhouse on the back foot. Whilst improving as the game progressed, the team was never able to dominate a very good set of loose forwards who kept Grey's backs supplied with a surfeit of clean ball. Most of the reserves were fielded in the game against Nico Malan. This proved to be a very physical encounter and was certainly a great test of character and a good indication of the strength of our depth. The half time score was 5-3 and the game ended with Michaelhouse desperately defending a four point lead. A few changes in the midfield, which in retrospect should have been made earlier, saw the team run in four great tries in the first half against Kingswood. Sadly we could only manage one further try in the second half but the team did show that they now had the ability and confidence to tackle the remaining fixtures in the second quarter.

Once again the Grey Festival proved invaluable and is one of the most enjoyable festivals to attend. The support from the parents was greatly appreciated and special thanks must be made for the thoroughly enjoyable day at Cape St Francis. Even the weather came to the party.

The first game of the second quarter was a home fixture against DHS. Whilst DHS may have been carrying a few injuries I genuinely believe that they would have struggled to contain a rampant Michaelhouse side. Nine tries were scored to the delight of the Grandparents present. It was this game that made many sceptics and opposing schools sit up and take notice of what was developing into a very competent group of players.

The game against DHS was ideal preparation for the first encounter against Hilton. A quiet confidence was evident throughout the week at practice. This was always going to be a tightly contested game, as Hilton were keen to reverse the results of the previous two seasons. The first half was evenly contested and Michaelhouse managed to turn with a slim advantage (3-0). Hilton soon levelled the score and went ahead with an unconverted try. Michaelhouse soon levelled the score with what was labelled as a very controversial try. A missed clearance kick in the last minute of the game saw Michaelhouse capitalise and score the winning try. It remains a great pity that controversy ruled the day as this game was certainly an exhibition of pride and passion by thirty young players who gave their all for their schools. This is surely how the game should be remembered and not by "if only". Both of the first tries appeared a little controversial when viewed after the game. The stage was set for the return game at Hilton.

The game against Kearsney proved to be another tough encounter where resolute defence was the order of the day, especially in the last ten minutes when the team was a man short. Despite having scored two tries without reply, in the first half, Michaelhouse only led by two points (14-12) at half time. A further two tries in the second half should have



End of match war cry

sealed the game but ill discipline put the team under pressure and the game ended with Kearsney scoring a converted try and Michaelhouse defending desperately. The team showed a lot of character in the closing stages of this game and the coach went a tad greyer.

Playing Northwood is never an easy game and this proved to be no exception. This game can only be described as frustrating and disappointing. The half time score of 3-0 showed how scrappy the game was. To coach boys to play negatively in order to keep the score down is just not on. Some very talented boys were not given the opportunity to exhibit their undoubted skills. Thankfully, after this game, the mid-term break arrived and everyone took a much needed break.

The trip to St John's is always difficult. The boys, despite some poor kicking in the first half (12-12), stuck mainly to the plan and ended up comfortable winners by outscoring the opposition by five tries to three. Unfortunately I was unable to make the trip to Gauteng and I must thank Mr Righardt Kotze and Mr Adrian Moran for keeping the boys relaxed and focused in my absence - the new grey hairs certainly make you both look a little more distinguished.

Glenwood in Durban, on their Old Boys Day, was always going to be difficult. The exciting draw last season also added spice to the occasion. Michaelhouse scored an early converted try and added a penalty to lead 10-0. Glenwood remained patient and scored two tries, one converted, to lead 12-10. Michaelhouse managed a late penalty to lead 13-12 at half time. Glenwood remained patient and took their chances and it was only in the last few minutes that Michaelhouse managed to get back into the game. This was a great display of rugby played in true spirit of the game and showed that Glenwood deserved their position as the top school in the Province.

Against George Campbell, four scintillating tries were scored in the first half but sadly this did not continue and it was only in the dying minutes of the game that a further try was scored. Numerous mistakes crept in as George Campbell's defence tackled Michaelhouse sideways into touch. A few kicks and straight running, in the final minutes of the game, made our play less predictable and put their defence on the back foot. This led to the final try.

Some hard talking took place before the St Charles game and a much more patient team took the field. Whilst Michaelhouse scored five tries to St Charles' one, they could not pull away. Exceptional goal kicking kept St Charles in the hunt as they punished any indiscretion made. The half time score was 19-12. The same pattern emerged in the second half but the team eventually settled and scored a further two tries. St Charles scored seconds before full time and this can be attributed to a platinum moment by the coach. The team was instructed to go for posts when a simple kick into touch would have closed the game. St Charles attacked from the missed penalty, ran the full length of the field, and scored a well deserved try.

The win against St Charles extended Michaelhouse's unbeaten run on Meadows, over the past three seasons, to eighteen matches.

The final game of the season against Hilton was eagerly anticipated by all. The early start due to the test in Durban made proceedings a little different and more interesting. The team rose to the occasion and did not disappoint. A great team effort and some individual brilliance from Reef Nakin (two tries) led to six tries being scored, three in each half. At half time Michaelhouse led 19-13 and it was only in the last twelve minutes that the score line changed. Patience and rock solid defence kept Hilton at bay until a pick up from the base of the scrum and a quick feed from Andrew King to David Strachan on the blind side wing enabled David to run all of 45 metres to touch down under the posts. Almost immediately a cross kick from Reef Nakin was caught by Erik Wiehe Lagesse who fed the ball inside to Patrick Howard who scored. Hilton came back strongly and it was only when they ran the ball from a free kick that Jonty Tatz managed to turn the ball over. A quick feed to Oliver Green who drew



A muddy Third XV



Cameron Lindsay excels in the line out

his man and the resultant pass enabled Erick Wiehe Lagesse to score. It was in this game that the boys remained patient, stuck to the basics, did them well and took their chances when they came. This game will certainly remain one of the highlights of my coaching career.

This was a very rewarding season and a special word of thanks must be given to all the coaches who have been involved with the boys since they began their rugby careers at Michaelhouse. I was extremely grateful for the advice and constant support from the Rector and my fellow coaches throughout the season. A special word of thanks must be made to Mr Mike Schwartz and Mr Righardt Kotze. Mike, I really appreciated your input at practices and your meticulous preparation of the Second XV. When injuries occurred, replacement from the seconds was never a problem. Righardt's fitness monitoring and warm ups were once again fantastic, well managed and always thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. I would also like to thank Mr Ryno Combrinck for the clinics on Thursday evenings. These are important in that they keep us coaches up to date with the new techniques and drills which are so important to the modern game.

To the parents, your support and camaraderie over the season was fantastic. Who will forget the delightful day at Cape St Francis where strangely enough the wind did not even blow. The boys and I were indeed fortunate to have you behind us at every game.

I must admit that I was dumbfounded when at 05h00 before departing for Port Elizabeth, I arrived at Screens to find the buses packed and ready to depart. We passed through the gates at 05h15. This must surely have been a record. Here I must thank Cameron for his quiet and unflustered ability to rally the team and get things organised. In retrospect this became a feature of the season and was really appreciated by me. Cameron's advice was always impartial and sound and his leadership of the team was characterised by respect and understanding of each player. Having a leader of this calibre certainly made my job as coach a lot easier and more enjoyable.

To those boys leaving, thanks for the wonderful memories and I wish you all God speed and all of the best as you tackle your next stage in life's grand journey. To those of you remaining I wish you all of the best for next year. I sincerely hope that the lessons in camaraderie and respect that you have learnt this year will be carried forward to next year.

For me this was once again another unforgettable season and I am extremely grateful for having been given the opportunity to work with another great group of youngsters.



Michaelhouse/Hilton Day

SEASON SUMMARY

Team	Played	For	Against	avg for	avg against	difference	WON	LOST	DRAWN	win %	Coach
1st XV	14	408	231	29	17	13	12	3	0	86	Gavin Ross
2nd XV	14	298	149	21	11	11	7	7	1	50	Michael Schwartz
3rd XV	14	241	142	17	10	7	9	4	1	64	Brad Flanegan & Greg Muirhead
4th XV	14	397	197	28	14	14	11	3	0	79	Richard McMichael
5th XV	10	272	148	27	15	12	5	5	0	50	John Crawford
6th XV	9	247	120	27	13	14	5	4	0	56	Msizi Mchunu
7th XV	7	100	227	14	32	-18	2	5	0	29	Nick Cahill
											Brad Roets
AVG.	**82**	**1963**	**1214**	**165**	**112**	**53**	**51**	**31**	**2**		
U16 A	14	290	178	21	13	8	9	5	0	64	Adrian Moran & Brandon Akal
B	11	239	186	22	17	5	6	5	0	55	George Ferreira
C	9	235	135	26	15	11	5	4	0	56	Albie Dahlberg & Africa Msimango
D	8	179	123	22	15	7	5	3	0	63	Allan Laing
E	1	7	56	7	56	-49	0	1	0	0	Johan van Rooyen
AVG.	**43**	**950**	**678**	**98**	**116**	**-18**	**25**	**18**	**0**		
U15 A	13	213	282	16	22	-5	8	6	0	62	Elmar de Klerk & Heyden Everyl
B	10	182	149	18	15	3	4	6	0	40	Sam Mofokeng & Tatenda Chidzawo
C	10	192	107	19	11	9	5	5	0	50	Bernie Whitaker
D	9	160	168	18	19	-1	3	6	0	33	Jaap van der Vegte & Rowan Salter
E	4	5	91	1	23	-22	0	3	0	0	Jaap van der Vegte & Neil vd Merwe
AVG.	**46**	**752**	**797**	**73**	**89**	**-16**	**20**	**26**	**0**		
U14 A	11	177	273	16	25	-9	6	6	0	55	André van Wyk
B	11	302	137	27	12	15	7	4	0	64	Sibs Ncamane & Tango Nchukana
C	10	223	69	22	7	15	8	2	0	80	Graeme Calway & Ashley Dixon
D	9	145	154	16	17	-1	3	6	0	33	Kyle Kumm & Mandla Cele
E											
AVG.	**41**	**847**	**633**	**82**	**61**	**21**	**24**	**18**	**0**		
	212	**4512**	**3322**	**21**	**16**	**6**	**120**	**93**	**2**		



Sailing: Back row (l-r): *M.Rait, R.van Greunen, M.Nash, J.Geldenhuys* ***Middle row (l-r):*** *W.Mosburger, RD.Senekal, W.Smale, D.Alexander, M.Farrow, J.Davey* ***Front row (l-r):*** *K.Renton, Mr JL.Swart, W.Crockett (Commodore), Mr R.von Schlichting, D.Horscroft*

SAILING

Master in Charge: **Mr Jean-Louis Swart**
Staff: **Mr Tim Jarvis, Mr Rainer von Schlichting,**
Commodore: **William Crockett**
Vice Commodore: **Kenneth Renton**
Honours: **William Crockett**
Provincial Representation: **William Crockett, David Horscroft, Kenneth Renton, Robert Renton**

Michaelhouse Sailing proudly increased the number of sailors at the School from seven in 2008 to 13 in 2009. They have the use of seven Lasers, three Miracles, two Hobie 16's, one Halcat and a Soling 29ft.

During 2009, yachtsmen participated in several events:

Henley Midmar Yacht Club, Midmar
KZN Inter-Schools Regatta
KZN Laser Provincials
KZN Youth Provincials
Grand Prix III series
Hawarden Cup
Nine Hour Endurance Race
Partington Plate Series
Ron Weston 20 Miler
Rose Bowl Regatta
Summer Series
Two Fun Day/Outreach Sailing Days
Nine Monthly Mugs

Royal Natal Yacht Club, Durban
FFS Series
Mayor Leuchers Trophy

Point Yacht Club, Durban
Three Wednesday Night Races
Sigma Keelers Race
Grand Prix IV series

Island Sailing Club, Durban
Grand Prix I series

Zululand Yacht Club, Richards Bay
Grand Prix II series

Our sailors are yet to sail in the South African Sailing Youth Nationals to be held at Henley Midmar Yacht Club, Midmar in December 2009.



The end of a successful day of sailing at Midmar Dam

Results
The following results have been attained for each sailor:

William Crockett **A Block**
FFS Series: 1st Overall as Skipper on boat B2G2
Mayor Leuchor's Trophy: 2nd Overall as Skipper on boat B2G2
Grand Prix Series: 2nd Overall in Laser Standard Class
KZN Inter-Schools: 10th Overall on Handicap
KZN Inter-Schools: 2nd Overall along with Robert Renton for Laser Fleet
9 Hour Endurance: 9th Overall
Wednesday Night Race 1: 1st Overall as Skipper on boat B2G2
Wednesday Night Race 2: 2nd Overall as Skipper on boat B2G2
Wednesday Night Race 3: 3rd Overall as Skipper on boat B2G2

Kenneth Renton **A Block**
Harwarden Cup: 5th Overall
KZN Inter-Schools: 6th Overall on Handicap
KZN Interschools: 3rd Overall in Laser Radial Class (3rd Place: MHS)
9 Hour Endurance: 21st Overall
Summer Series: 5th Overall

David Horscroft **A Block**
Harwarden Cup: 13th Overall
KZN Interschools: 15th Overall on Handicap
Summer Series: 13th Overall
Wednesday Night Race 1: 1st Overall as Crew on boat B2G2
Wednesday Night Race 2: 2nd Overall as Crew on boat B2G2
Wednesday Night Race 3: 3rd Overall as Crew on boat B2G2

Mark Farrow **B Block**
Harwarden Cup: 11th Overall
Grand Prix Series: 2nd Overall in Laser 4.7 Class
Summer Series: 11th Overall
Partington Plate Series: 8th Overall on Handicap with Line Honours

Michael Nash **B Block**
Partington Plate Series: 8th Overall on Handicap with Line Honours

Robert Renton **C Block**
Harwarden Cup: 1st Overall as Crew with Skipper Rob Tarboton
Summer Series: 1st Overall as Crew with Skipper Rob Tarboton
Rose Bowl: 1st Overall as Crew with Skipper Rob Tarboton
Grand Prix Series: 3rd Overall in Laser Standard Class
KZN Interschools: 13th Overall on Handicap
KZN Interschools: 2nd Overall along with W Crockett for Laser Fleet
9 Hour Endurance: 41st Overall
Ron Weston: 8th Overall

Murray Rait **C Block**
Harwarden Cup: 12th Overall
KZN Inter-Schools: 1st Overall in Laser 4.7 Class (1st Place: MHS)
KZN Inter-Schools: 11th Overall on Handicap
Summer Series: 12th Overall
Ron Weston: 9th Overall

Duncan Alexander **D Block**
KZN Inter-Schools: 1st Overall for Miracle Fleet (1st Place: MHS)
Summer Series: 14th Overall along with R Senekal
Harwarden Cup: 14th Overall along with R Senekal

Robert Derrick Senekal **D Block**
Summer Series: 14th Overall along with D Alexander
Harwarden Cup: 14th Overall along with D Alexander

William Smale **D Block**
No Results as yet

Ryan van Greunen **D Block**
No Results as yet

Wulf Mosburger **D Block**
No Results as yet

Joshua Geldenhuys **E Block**
KZN Inter-Schools: 2nd Overall along with J Krummhof for Miracle Fleet

Jann-Fredrick Krummhof E Block
KZN Inter-Schools: 2nd Overall along with J Geldunhuys for Miracle Fleet



William Crockett



Soccer First XI: Back row (l-r): *M.Collins, J.Kobal, B.Hardman, D.Norman, C.Smith, K.Sesupeng, R.Clucas*
Middle row (l-r): *Z.Mhlongo, W.Mzuku, N.Lister-James, M.Good, L.Mtshali, C.Legoale-Phillips* ***Front row (l-r):*** *R.Nakin, Mr S.Dzingwa, T.Gardner (c), Mr L.Linda, M.de Abreu*

SOCCER

Master in Charge : **Mr Tim Jarvis**
1st XI Coach: **Mr Linda Linda**
Captain: **Tom Gardner**
Honours: **Manuel de Abreu, Tom Gardner**
Colours: **Reef Nakin, Lethoxolo Mtshali, Matthew Collins, Devin Norman**
Half Colours: **Courtney Smith, Michael Good, Brett Hardman, Clinton Panther, Nicholas Lister-James, Justin Kobal, Karabo Sesupeng**

This year the beautiful game at Michaelhouse saw as many as twenty three teams take to the field each Saturday, a pre-season tour to East London for the first team and U16A team squads, and a new kit for the first team.

Due to some thorough preparatory work with the KZN Fixtures Committee, we were able to secure a good set of fixtures for the boys. On the five Saturdays, we played schools who by and large could match us in terms of depth. In addition we also held several sets of midweek fixtures, meaning that many teams had seven or eight fixtures in a short season.

Due to our depth we were able to hold our own in terms of results, competing well with schools that traditionally do well in the sport. Our A teams performed well and our first team definitely benefited from their pre-season tour to East London by kicking off the regular season with away wins against Hilton and then Kearsney.

Only one boy was selected for provincial representation, Zawadi Dlamini chosen for the KZN U15A side as a goalkeeper. Manuel de Abreu as the first team leading goal scorer, and Tom Gardner, as the first team captain, were deservedly awarded Honours for their efforts and ability in the sport.

In review, the season's move to the start of the third quarter was a positive one, allowing for an unbroken run of games without the interruption of Sports and Family Day as well as allowing an extra Saturday for fixtures. While we would desperately love to have more time for soccer we have been grateful for this small but significant change to the season.

Both the tour to East London and the new first team kit added to the status of soccer in the School. However, the most satisfying aspect of the season was the fact that by and large we managed to get games each week for the majority of the boys. It was gratifying to observe on a Saturday morning just how many boys were able to participate.

Next year will see the World Cup here in South Africa, a coming of age for soccer in this country and I hope at Michaelhouse as well.

FIRST XI SOCCER

Written by Mr Linda Linda

This was a successful soccer season for the first team. Our soccer philosophy and strategy was to build a strong team that would play entertaining football and take the beautiful game to another level. In order to achieve this we had our first pre-season tour in East London where our boys displayed outstanding performances and were rewarded with an award for the most organised team and were also the second best team in terms of points. Our first game of the season was against Hilton and we were able dominate them in every department and we won the game convincingly.

Summary of our results:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
21	12	3	6

We had a very successful Kloof Tournament and we were able to beat our host 5-0 and we advanced to knockout stages where we lost to St David's 2-1. Our boys were not willing to go down easily and they advanced to the semi-final of the plate final and were in the top twelve schools in terms of the rankings.

For the first time we had a soccer dinner and the following players received awards:
Player of the Season: **Tom Gardner**
Golden Boot Award: **Manuel de Abreu**
Best New Comer: **Zipho Mhongo**
Most Improved Player: **Matthew Collins**
Most Spirited Player: **Karabo Sesupeng**
Defender of the Season: **Nick Clucas**
Midfielder of the Season: **Tom Gardner**

This event was the highlight of the season and it is the beginning of greater things that are going to happen in the soccer fraternity.



Manuel de Abreu

SQUASH

Master in Charge: **Mr Peter Huntley**
Coaches: **Mr Andrew Brown,**
Mr Michael Schwartz, Mr Mike Thomson
Captain: **Paul Heaton Nicholls**
Honours: **Ian Sturgeon**
Colours: **Paul Heaton Nicholls, Pieter Pelser, Robert Clucas**
Half Colours: **Ethan Malan**
Provincial Representation: **Ian Sturgeon, Pieter Pelser, Angus Clucas, Jacques Adam, Luke Stevens, Nicholas van der Bos**

This has been another extremely busy year for squash coaches and players at Michaelhouse (especially considering the shortage of coaching staff). We had set out very precise aims and objectives for 2009 and 2010; which in a nutshell included winning the KZN Inter-Schools Championships next year and therefore representing the province at the SA Top Schools Tournament. We were also scheduled to tour overseas (still a real goal, despite the moratorium) next year and would have the team to do justice to such a venture.

There have been a number of highlights this year; beginning with the KZN Pre-Season Tournament, where 12 of our boys participated. Of particular note were the performances of Ian Sturgeon and Pieter Pelser in the U19 section and Angus Clucas and Jacques Adam in the U16 group. It was also encouraging to see Luke Stevens and Nicholas van der Bos acquitting themselves well in the U14 group.

The annual tour to Bloemfontein to participate in the prestigious St Andrew's Festival is always special and this year proved to be no exception. It is worth noting that this is the premier schools squash festival in the country, with champion teams from every province participating. Our team performed incredibly well, playing in the top flight for the first time. Despite the withdrawal of Christopher Brits, which did weaken the top order, we recorded convincing victories over Wynberg Boys High, Grey High and St John's College,



Reef Nakin



Squash First Team:Back row (l-r): *M.Lowe, A.Clucas, J.Adam, C.Brits* ***Front row (l-r):*** *P.Pelser, P.Heaton Nicholls (c), Mr P.Huntley, J.Chellan, I.Sturgeon*

whilst narrow losses to Menlo Park (the top school team in SA) and the host's A team (ranked 3rd), showed that we do belong in such company and that our progress is on track.

Our outstanding domestic results would also attest to the hard work the boys put in, whilst also managing their other sport commitments. The first team recorded comprehensive victories over Kearsney: 8-0, (with the U16 and U14 teams winning 5-0) and Westville: 5-3 (the number two team in KwaZulu-Natal)

The focus in the first part of the second quarter was almost entirely on the domestic front, with the ultimate goal for our leading players being a KZN Schools Selection and mounting a serious challenge at the Inter-Schools Tournament.

The first quarter had ended on a very positive note with our Super 8 (First Team) campaign proving most successful, sweeping all opposition aside, apart from a single hard-fought loss to champions Glenwood.

The KZN Open Tournament, saw our top players competing in their respective age groups with a great deal of success. Notable achievements were: Ian Sturgeon, who finished at number three in the U19 group and Luke Stevens 2nd in the U14s (great results considering the national flavour of the competition). A further accolade for both these boys was their invitation to play in the SA Schools trials in Johannesburg. Ian Sturgeon, in particular, must be commended on his national ranking of 15 in the U19 group, in his first year competing in this division.

The KZN Inter-Schools Tournament, saw our first team determined to provide serious opposition to the two top schools and we lost a hard fought contest to Westville to ultimately finish third in KwaZulu-Natal. This mirrors our result of 2008 and is just reward for the efforts of the boys (despite the demands of the major sports). A further, most pleasing aspect, is the performance of our U16 team who finished as runners-up in the B section.

The second weekend in May saw us hosting Mr Des Sacco and his Jaguars Team and as has become custom, this proved to be a most memorable weekend of squash. The wily Jaguars again proved too strong for both staff and boys alike, although our first team ran them close, losing by a narrow margin. Matthew Lowe was the deserved recipient of the racket awarded to the most improved player.

KwaZulu-Natal Schools places were secured by Ian Sturgeon and Pieter Pelser U19B, Angus Clucas and Jacques Adam U16B and Luke Stevens U14A and Nicholas van der Bos U14B. A most pleasing aspect was the fact that nine of our boys made it through to the final trials, with four in the U19 group, three in the U16 and two in the U14. This is after dominating the Midlands Schools Trials and is easily our best representation in the last five years.

Once again, the undoubted highlight of the third quarter was our annual Johannesburg Tour. Now in its fifth year, this has again proved to be a most valuable squash experience for our boys. The value in squash terms far overrides the fact that a few academic lessons are missed, and in fact the boys

learn far more salient life lessons in terms of interacting with adults on an advanced social level.

Our top eight boys played against a variety of skilled opponents gathered together by Mr Des Sacco (Sacco Jaguars Team) and Mr Richard Waller, who organised an MHS Old Boys Team, which included veterans such as Nick Tucker, as well as youngsters like Jared Chellan. It is a great credit to our youthful first team that they lost narrowly to the Sacco Jaguars 5-4, whilst beating the Old Boys 7-1, Gauteng girls champions, St Mary's (who had some help from KES) 8-0 and in the final match of the tour, beating PBHS in Pretoria 7-1. This result in itself, against a top eight school in South Africa, made the trip worthwhile.

The cultural/academic component of this tour saw our party visit the Vredefort Dome, in Parys and whilst this involved more travel, it was most fascinating to spend four hours with the world authority, Professor Graeme Addison and we all learnt an immense amount about this World Heritage site. The 80km guided drive around the crater was a highlight. Another amazing educational experience.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to both Mr Des Sacco and Mr Richard Waller for again organising a most memorable squash experience for our boys.

A number of our boys continue to participate in the Midlands Men's Squash League in teams varying from First League to Sixth League. They have performed with a great deal of success, particularly in First League, where the Michaelhouse team has now won the title for two consecutive years. This certainly bears testimony to the overall success of our programme.

The fourth quarter saw high school squash played on a Stayers Basis. Our Open, U16 and U14 teams seem to indicate that we have a wealth of talent at our disposal over the next few years.

The Stayers first team, under the captaincy of Ian Sturgeon, recorded convincing victories over the Midlands Jesters by the remarkable margin of 6-2, as well as Kearsney 5-0, Hilton College 5-0 and Maritzburg College, also by the same 5-0 winning margin. The U16A team beat both Kearsney U16A and Hilton U16A 5-0, whilst losing narrowly to Maritzburg College. We could not have hoped for a more successful beginning to what will hopefully be a huge year for Michaelhouse squash in 2010. A further worthwhile initiative, in keeping with our 2015 Vision, has been a number of fixtures against St Anne's, St John's DSG and Epworth. These have been well received by both the boys and girls concerned.

We also held a successful School Squash Championship, with our 16 top boys participating in the Senior Championship. Ian Sturgeon beat Pieter Pelser in the hard fought final to take the title for 2009 and win the Bradford Cup in its inaugural year. A Junior Championship was also held and Luke Stevens won this comfortably.

A most enjoyable First Team Squash Dinner was held on the eve of half-term and two special awards were made. Ian Sturgeon was awarded the Mike and Karen Short Trophy for Sportsmanship, whilst Angus Clucas won the Collen Family Trophy for the Most Improved Player. Frank and Carol Bradford, who generously donated a trophy for the School Champion, were our Guests of Honour. All players who had represented the first team on more than ten occasions were awarded a citation noting their contribution to the success of the team this year.

Finally I must place on record my sincere thanks to Mr Andrew Brown who has contributed much to the success of our teams throughout the year, as well as Mr Mike Thomson and Mr Mike Schwartz who have also helped out with the age group teams at various stages.



Angus Clucas with the Most Improved Player trophy, Mr Peter Huntley, Ian Sturgeon with the Sportsmanship trophy and the School Champion trophy



Chester Holliday, Richter Landman

TENNIS

Teacher in Charge: **Mrs Win de Wet**
Coaches: **Ms Lisa Hardie, Mr Viktor Kurz, Mr Alan Cairns** (professional coach)
Captain: **Sanda Shandu**
Vice Captain: **Lungelo Nkosi**
Colours**: Lungelo Nkosi**
Half Colours: **Richard Ashforth, Dean Stephen**
National Representation:
Richard Ashforth (South Africa U15)
Provincial Representation:
Myles Arron (KZN Midlands U19, KZN U19B),
Richard Ashforth (KZN Midlands U15, KZN U15A),
Dean Stephen (KZN Midlands U15, KZN U15B),
Lungelo Nkosi (KZN Midlands U19, KZN U19B)

Tennis has flourished at Michaelhouse this year, in terms of the number of boys playing tennis, but we still compete with the other sports for the top sportsmen. In the first quarter we entered two teams into the A section of the Denness League. The Michaelhouse A Team was unbeaten and won the league. Inter-House tennis took place in the second quarter where once again there was fierce competition and some very good tennis players made their annual appearance on the tennis courts. The winners were Mackenzie (Seniors) and West (Juniors). Myles Arron beat Dean Stephen in the 2008 School Championships. We could only complete it this year because Myles was on exchange in the fourth quarter last year.

In the third quarter, for the first time in the last seven years, we had enough interested boys to enter two teams into the A section of the Natal Witness League (U17) and two teams into the A section of the Bonnefin League (U15). We had a very strong U17A team and we won the league. The U17B team did very well to come third out of nine teams in the A section. The U15A team came third in the Bonnefin League.

During the first five days of the Michaelmas holiday, the Michaelhouse first team played in the Hilton/St Anne's Invitational Doubles and Mixed Doubles tournament. The team had two coaching sessions with Mr Reenen de Vries before we left. The standard of tennis was very high and the Michaelhouse boys acquitted themselves very well coming third in the Doubles Competition out of eight teams, losing only to DHS. In the Mixed Doubles Competition we teamed up with Roedean and ended third out of eight teams despite being unbeaten. Once again the Michaelhouse boys, ably captained by Sanda Shandu, were complimented on their good behavior and sportsmanship both on and off the court. The team consisted of Myles Arron, Dean Stephen, Sanda Shandu, Lungelo Nkosi, Stephen Griffin and David Bradford.

The following boys were selected for the Midlands tennis teams that played at the end of the first quarter: Dean Stephen



Tennis First Team: Back row (l-r): *D.Stephen, S.Griffin, R.Ashforth*
Middle row (l-r): *D.Bradford, M.Arron*
Front row (l-r): *S.Shandu (c), Mrs W.de Wet, L.Nkosi (vc)*

(U15), Richard Ashforth (U15), Lungelo Nkosi (U19) and Myles Arron (U19). All four boys made the KZN team to play in the Inter-Provincial Tournament in Pretoria. Richard Ashforth then went on to make the South African U15 team that toured Europe in the July holidays.

The fourth quarter was frustrating as the weather wreaked havoc with many of the tennis fixtures. The only fixture we managed to complete was the one against Clifton College which we lost.

Overall, I believe we have had an extremely successful year on the tennis courts.



Rector Guy Pearson and Myles Arron with the School Singles Championship Trophy



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ENRICHMENT SPEAKERS

Written by Mr George Ferreira

We were very fortunate to be motivated and inspired by excellent Enrichment Speakers during 2009. The aim of these Enrichment Speakers is to supplement our Life Orientation programme at Michaelhouse. Life Orientation guides and prepares learners for life, and for its responsibilities and possibilities. This subject addresses knowledge, values, attitudes and skills about the self, the environment, responsible citizenship, a healthy and productive life, social engagement, recreation and physical activity, and career choices. It equips learners to solve problems, to make informed decisions and choices, and to take appropriate actions to enable them to live meaningfully and successfully in a rapidly-changing society.

Sibusiso Vilane

On 13 June 2008, Sibusiso Vilane succeeded in becoming a member of the Seven Summits Club by ascending the treacherous Mt Denali (McKinley) in Alaska. He is now one of only six South Africans of 198 members, and the first black African, to achieve this feat. He advised the boys to apply the following in order to achieve success:
Go and get a dream, take action, set achievable goals, overcome obstacles - persevere, focus - be determined and never give up.

Shaun Pollock

During the Christian Focus Week Shaun Pollock shared the 7 F's which he has applied in his life and contributed to his success:

Faith: In God, a relationship with Him. In yourself to use the talents that He has given you.
Fantasy: The ability to dream. God wants you to have a vision for your life both long and short term.
Focus: Devise an action plan, using the wisdom God has given you. Be prepared to make sacrifices and discipline yourself in certain areas. Make sure that your action plan fits in to the way the Bible directs you to behave.
Flexibility: Always be open to adjustment and re-routing, as often things don't go exactly according to your plans.
Follow Through: If you commit to something see it to the end and give it your all the whole way through. Executing your action plan, the crunch time!
Feedback: Be open to this as this is sometimes where we learn the most. If criticism is given, evaluate and see whether it is constructive or not. Take on relevant feedback and discard the rest.
Fighting Fear: We all experience fear in many different ways and forms, with God's help you can push on through it. FEAR stands for **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal!!

Steuart Pennington

Mr Steuart Pennington is a Michaelhouse Old Boy. He holds a B.A. (Honours) degree from Rhodes University, a PDM from Wits and a Certificate in Management from Oxford. He published a number of management works and is the co-editor and publisher of various books. Mr Pennington addressed the boys on the opportunities available for them in South Africa. "You don't describe the future you see, you see the future you describe" is Steuart's personal mantra.

André Watson

Mr André Watson started rugby refereeing in 1986 and became a professional referee in 1998. He was appointed to the SA Fast Lane Panel in 1994, the Currie Cup Panel in 1995 and the IRB Panel in 1997. He was recently honoured for his contribution to rugby at the SA Hall of Fame. During his career he refereed 99 Curie Cup games (seven of them were finals); 50 Super 12 matches (five finals), 27 test matches and two World Cup Finals. Currently he is the SA Rugby - National Referees Manager. Mr Watson addressed the boys on the life lessons he learnt from his involvement in rugby. The boys thoroughly enjoyed his relaxed and humouristic approach.

Jess Foord

Jess was raped by four men and has since made a conscious decision to become a survivor and not a victim. The C Block boys of West House requested Michaelhouse involvement in order to support her and consequently she was invited as an enrichment speaker.

"When someone rapes you, that person can take your body.... but nobody can take your mind, your personality and your spirit, who you are. I wake up every morning and ask myself is today my day or their day. It makes no difference to them if I have a bad day. The only people it will affect are my friends, my family and myself, and I am not prepared to give them that satisfaction."

She has chosen to use this experience for the betterment of others, showing that there is life after rape and to this end has formed the Jess Foord Foundation whereby she aims to set up Trauma Centres which will set in motion the care and procedures required after such incidences in a safe, caring environment. This vision requires large scale fund raising efforts. She gives motivational talks to community and corporate audiences about "my journey towards becoming a survivor" and establishing these centres.

This courageous young lady made a huge impression on the Michaelhouse boys and she has expressed a willingness to become involved in the Life Orientation programme in future.

Lewis Pugh

Lewis Pugh is a former maritime lawyer who abandoned his practice six years ago to become a full-time environmentalist and adventurer. He holds 21 world records for swimming long distances. The longest swim he has undertaken was a 350km swim. He addressed the boys on his attempt to become the first person to swim a distance of 1km at the North Pole. For him, it was a love of the environment and a passionate desire to save the Arctic from global warming. He did this to highlight the fact that it was possible to swim for a kilometer in a place that should be solid ice. He now swims in the most fragile places on earth to campaign for their protection - afterwards he goes around the world meeting Presidents and Prime Ministers to talk to them about protecting our environment. After his gripping visual presentation of his attempt in the North Pole, everybody in the audience couldn't but admire him and was certainly more aware of the issue of global warming.

Tim Biggs

Tim Biggs is one of the world's great present day adventurers and explorers as well as being a legend in the more traditional sport of canoeing. What he has done over the last 30 years is extraordinary.

On the water Tim represented South Africa at canoe marathon racing. He won the Duzi Marathon twice in singles, twice overall in doubles as well as the Iron Man Competition.

Tim has taken part in many international adventures; to South America, the Himalayas, Alaska and Africa. He has paddled rivers that no other person has ever been down. In 1985 he was the water leader of The First Descent of the Amazon River - a trip that followed the Amazon from its source to its mouth. He has recently published a book on his experiences over the last 25 years of kayaking and exploring the tributaries of the Amazon. The book is called the Three Rivers of the Amazon.

Tim is a man with a great Christian faith. He addressed the boys on his adventures on the Amazon and about the lessons he learnt during these experiences.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Master in Charge: **Mr Mike Thomson**

2009 was an extremely busy year for the Michaelhouse Exchange Programme. Fourteen students were hosted on the programme at Michaelhouse and we had a total of 16 students leaving Michaelhouse to attend various schools. The initial selection process had involved some 45 applications and 36 interviews, before the successful candidates were chosen.

In the first quarter, Grant Walker (E) went off to spend three months in South America, learning Spanish and attending school in Chile, through The Chase Foundation, a group we had commenced working with in 2008. This proved to be a superb experience for Grant. In his place, we hosted Raimundo Echeverria. A wonderful young man, he was so interested and well accepted that he even extended his visa so as to join the rugby tour to Vryheid in the Easter Holiday.



Paul Hewat, Miss Jess Foord, Stephen Peel



Sean Clarke, Mr Lewis Pugh, Nicholas Burne

In the second quarter, we welcomed Jay Youmans and Troy Rahaman from Trinity College in Canada and Sam Stopforth and Tom Woodhouse from Christ Church Grammar in Perth. Although quiet, these boys enjoyed their experiences here, with the Australian boys in particular involving themselves as widely as possible. This group was also taken on a most enjoyable visit to the Hluhluwe area by Rev Alan Smedley. The outgoing students in this quarter were; Magashe Ngoepe (P) and Stephen Peel (W) who both had great experiences at Trinity; Alasdair Allen (B) and Jurgen Kurz (T) who went to Christ Church Grammar and Paul Hewat (W) who attended Merchiston Castle in Scotland. The contribution that these boys made to their various schools is probably best summed up in a quote from a report sent to us by one of these schools.

"He has been another in a long line of excellent exchange pupils from Michaelhouse and has been an excellent ambassador for his school and country."

In the third quarter, Drew Johnston (W) visited Wanganui Collegiate and Jeremy Bradford (B) went to Christ's College Canterbury in New Zealand and both boys acquitted themselves in exemplary fashion. In their places we hosted Ross Dickison from Wanganui and George Fox from Christ College. Both these boys adapted easily to life at Michaelhouse and fitted in extremely well, contributing widely. Further we also hosted Nate Smith and Steve Gaittens from Montgomery Bell Academy in the USA and Phillip Moynihan from Merchiston Castle. They were all great young men who involved themselves easily; Phillip Moynihan even performed in the STARS variety show. An innovation for our visitors was that Mr Thomson managed to organise, with the assistance of Col Reggie Purbrick, for them to go on a week-end outing to Weenen Game Reserve, with the exchange students from Hilton College. This was an excellent trip and something that it is hoped will be repeated.

The fourth quarter was extremely busy on the exchange front with nine boys away. Ross Reid (B) and Jonty Needham (F) went to Aloysius Kolleg in Germany on a private exchange. Thomas Dalais (Fa) is also on a private exchange in Santa Barbara in the USA. Craig Clowes (E) and Dumisani Mashinini (Fa) went to Kings, Sydney, and Cameron Macaskill (Fa) to Cranbrook, also on Sydney. In the USA, Luke Hunt (Fo) and Mkhululi Mkhulisi (B) went to Montgomery Bell Academy and Jack Bassett (M) to Woodberry Forrest. By all reports, all these exchanges are going extremely well and are again best summed up in a letter from the Exchange Co-ordinator of one of the schools when she said: "*The teachers will be sad to see these boys return to Michaelhouse.*"

In place of our boys, we hosted James Davey and Tom Mackinnon from Kings, Luke Brown from Cranbrook and Win Jordan from Woodberry Forrest. All have been polite, cheerful and interesting young men who have represented their schools with pride. They were also able to go on a short but most enjoyable trip to Hluhluwe Game Reserve, where they were greeted on arrival by an extremely close encounter with an elephant, an experience I am sure that they will not forget in a hurry.

Thus 2009 has been a busy but rewarding year on the exchange front and applications are currently being considered for 2010. Does the programme have value and is it worth it in these economic times? I feel that the answer to that is best explained by one of the exchange boys themselves when he had this to write in his report.

"I had an absolutely awesome time! I learnt so much.... I learnt that I am my own person and that I can stand on my own two feet and take charge of my life. I also learnt that I love my country, my home, my family and friends, my School and that I was very happy to be back on South African soil."

MATRIC BALL

Teacher in Charge: **Ms Joy Preiss**

This year's Matric Ball was once again a truly splendid affair, and one that will go down as a remarkable occasion in the memories of the 2009 A Blockers.

Casino Royale was the theme chosen by this year's committee, led by Abbey Ally and an enthusiastic team of A Block students; and the cavernous Sport's Center was transformed over the few days prior to the Ball, into a magnificent sophisticated ballroom with a distinct casino flavour. Each table was decorated in black, gold and green; large playing cards, dice and money chocolates were spread across the green felt overlays and black velveteen table clothes. As a centerpiece each table had a large martini glass with olives and swizzle sticks, serviettes were of winning hands of cards, and gifts were wrapped in gold and organza.

Photographs were taken in the foyer which was also draped in black and red, and decorated with beautiful arrangements of roses, a crystal chandelier, a blackjack table, enormous dice and playing cards - one could have sworn that James Bond himself was mingling with the crowds of young men and their glamorous partners. After all, he could have arrived in either the Ferrari or the Jag which were parked outside the entrance!

One of the highlights of the evening, was the Money Game which had been sent to us by Suncoast Casino. It was great fun and fabulous prizes were won by the boys who were drawn to play.

By 11h30, however, the boys and their gorgeous girls were off to the after party, one stiletto was found in the dust that settled - only to be claimed the following week, by a lucky fellow on behalf of his Cinderella.

SOCIALS

Master in Charge: **Mr Nick Cahill**

The boys were able to be part of a number of social events this year.

The B Block group enjoyed a formal dinner and dance at Michaelhouse and attended ballroom dance lessons over a period of weeks at St Anne's. This culminated in a very successful Chanel Ball.

Boys also attended a number of suppers/braais which involved tennis and various other sport activities. This represents a welcome change from the pure disco demand as it involves real interaction.

There are plans with the girls' schools to increase these occasions, particularly in the early part of the year. A small problem does arise with Saturday events, as a number of girls schools are weekly boarding institutions and the hostels are almost empty over the weekend.

I thank all the staff who assisted with chaperone duties and the school prefects who were involved.

Functions attended are as follows :

DATE	SCHOOL	FUNCTION & DETAILS	BLOCKS ATTENDED
14 February	St Anne's	Valentines Social	D and E
14 February	Epworth	Valentines Social	A and B
28 February	St John's DSG	Social Evening	A B and C
28 February	St John's DSG	Matric Ball	A and B
14 March	The Wykeham Collegiate	Social	C and D
18 April	St John's DSG	Annual Formal Dance	A and B
19 April – 19 June	The Wykeham Colligeate	Chanel Dance Lessons	A B and C
9 May	Epworth	Valentine's Social	C
13 June	The Wykeham Collegiate	Woman of the Real World Ball	A B and C
8 August	St Anne's	Social	A B and C
15 August	St Anne's	Fifth Form Social	A and B
29 August	St Anne's	Social Braai and Karaoke	C D and E
11 September	The Wykeham Collegiate	Games Social	D and E
18 September	St Anne's	Chanel Ball	A B and C
10 October	St Anne's	Braai and Karaoke	C D and E



West A Blockers at the Matric Ball with Mr Elmar de Klerk (back)



Founders A Blockers with their partners at the Matric Ball

FATHERS AND SONS

Written by Mr Tim Jarvis

"What could be better than spending a weekend really getting to know and confirm your love to your son and to have him reciprocate...?"

This year "*The Courage to Connect - A Fathers and Sons Experience*" was offered twice, once in May and then again in October. Each of the two programmes were run over two days from a Saturday evening to Monday after lunch. The facilitators were Mr Jaques Pretorius and myself and there were a total of 16 father and son pairs who attended. The aim of the course was to help fathers and sons connect on a variety of levels. The content of the course included:

The Father and Son bond,
Identity Development,
Relationships and Sexuality, and
Dealing with male emotions and the mask of masculinity.

A large part of the course, on the Sunday afternoon, involved outdoor activities which were done in groups of three or four father and son pairs. We were very grateful to Mr Paul Fleischack for his willingness to organise and oversee this part of the course. Getting everyone outside and active really helped everyone to relax as a group and for fathers and sons to have the opportunity to work together as a team and to see another side of each other.

A wide variety of methods were used in order to overcome the challenge of working with fathers and sons together around some sensitive areas. Presentations included visual material including DVD clips and a large part of the sessions involved conversation around various issues between fathers and sons as they worked through dialoguing worksheets.

"It is ... seldom that we analyse the nitty gritty of our friendship, which is what the questionnaire assisted us in doing. So good was the interaction that we were half an hour late for breakfast."

There was also lots of discussion and activity in order to keep each session as interactive as possible. During the session on relationships and sexuality for example, a discussion was held where boys were given the opportunity as a group to ask questions of their dads before the boys themselves had the challenge of fielding questions generated by the fathers. In this way we were able to have frank and open discussion around this topic without anyone feeling too uncomfortable.

"The evening discussing sexuality was also great as I think it's the first time that many of the boys have had the opportunity to discuss the topic in an open relaxed atmosphere. I was also interested to see just how much they wanted to discuss the many questions that they had on the topic."

The weekend closed with a very meaningful public session of blessing and affirmation of each boy by his father with a chance afterwards for each boy to respond. This was a very powerful time that was humbling to observe.

"The closing affirmation was extremely powerful and very well done. I know that it meant a great deal to everyone."

ARBOR DAY

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul Fleischack**

This year we celebrated Arbor Day by planting White Stinkwood, Cape Chestnut and Mountain Hard Pear trees. These were planted alternately in a short avenue along the edge of the lawns on the south side of Willows in an area which will complement the indigenous riverine bush and the copse of trees planted by Mr Dave Pickstone on the south bank of the Bog Stream. These trees will survive the Balgowan winters and will add an attractive feature to this area in years to come. In all, eight trees were planted, one by each House. Benjamin Bradford and Stephen Lishman delivered short addresses and said a prayer appropriate to the occasion.



Cameron Lindsay planting a White Stinkwood on behalf of West



Luke Taylor planting a Cape Chestnut on behalf of Farfield

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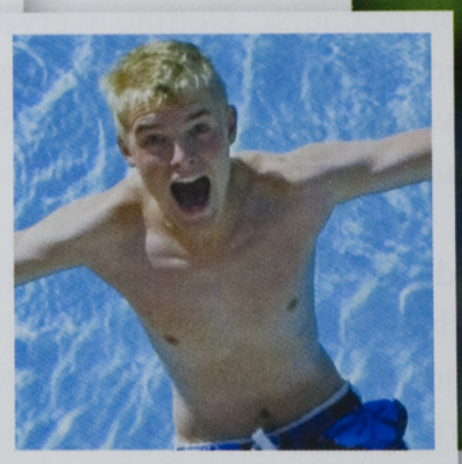





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Middle row (l-r): *M.Brown, R.Anderson, R.Tatham, O.Arnold, Justin Clarke, L.Strachan, H.Weaver, K.Zungu, N.van der Bos, M.Woodhouse, L.Stevens, G.Tatham, D.Pretorius, D.Geerdts, T.Robertson, N.Southwood* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Jason Clarke, M.van Heerden, R.Patchitt, J.Murray, W.Crockett, M.Strachan, J.Fisher*



Polar Bear Day: Matthew Ryan



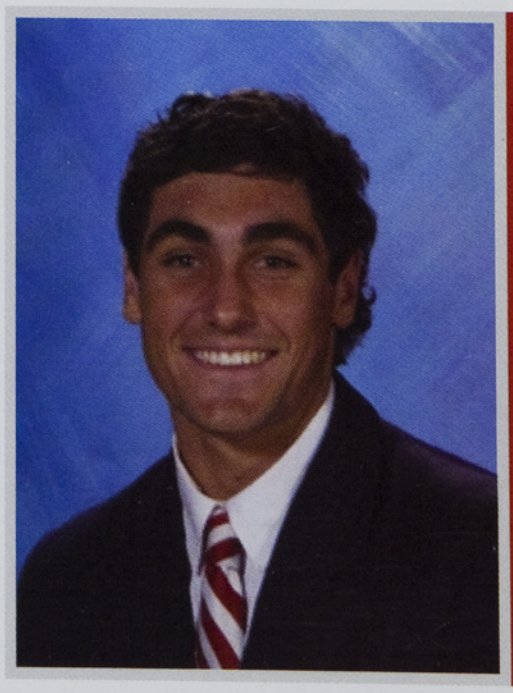
Grandparents' Day: Louis Karovsky with his Grandparents



Leavers' Ceremony

David Strachan was awarded the Nick Crowe Award for Good Fellowship at the Leavers' Dinner held on 13 November.

He also received the Farfield Fellowship Award which is presented to a non School Prefect who best shows the qualities for which his House strives: leadership, understanding of others, sportsmanship, humility and Christian fellowship.



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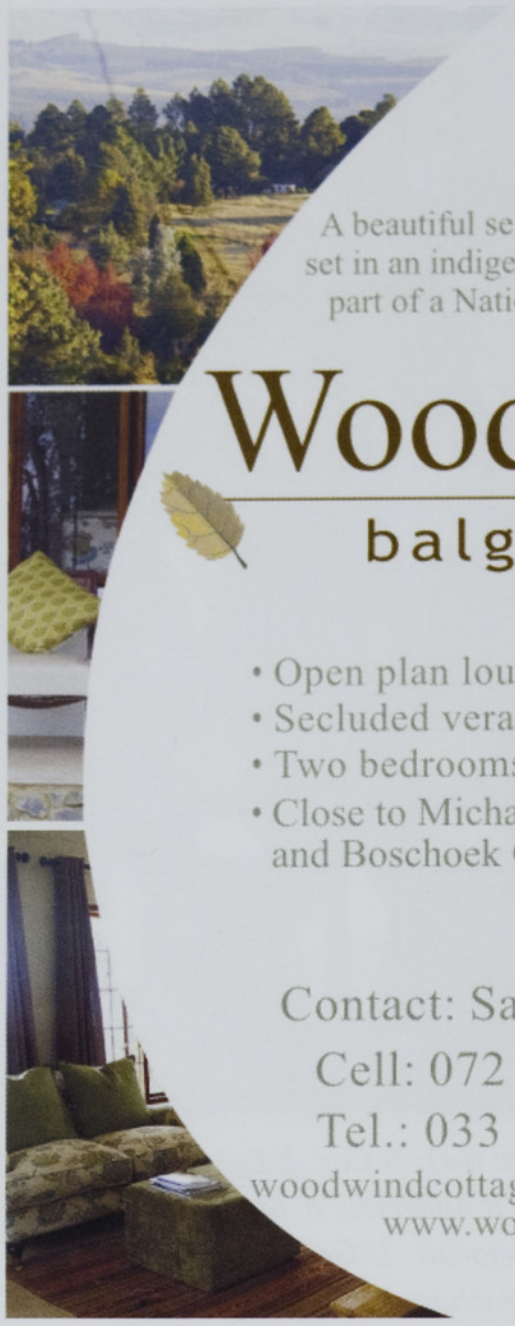

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INTER-HOUSE EVENTS

Master in Charge: **Mr Allan Laing**

This year the competition for the coveted "Big Three" Inter-House events was as fierce as ever. The "Big Three" being the Push Car Race, Pancake Race and Tug-O-War. As is always the case much enjoyment was derived from these competitions with pride, honour and bragging rights being the goal.

The Pancake Race was held on Shrove Tuesday in and around the Main Quad Cloisters. Once again the pancake proved to be the challenge and even with the introduction of super thick pancakes many still disintegrated. Much cheering and shouting was the order of the day and the crowds certainly enjoyed the spills and thrills that go with racing around the Main Quad. At the end of the day West were declared the winners for 2009.

As has become custom now, the finals of the Tug-O-War were held during the Inter-House Athletic meeting on Family Day and proved to be a most exciting affair. The preliminary rounds were held in the week before with some strong competition from all Houses. With the whole School down to support, it proved to be quite a highlight in the day. The junior competition was won by West, as was the senior competition. Clearly the West boys have been putting in some extra training to lift this prize.

The Pushcar Race was left to the end of the year and held on the same day as the Matric Leavers' Chapel Service and Dinner. Some new designs made it onto the track with Baines making a welcome return after a few years of not being up to scratch. Unfortunately the judges found it necessary to disqualify two vehicles and a third did not finish. This did not deter the remaining Houses and in a narrow race for the line, Pascoe emerged as winners after finishing second last year.

INTER-HOUSE QUIZ

Master in Charge: **Mr Paul de Wet**

I am happy to report that this has become an annual event on our calendar, held on the final night of the third quarter. The quiz comprised three rounds. The first was contested individually by each of the 32 contestants (four boys from each House). Using the results of this round each House voted off its "weakest link", after which the remaining three contestants proceeded to round two. The questions were varied and included the identification of artworks, songs and video clips. There was also opportunity for audience participation with points being credited to the House for effort. At the end of the second round the bottom four Houses were eliminated and the top four went through to the final round which made use of buzzers to identify the "fastest fingers". At the end of this frenetic round Founders came out on top with Tatham finishing second by a narrow margin. Founders House was awarded the Pachonick Shield for the second consecutive year. I am grateful to Messrs Viktor Kurz and Tim Jarvis for their help in running this fun educational event.

INTER-HOUSE DEBATING

Teacher in Charge : **Mrs Louise Erwee**

The Inter-House debate took place over three occasions for the second consecutive year. The aim is to allow as many pupils as possible to participate in the art of debating, discovery of latent talent, promotion of this extremely useful activity and the fostering of Inter-House spirit. The pupils participated enthusiastically on all fronts. The A Block pupils were not always available, due to their commitment to studies at the time.

First round winners in the Junior Section were:
Founders, Farfield, Tatham, Mackenzie
Best speakers: Jonathan Goschen (Fo), Bryan Buchler (Fa), Sean Donaldson (W), Olwethu Mhaga (M)
First round winners in the Senior Section were:
West, Pascoe, Farfield, Baines
Best speakers: Richard Griffin (Fo), Tendai Ponde (P), Anthony Strathern (Fa), David Horscroft (M)

Second round winners in the Junior Section were:
Founders and Farfield
Best speakers: Jonathan Goschen (Fa) and Kopano Maroga (T)

Second round winners in the Senior Section were:
West and Pascoe

Best speakers: Tendai Ponde and Rati Mashego
Final round winner in the Junior Section was: Farfield
Best speaker: Piers Rosholt
Final round winner in the Senior Section was: Pascoe
Best speaker: Magashe Ngoepe

Topics very relevant to our lives were chosen.
Juniors: This House believes the world overreacted to the death of Michael Jackson.
This House would ban human cloning.
This House looks forward to four years of Jacob Zuma.
Seniors: This House believes that members of the South African Defence Force should not be allowed to join a union.
This House believes that GM foods are the answer to global hunger.
This House would forbid floor crossing.

An event of this nature cannot be held without the kind assistance of the staff. With four debates going on at the same time, 12 adjudicators were required. The staff were amazing and offered their help unhesitatingly – many of them on all three occasions which took place in the evenings when their own work was piling up! We also need chairpersons and timekeepers and many boys offered their help and thus learned a new skill. The Mackenzie boys showed the most zest in this area.

The whole event is a learning curve. Many boys have never participated in an event of this nature, but are so keen to do so. They certainly do not all have the technical skills, but will never acquire them unless they try. There is also a protocol and technique involved in the roles played by debaters, spectators, timekeepers and chairpersons. These take time to instill and will stand every participant in good stead in the future. Debating is not a mass activity; however, there are so many boys who are really interested but will never make the team. This event gives more boys the opportunity to try their hand at it.

INTER-HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS

Teacher in Charge**: Mrs Dionne Redfern**

Given the very tight schedule for rehearsals, the boys complain bitterly every year that there is no time to get their acts together, so to speak. Despite all the whining, the boys really do work best under pressure and always pull off a performance - of sorts.

This year, the accolades went to the following Houses:

Best Actor:	Kopano Maroga (Tatham)
Best Supporting Actor:	Rea Setati (Farfield)
Best Director:	Nicholas Byrne (Tatham)
Best Dancer:	Gaza Khosa (East)
Best Choreographer:	Matt Fraser (Mackenzie)
Best New Script:	Savvas Christodoulou and Kopano Maroga (Tatham)
Best House Song:	Mackenzie
Best Ensemble:	Founders

INTER-HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING

Teacher in Charge**: Mrs Dionne Redfern**

There is a growing demand for our boys to be exposed to the skills of public speaking, which is why a competition of this nature is vital. While some boys were a tad nervous, they all acquitted themselves well. The topics ranged from the personal to the political.

The overall results were as follows:

1. Founders
2. Mackenzie
3. Tatham







Founders: Back row (l-r): *T.van Dam, C.Wilson, N.Chaplin, M.Munatse, J.Hoepfl, G.Cunliffe, M.Collins, M.Wedderburn-Maxwell, S.Smallwood* ***Fifth Row (l-r):*** *J.Pretorius, O.Clark, L.Hunt, J.Moberly, K.Anger, H.Bhachu, J.Atkinson, C.Wingfield, N.Clucas, B.Mole, K.Bortsie, K.Dunn, N.von Stackelberg* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *D.Wegener, J.Bosch, S.Mashwama, R.Daniel, D.Atkinson, R Anderson, C.Hunt, S.Shelembe, B.Munatsi, M.Brown, J.Rodger, M.Lubuya, M.Wingfield, D.Brill, R.Griffin, R.Chittendon* ***Third row (l-r):*** *D.Hulbert, J.Needham, C.Swarts, G.de Villiers, S.Roberts, J.Adam, S.Hadfield, R.Halsted, M.Nash, Russell Anderson, A.Salter, D.Harris, G.Waterman*
Second row (l-r): *R.Thompson, O.Mokgatle, C.Brownlee, M.Jennings, K.Green, J.Mhlanga, J.Goschen, J.Geldenhuys, S.Holzbach, S.Banda, L.von Stackelberg, B.Clark, S.Bosch, C.Hollenstein* ***Front row (l-r):*** *P.Halsted, Mr T.Nchukana, G.Anger, Mr M.Thomson, R.Salter, Mr A.Redfern, J.Tatz, Mrs D.Redfern, C.Panther, Mr L.Linda, A.Poltera*

FOUNDERS HOUSE

Written by Rowan Salter

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Head of House: **Rowan Salter**
Prefects: **Grant Anger, Nic Chaplin, Paul Halsted, Clinton Panther, Alexander Poltera, Jonty Tatz**

At the end of every year it is natural to reflect on the achievements and memories gained during the course of the year; 2009 was no exception for Founders House! It has been a successful year during which the House has run exceptionally smoothly. It has been a homely environment allowing its members to thrive in the Michaelhouse community, throughout all facets of life. Founders can be very pleased with its achievements and the way in which its boys have conducted themselves throughout the year.

Not only has Founders been successful in their unparalleled House spirit and great ethos, but we have been competitive in all Inter-House events; winning three. Cameron Wilson, Guy Cunliffe and David Brill did us proud in the General Knowledge Quiz, keeping the trophy in Founders for the second year running. Cameron Wilson was involved again, along with Nikolai von Stackelberg, in winning the Inter-House public speaking competition and our junior boys did brilliantly to win the Inter-House water polo competition (even though half of them did not officially play water polo as a sport). This is the most titles we have had to show on our board for many years.

At the beginning of the year, Founders welcomed a diverse, yet highly talented group of 14 new boys into our family. As is customary in every 'cack group' living together for the first time, they faced their share of challenges admirably throughout the year. Academically, they are an extremely competent group, having four members consistently placed in the top ten; Joshua Geldenhuys, Jonathan Goschen, Sebastian Holzbach and Ryan Thompson, of which Jonathan and Sebastian both came first. On the sports fields, both Seth Banda and Kelby Green represented the U14A hockey side; Christopher Brownlee played in the U14A cricket team;

Leonard von Stackelberg played for the U14A waterpolo team; Stephan Bosch played for the U14A rugby side and Ryan Thompson played in both the U14A rugby and water polo teams. Otlotleng Mokgatle played in the U14A teams for rugby, basketball and soccer (of which he was captain). Cameron Holenstein represented the U14A rugby side, along with being selected for the Midlands Athletics team. Thus, it was natural that he broke the school javelin record on Sports Day and won three trophies in the process (half of Founders' total tally)! On the cultural front, Jonathan Goschen represented the Midlands Junior Debating team while Joshua Geldenhuys, Joy Mhlanga, Otlotleng Mokgatle and Leonard von Stackelberg were all in the choir.

The D Block continued to show great improvement throughout the year. Academically the group was led by Robert Anderson, Cole Hunt, Justin Rodger and Carel Swarts who all achieved top ten positions on a regular basis. On the sporting side of things Robert Anderson travelled with the First XI cricket on their tour of the UK and upon his return was selected for the KZN Inland U15 team. He, along with Justin Moberly and Carel Swarts, all represented the U15A rugby team. Carel also won the junior Inter-House cross country and achieved a silver medal on Sports Day, having also played in the U15A water polo team with Cole Hunt. Greg Waterman had a great year representing the U15A teams for cricket, soccer and hockey (U16A), along with the School's swimming team after achieving a bronze medal in the Inter-House gala. Adrian Salter represented the Central Gauteng U19 fly-fishing team for the second year running. Culturally, Shaheed Roberts was involved in both School productions, Ipi Ntombi and the Stars Variety Show. Sinenhlanhla Shelembe was also involved in Ipi Ntombi and played in the School's marimba band with Dylan Wegener. Unfortunately, Bongani Munatsi left us prematurely during the year to continue his studies in the UK. His huge contributions to the Michaelhouse theatre and music departments will be sorely missed.

In our C Block, we have a particularly strong group of boys achieving in all spheres of Michaelhouse life. David Brill, Richard Griffin, Stuart Hadfield and Jonathan Needham all achieved top ten positions during the year; Richard Griffin had his first poem published. David Brill had a phenomenal sporting year in which he captained the U16A rugby and cricket teams, played in the U16A soccer team and was chosen for the KZN U16B rugby team. The U16A water polo team featured a strong contingent of Founders boys including Joe Bosch, Reece Chittenden, Stuart Hadfield and Dominic Harris. Reece must be commended on his selection for the KZN U15A squad. Both Richard Griffin and Richard Daniel played in the U16A rugby side; Luke Hunt played in the U16A cricket side and Dale Atkinson played in the U16A soccer side. On the cultural side of things, Kyle Dunn enjoyed his third year in the KZN Youth Choir and the following boys were selected to be a part of the prestigious Toastmasters Society: Oliver Clark, David Brill, Ben Mole, Dominic Harris, Richard Griffin. Finally, in the fourth quarter of the year Jonty Needham and Luke Hunt represented Michaelhouse on international exchanges.

The B Block made an outstanding contribution to the House throughout the course of the year. Nikolai von Stackelberg gave up much of his time to take part in the renowned Peter Brown Project; Jacques Adam heads up the Green Flag Committee; Mike Nash was extensively involved in the Theatre Tech programme; the majority of the boys involved themselves in the interactive SMILE programme and John Atkinson was awarded Half Colours for service. Daniel Hulbert opened the bowling for the First XI cricket; played first team golf and hockey, for which he was awarded Half Colours. Kweku Bortsie represented the first teams for rugby and basketball, and was chosen for the Midlands and KZN Academy rugby teams. Jacques Adam played for the first squash and the U16A water polo teams; Nick Clucas played in the first soccer side for which he was awarded Half Colours and won the title of 'best defender'. Heim Bhachu represented the second hockey and basketball teams; Robert Halsted the second team water polo and Jono Pretorius the third hockey side. On the other end of the sporting spectrum, Mike Lubuya coached the U15D soccer side and Nikolai von Stackelberg completed the Cape Argus. In terms of performing arts, Mike Lubuya was in the National Championship winning Marimba Band and S'wakhile Mashwama performed in the Stars Variety Show and was a part of the KZN Youth Choir. Academically Nikolai von Stackelberg and S'wakhile Mashwama were consistently placed in the top ten.

Lastly, the A Block of 2009 not only achieved great things, but more importantly set an excellent tone which filtered through to the rest of the House. They are also the fifteen boys that I have spent the past five years with and shared



Founders support for the Pancake Race

countless memories of which I shall treasure forever. This bears testimony to lifelong friendships that Michaelhouse and Founders in particular, encourages and forge.

Our sporting charge this year was led once again by Clinton Panther, who deserves special mention for his reselection to represent the South African U19A hockey side (coached by our Housemaster, Mr Redfern). Along with his national colours he also represented the Midlands U19, U21 and the Men's Team. He was fittingly re-awarded Honours for his efforts. Matthew Collins was also a member of the First XI hockey and soccer, being awarded Half Colours for hockey and Colours for soccer. On the rugby field Jonty Tatz was awarded Colours for his efforts in the highly successful First XV and was supported by Cameron Wilson who played in the Second XV. I played my second year of First XI cricket, opening the bowling and achieving the status of leading wicket taker on our successful UK tour. Grant Anger was awarded water polo Half Colours; however, his progress was hindered by injury while Tristan van Dam (who completed 8 Midmar Miles) and Morgan Wedderburn-Maxwell both played in the second team. Finally, Nic Chaplin completed the Dusi Canoe Marathon and was awarded Half Colours. Academically we were well represented with Guy Cunliffe being awarded academic Honours and qualifying for the KZN Maths Olympiad, along with Jonty Tatz. Cameron Wilson must be given special mention for achieving a top 50 place in the national De Beers English Olympiad, a competition that receives over 10 000 applicants. The academic efforts were aided by consistent aggregate performances by Guy Cunliffe, Stuart Smallwood, Tristan van Dam and myself. Culturally we had a lot to offer with Tristan van Dam and Musa Munatsi being awarded music Honours and belonging to the KZN Youth Choir. To add to these achievements, Musa was also the leader of the National Championship winning Marimba Band, wrote and acted in our House play (assisted by Morgan Wedderburn-Maxwell) and was recognised for his huge contribution to Michaelhouse music and theatre. He has been sorely missed since his early departure in August. Cameron Wilson was awarded Colours for art, having his piece displayed in the Tatham Art Gallery and more impressively, achieved fourth place in the KZN Junior Public Speaking Tournament. Mention must be made of Alexander Poltera who was re-awarded music Honours. Lastly, at Speech Day; Paul Halsted was awarded the Lions River Conservancy Prize and Jason Hoepfl was presented with the Rob Matthew's Award for Courage in the Face of Personal Adversity.

To the prefects, I would like to extend my greatest thanks on behalf of the House for the time and effort you have put into Founders over the year.

To Mr and Mrs Redfern and all the Founders House tutors, I would like to thank you all for the hard work you have done. Mr Redfern, thank you for all your wisdom that you have shared with me throughout the year, making my job easier and more importantly contributing to the wellbeing of the house. We are definitely fortunate to be under your care.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person that has contributed to my success at Michaelhouse.

Salvete: **Seth Banda, Stephan Bosch, Christopher Brownlee, Benjamin Clark, Joshua Geldenhuys, Kelby Green, Cameron Holenstein, Sebastian Holzbach, Matthew Jennings, Joy Mhlanga, Otlotleng Mokgatle, Ryan Thompson, Leonard von Stakelberg**

Valete: **Grant Anger, Nic Chaplin, Matthew Collins, Guy Cunliffe, Paul Halsted, Jason Hoepfl, Clinton Panther, Alexander Poltera, Rowan Salter, Stuart Smallwood, Jonty Tatz, Tristan van Dam, Morgan Wedderburn-Maxwell, Cameron Wilson, Musa Munatsi, Bongani Munatsi, Grayson de Villiers**

EAST



Written by Stephen Lishman

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When I reflect on my experiences as Head of East House 2009, pride comes to mind. There have been a number of individual accolades and stand out performances on the sports field, in the classroom and on the stage. However, it has been the collective effort of the House that has led this year to success. East has always been built on the solid foundation of genuine friendship, camaraderie and in essence creating long lasting memories. There are many true heros that go unnoticed and don't get the recognition they deserve. Their passion and commitment to the House is invaluable. They are responsible for starting games of touch, building House spirit and carrying genuine friendships into the future. I thank these boys!

On the cultural side, East was well represented this year. We saw the emergence of future debaters when Neo Ngcobo, Cameron Judge and Batebang Mapetla were able to showcase



East: Back row (l-r): *I.Sturgeon, B.Foster, O.Green, M.Hamlyn, R.Atherstone, R.Wessels, A.Patel, J.van Koevering, A.Clark, R.Nuttall-Smith, C.Smith* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *K.Galeforolwe, D.Pearce, L.Mokgosi, S.Chirwa, L.Scribante, B.Sturgeon, I.McKenzie, M.Blades, D.Goosen, K.Harrison, M.Cohen, L.Nkosi* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *S.Powell, M.Taylor, E.Riley, C.Clowes, M.Vinen, R.Worthington, T.Burne, S.Blackie, Y.Naik, K,Patel, G.Khosa, R.Jacobsz, M.Sullivan, N.Daniels, M.van Koevering* ***Third row (l-r):*** *A.Krause, C.Davson, D.Geerdts, L.Bam, G.Nuttall-Smith, B.Raw, B.Botha, Z.Mhlongo, G.McLuckie, S.Naik, M.Pringle, S.Clowes* ***Second row (l-r):*** *L.Macnab, C,Lea, M.Landsberg, J.Sutton, R.Smith, C.McMillan, J.Liebenberg, C.Judge, N.Ngcobo, B.Mapetla, S.Mavuso, G.Jooste* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Mr B.Tarr, G.Davson, Mr S.Dzingwa, R.Withey, Mr I.Guthrie, S.Lishman, Mr A.Brown, S.Rogers, Miss L.Hardie, J.Kobal, Mr S.Crane, S.Maclaren, Mr B.Roets*

their confidence and newly found skills at Inter-House Debating. Stephen Lishman, Justin Kobal, Roux Wessels, Jake van Koevering and Grant Walker were all part of the exclusive Toastmasters Society.

East boys in the Marimba Band included: Neo Ngcobo, Sibusiso Mavuso, Luthando Bam, Gaza Khosa and Lebogang Mokgosi. East was also well represented throughout the choir and there were a number of members from East that took part in the school production, "Ipi Ntombi". Lungelo Nkosi, Lebogang Mokgosi and Gaza Khosa all gave up much of their time to contribute to the success of the production.

Finally, one cannot forget East's version of "The Lion King". A production, put together under huge time constraints but one remembered as a huge success, won the crowd, but unfortunately not the judges. We found ourselves placed fourth. The stand out performances went to Bryden Foster, Rory Nuttall-Smith, Julian Liebenberg, Garth Davson, Kagiso Galeforolwe and Martin Blades, all of whom are not drama students but still managed to perform at a high level and leave the crowd in hysterics.

On the sporting field, East saw the emergence of a truly outstanding athlete: Stuart Maclaren achieved Protea Colours for both canoe sprints and marathon.

Ian Sturgeon also continued his winning ways on the squash court and cruised to a School championship victory. He also represented KZN and was awarded squash Honours.

This year we had five boys who represented the First XV rugby. The boys included Bryden Foster, Oliver Green, Stephen Lishman, David Pearce and Rory Nuttall-Smith. Oliver Green received rugby Colours.

The first team soccer included Zipho Mhlongo, Courtney Smith and Justin Kobal.

Craig Clowes represented the first team hockey and was a solid performer. Zipho Mhlongo also represented the first team on a few occasions. It is worth mentioning that Zipho Mhlongo is only in D Block and has already earned caps for both first team soccer and hockey.

East also had four boys who represented the First XI cricket side, namely: Garth Davson who was appointed vice captain and had success with the bat on a number of occasions, Russel Withey, Richard Atherstone and Stephen Lishman.

Lungelo Nkosi was vice captain of the first team tennis and was awarded tennis Colours.

We had four first team golfers: Garth and Colin Davson, who made the KZN B team, Stephen Lishman and Russel Withey. East won the Inter-House Golf Competition and Colin Davson won the School Golf Championships. Colin and Garth Davson were awarded golf Colours.

As for Inter-House events East fared well and relatively consistently. Gareth Jooste, Barry Sturgeon and Ian Sturgeon all performed well on Sports Day, however, Gareth was the stand out long distance runner. The Inter-House gala saw Luca Scribante and Meyrick Pringle emerge as solid competitors.

On the academic side Steven Clowes, Thomas Burne, Jake van Koevering, Grant Walker and Justin Kobal, who was awarded academic Honours, were all placed regularly in the top ten.

As a whole 2009 can be looked back on with pride. The House adopted a Community Outreach project and several outings took place where numbers never dwindled. Justin Kobal was a key motivator. The House was ranked no lower than third in House tidiness mainly due to Scott Rogers and the effort he made. The Inhlosane hike that the E Blockers and the prefects took part in was also a success and everyone managed to reach the summit. Finally, a regular Bible Study group was established thanks to Russel Withey, Mark Taylor and Gareth Nuttall-Smith.

A leading role in the success of this year was the work of the prefects. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them.

Finally, as this year draws to an end one cannot ignore the fact that East has been the place that has allowed many boys of different ages and backgrounds to come together. I would like to thank my fellow A Blockers for what has been a memorable five years. Characterised as a close knit group we came through five years experiencing each other's triumphs and failures, but support and care for each other was never missing.



Julian Liebenberg, Garth Davson, Connor McMillan

So as I close we are constantly reminded to make the most of our opportunities. One day we will look back on our school days and reflect on them. Essentially we will be reminded of the memories made and who they were made with. They are what we will associate East House and Michaelhouse with in many years to come. You simply can't put a price on the fabulous, hilarious, heartfelt and touching moments that we have all experienced. Enjoy them while you can and let the legacy of East House live on! Thanks.

Salvete: **Steven Clowes, Gareth Jooste, Cameron Judge, Matthew Landsberg, Craig Lea, Julian Liebenberg, Luke Macnab, Batebang Mapetla, Sibusisu Mavuso, Connor McM illan, Neo Ngcobo, Merrick Pringle, Robin Smith, Joe Sutton**

Valete: **Garth Davson, Bryden Foster, Kagiso Galeferolwe, Oliver Green, Meyrick Hamlyn, Justin Kobal, Stephen Lishman, Stuart Maclaren, Lungelo Nkosi, David Pearce, Scott Rogers, Roux Wessels, Russel Withey**

WEST

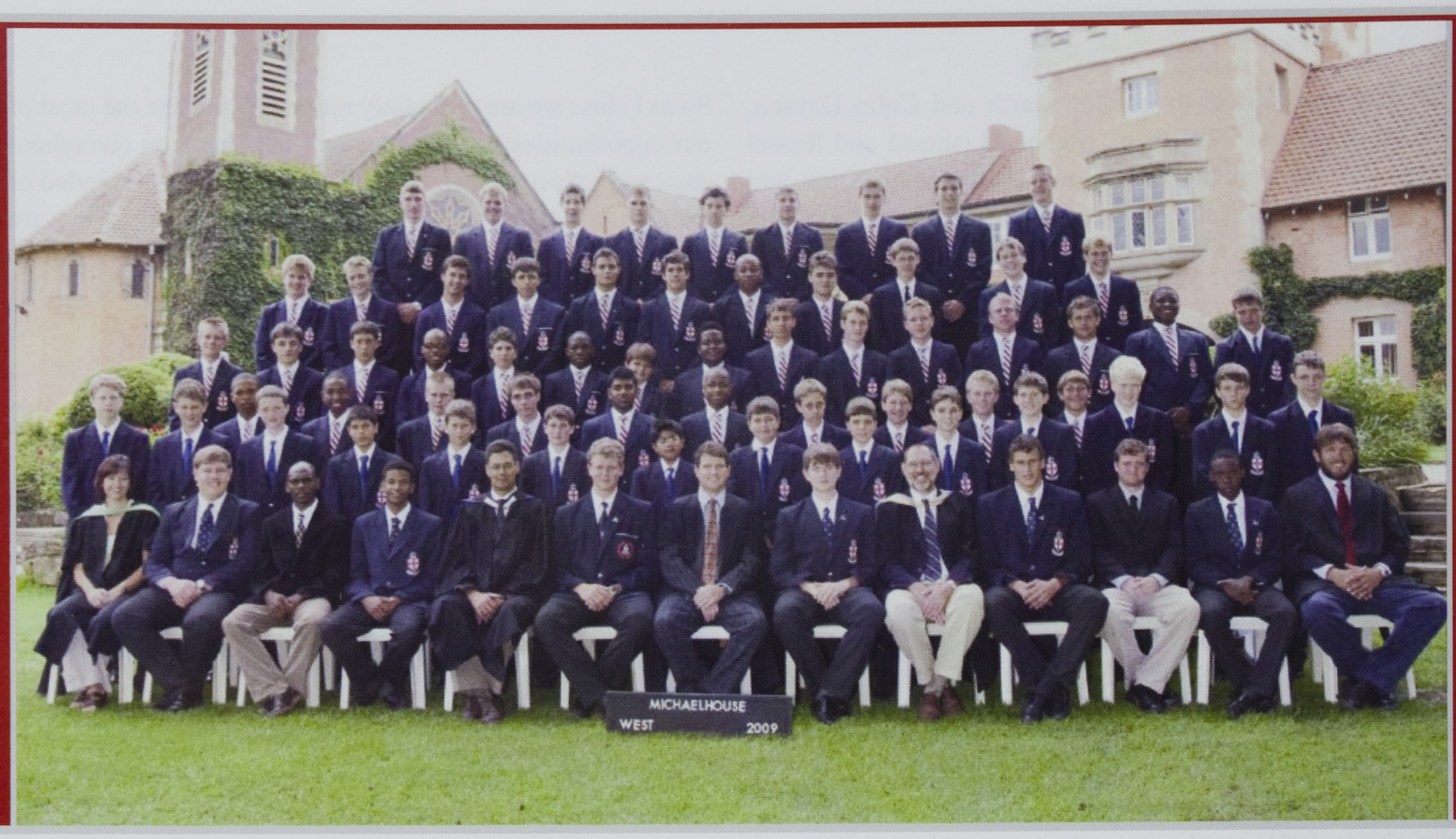
Written by Paul Heaton Nicholls

Housemaster: **Mr George Ferreira**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Mike Bownes**
House Tutors: **Mr Ryno Combrinck, Mr Jaap van der Vegte**
Intern: **Mr Ashley Dixon, Mr Sandile Sibiya**
Home Room: **Mrs Julie Flanegan**
Head of House: **Paul Heaton Nicholls**
Prefects: **Cameron Lindsay, Joshua Magor, Ranga Mavhunga, Simon Watt-Pringle**

As the year draws to an end and our time at Michaelhouse comes to a close we reflect on our time in West and try to discover what allowed us to grow into the young men leaving this prestigious School and the family and traditions of West.

It is always difficult for the new boys to adapt to their new life at Michaelhouse; once settled the group excelled in all that they did. The Block has a great deal of potential in all spheres of School and House life and shows little restraint in its enthusiasm in getting involved.

The Block had nine A team representatives with a number of these boys appearing in A teams for multiple sports. There were outstanding performances by Christopher Whiting who received a gold medal at the Inter-House gala in the U14 age group and Cameron Bird who received the silver. Cameron followed this achievement with a bronze medal at the Inter-House athletics day. Dylan Rice, Cameron Bird



West: Back row (l-r): *M.Richardson, G.Brunskill, P.Hewat, L.Karovsky, T.Kean, N.Southwood, N.Varty, M.Watson* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *J.Moon, P.Clay, D.Johnston, S.Lang, A.Craib, M.Watkins, N.Mosienyane, M.Greenwood, M.Farrow, Jonathan Taylor, J.Crouch* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *R.Ashforth, S.Donaldson, K.Lyle, K.Zungu, L.Bolton, M.Mwai, D.Watson, R.Mashego, James Taylor, L.Harris, A.von Glehn, M.Shave, M.Daly, O.Oyewo, C.Whiting* ***Third row (l-r):*** *W.Mzuku, B.Kariithi, D.Alexander, J.Key, J.Chellan, D.Oti, C.Taylor, T.Watt-Pringle, S.Peel, M.Fenn* ***Second Row (l-r):*** *C.Bird, G.Oldfield, K.Hartmannsgruber, D.Ferreira, J.Morkel, A.Wolfson, P.Saluja, R.Daly, M.Ryan, T.Robertson, M.Burn, S.Riddell, A.Quin, D.Rice* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Mrs J.Flanegan, S.Watt-Pringle, Mr S.Sibiya, Z.Buthelezi, Mr M.Bownes, P.Heaton Nicholls, Mr G.Ferreira, J.Magor, Mr J.van der Vegte, C.Lindsay, Mr A.Dixon, R.Mavhunga, Mr R.Combrinck*

and Christopher Whiting did exceptionally to all make the KwaZulu-Natal U14A water polo team. On the academic front, Dominic Ferreira and Adrian Wolfson were both placed in the top six in the second quarter.

This year's D Block is one of the strongest sporting blocks in the School with 11 out of the 12 having played A team sports. There are a number of exceptional performers with eight boys having made debuts for first teams.

The following boys made debuts: Duncan Alexander for sailing, Richard Ashforth for tennis, as well as the outstanding achievement of representing South Africa U15A for tennis and Midlands hockey, David Watson and Sean Donaldson for hockey, with both also representing the Midlands U16A side, and David also representing the KZN Inland cricket team, Wandile Mzuku for soccer, Christopher Taylor for tennis and Joshua Moon for 7's rugby. Other worthy sporting achievements were Michael Fenn for being placed first in U15 age group for Inter-House athletics and being the Victor Ludorum and tie-first for Inter-House cross country. The boys' commitment went further than only sport with Michael Fenn, Wandile Mzuku and Thomas Watt-Pringle being part of the choir with Thomas passing Grade Seven Saxophone and being part of the Jazz Band, he was also involved in the National Youth Jazz Band in Grahamstown during the Arts Festival. Wandile also took part in Ipi Ntombi and was part of the thriving Marimba Band.

This year C Block started the year where they left off and immediately tackled School endeavours. The Block took part in a large variety of activities on and off the field and were very culturally diverse. Kieran Lyle and James Crouch performed superbly in the U16A and first team water polo teams with Luke Harris also joining them in the U16A side. Paul Hewat had an outstanding year representing U16A cricket, receiving academic Half Colours, being part of the Toastmasters Society and EAPS and receiving the JL Sisson Award and appearing frequently in first place in the top ten. Michael du Randt and Drew Johnston both represented U16A rugby with Drew also playing U16A cricket. Brian Kariithi and Daniel Oti represented the U16A basketball and Kganya Zungu the U15As as well as U15A rugby and soccer. Half Colours were awarded to Brian Kariithi for service and music, Kieran Lyle for academics, Rati Mashego for music and Philip Clay for service. Rati and Brian took part in many musical activities which involved the marimba band and the choir. Stephen Peel represented the U16A squash side and the Christian Fellowship Council.

B Block have shown that they are capable to take over the reins of the House next year. The Block has a heavy involvement in sporting, cultural and service activities. The majority of the block contributed towards the School's Outreach Programmes in trying to help develop the community. On the sports field, Michael Watson represented both first team rugby and cricket receiving Colours for his contribution on the rugby field. Thomas Kean played first team golf and received Half Colours for it. James Taylor played first team cricket and represented the side on a tour of England. In the pool Matthew Shave led the House to victory as he was Victor Ludorum and the U17 Gold Medal winner; he also played first and KwaZulu-Natal C water polo, he deservedly was awarded Honours for swimming, Matthew also represented the first team hockey and received Half Colours. Alistair von Glehn represented the U16A water polo team. Neil Mosienyane played first team basketball and received Half Colours for his performance. Culturally the Block had representatives in the Stars Variety Show in Alistair von Glehn and Mark Farrow. Mark played a huge role in the theatre throughout the year and was rewarded with Colours for theatre. On the academic side Michael Daly performed well to be placed in the top ten in the Block. Olaoluwa Oyewo took part in the Toastmasters Society.

The A Block were extremely well represented in all spheres at Michaelhouse. Culturally, academically and on the sports front they were a true inspiration to the House. The outstanding attribute to this Block seems to be its abundance in leadership with many captains, vice captains and heads of societies. Cameron Lindsay had an outstanding year playing and captaining both first team rugby and water polo; he also represented his Province in both Craven Week rugby and U19B KZN water polo receiving Honours and Colours for the respective sports. Andrew Craib helped with the leadership role of vice captain for First XV and received Colours for this, he also played for the KZN U19 Academy. Andrew was one of three to be placed in the top ten academically at a stage during the year and was first in subject for dramatic art and also partook in the Toastmasters Society. Louis Karovsky and Michael Watkins both played first water polo and both received Half Colours for their efforts. Joshua Chellan represented first team for both squash and rugby receiving Colours for the latter. Michael Richardson received Half Colours for canoeing and headed up the Archives Society. Ranga Mavhunga and Mudiwa Mwayi both represented first team basketball and both achieved Half Colours, Ranga also represented the first soccer team. Paul Heaton Nicholls captained the first squash and second hockey teams and received Colours for squash; he also represented the first cricket side and accompanied them on a successful tour of England. Joshua Magor had an outstanding year achieving the following: academic Honours, art Colours, debating Half Colours, top in the Block for the first three quarters, top 50 in public speaking in South Africa, was in the Toastmasters Society and received the J Crutchley Award for Best Overall Speaker, first team debating, won the Peter Bell English prize, the Herbert Fisher award and was in the KZN maths team. Simon Watt-Pringle also had an outstanding year achieving the following: academic Colours, art Colours, Tatham Biology prize, first team debating and Half Colours for debating; he was placed in the top 10 in the country for impromptu speaking and top 50 for public speaking and he was frequently placed in the top 10 in the Block. Simon Lang captaining the third hockey team led them to an unbeaten season.

A mention must be made of our Housemaster, Mr Ferreira, who was always willing to support us in times of need and to the House tutors who always helped in the running of the House. I would finally like to thank the prefects and A Block who certainly set the standard that was expected of the House and maintained the essential West camaraderie. I would like to thank you all for making this year as memorable and as enjoyable as it was.

Salvete: **Cameron Bird, Michael Burn, Richard Daly, Dominic Ferreira, Kingsley Hartmannsgruber, Justin Morkel, Gregory Oldfield, Aidan Quin, Dylan Rice, Stuart Riddell, Thomas Robertson, Matthew Ryan, Pranov Saluja, Christopher Whiting, Adrian Wolfson.**

Valete: **Zakithi Buthelezi, Joshua Chellan, Andrew Craib, Paul Heaton Nicholls, Louis Karovsky, Simon Lang, Cameron Lindsay, Joshua Magor, Ranga Mavhunga, Mudiwa Mwayi, Michael Richardson, Nicholas Southwood, Michael Watkins, Simon Watt-Pringle.**



Cameron Lindsay welcomes Pranov Saluja to West



Farfield: Back row (l-r): *D.Berriman, D.Guiney, N.Cox, J.Murray, R.Patchitt, A.Mahieu, M.Strachan, T.Dalais, P.Rosholt, A.Becker, R.Gifford* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *M.Venter, A.Steiner, K.Moagi, N.Hellens, D.Mashinini, M.Heenan, J.Atkinson, G.Heeger, C.Smorfitt, T.Halliday, L.Bruce, A.Pienaar, M.Good, T.Thorpe, L.Royce* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *A.Krige, M.Hanbury, A.Miller, C.Halliday, L.Strachan, S.Wadeson, K.Dreyer, B.Nicholson-Deh, M.Greig, C.Legoale-Phillips, G.Goddard, A.Lockington, B.Buchler, C.Macaskill* ***Third row (l-r):*** *J.Fieldgate, N.Baber, D.Bradford, G.St Clair, A.Strathern, J.Tindall, W.Crockett, R.Setati* ***Second row (l-r):*** *L.Mokhethi, B.Arnott, M.Woodhouse, O.Arnold, N.Stembridge, K.Nair, H.Weaver, N.Guiney, S.Adderley, L.Stevens, M.McDonald, N.Schram, D.Bownes, M.Bird* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Mr A.Msimango, A.King, Mr M.Mchunu, A.Batley, Mr A.Adlington-Corfield, S.Shandu, Mr M.Schwartz, M.van Heerden, Mrs W.de Wet, M.Blore, Mr A.Dahlberg, D.Strachan, Mr M.Phungula*

FARFIELD



Written by Sanda Shandu

Housemaster: **Mr Michael Schwartz**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**
House Tutors: **Mr Albie Dahlberg, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Mr Mvelo Phungula**
Intern: **Mr Africa Msimango**
Home Room: **Mrs Win de Wet**
Head of House: **Sanda Shandu**
Prefects: **Andrew Batley, Mark Blore, Andrew King, David Strachan, Mark Van Heerden**

2009 has without a doubt been another successful year for Michaelhouse and indeed for Farfield as well and I am extremely proud and privileged to have been a part of it.

This year for Farfield has yet again been superb and we have been through it all together. Be it success in the classroom, on the sports field or culturally, the boys have encouraged each other to broaden their horizons and reach higher potentials. I am ever so grateful to the great sense of brotherhood formed over the years in this House.

The start of the year saw 14 young new boys, all E Blockers, enter the House. They instantly clicked with one another and formed friendships that will last forever. Within a short amount of days, the rest of the House accepted these new boys and made the House a lovely place for the A Blockers and Housemaster to run. I must say that looking after this group of young, exciting, diverse and overtly energetic boys has been a didactic and somewhat tiring experience for the prefects and me but nonetheless very enjoyable.

The sporting aspect saw lots of wonderful achievement made by many of the boys in the House. On the cricket field we had awesome accomplishments: in the First XI we had Mark van Heerden, a veteran of the Michaelhouse first cricket side along with Michael Good and Cameron Macaskill who is U16 and has played a game for them. This year's cricket tour to the United Kingdom was a great success and we were proud to have Mark van Heerden, Cameron Macaskill and Alex Pienaar being a part of that tour. It was great to see a collaboration of effort with Michael Greig and Nicolas Hellens scoring a 150 run partnership together for the U15A side.

Piers Rosholt and Alex Pienaar both represented the U15A side. Cameron Macaskill and Austin Lockington both played for the U16A team of which Cameron was the captain. Murray McDonald, Luke Stevens and Hayden Weaver all played for the U14A team. Luke Stevens must be mentioned for his superb 12 wickets in three matches.

This year met numerous successes on the rugby field with David Strachan, Mark van Heerden, Andrew King and Digby Berriman being a part of the Michaelhouse First XV. David Strachan was elected as vice captain of the First XV. Austin Lockington, the twinkle toes of the U16A side, was a valuable member of that team as well as Cameron Macaskill, Andrew Becker, Dumisani Mashinini and Luke Strachan. Piers Rosholt and Alex Pienaar both represented the U15A side which was lead by Piers. Murray McDonald, Bruce Arnott and Lerato Mokhethi were in the U14A side. Austin Lockington also went on to represent the KZN U16 side.

On the hockey field we were proud to have Michael Strachan and Gareth St Clair play for the Second XI and Realeboga Setati, Ryan Patchitt and Liam Royce being a part of the victorious unbeaten Third XI hockey side. Guy Goddard, Nicolas Hellens, Anthony Miller and Scott Wadeson played for the U16A side. Luke Stevens and Hayden Weaver made the U14A hockey team with Luke moving on to make the Inland A hockey team.

During the winter sports programme we were always entertained by Sanda Shandu, the war cry leader, at the hockey and rugby games!

On the athletics track, Farfield were once again the winners of the Inter-House Athletics and Relay Trophies. Mark van Heerden was awarded the silver medal in the U19 age group and Alain Mahieu winning many trophies for his middle distance efforts. Individual achievements must be mentioned for Greg Heeger who made the KZN team and recently took place in an athletics meeting and broke his personal best over 100 metres obtaining a time of 11.0 seconds! Duncan Guiney and Matthew Hanbury both made the A team. Farfield also dominated the Inter-House cross country, winning the junior event and coming second in the senior event, resulting in the House winning the overall trophy.

In the pool we had Andrew Batley, Digby Berriman and Robert Gifford playing in the first team water polo side; Mickey Venter for U16A and Scott Wadeson in the U15A side. Andrew scored many goals for the first team while Digby saved many goals for the first team.

We had a number of canoeists doing very well this year. Julian Atkinson is the newly appointed vice captain of canoeing and he has achieved his National Federation Colours which is an outstanding accomplishment! Luke Strachan and Matthew Heenan took part in the SA K4 champs and participated in the Fish River Canoe Marathon.

On the soccer front we only had Clive Legoale-Phillips play a couple games for the First XI and U15A as well as Cheyne Halliday playing for the U15A team.

On the basketball courts we had Lerato Mokhethi captaining the U14A side and Cheyne Halliday and Clive Legoale-Phillips, captain and vice respectively, playing in the unbeaten U15A team. Tyler Halliday and Dumisani Mashinini played for the U16A side.

Academically the boys performed to their best and the number of green cards awarded in this House is a true reflection of the effort put into the academic work. At the end of 2008, Farfield won the new Effort Symbol Trophy; we are hoping to do the same in 2009.

This year has been a great year for many of the boys to showcase their talent on stage. From the enticing production of "Ipi Ntombi" to the memorable Marimba Band tour and the "All that Jazz" concert and many more, lots of the boys played wonderful roles on the cultural front. To mention a few: Realeboga Setati, Sanda Shandu, Liam Royce, Andrew Batley, Ryan Patchitt, Digby Berriman, Jonothan Fieldgate, Andrew Steiner, Thomas Thorpe, Bryan Buchler, Dumisani Mashinini, Nicholas Cox, Clive Legoale-Phillips, Alex Pienaar, Bryce Nicholson-Deh, Lerato Mokhethi, Murray McDonald, Luke Stevens, Bruce Arnott and Hayden Weaver are all part of either the choir, jazz band, marimba band, the Stars and "Ipi Ntombi" cast and many other culturally inclined commitments. As a result of many boys involved in cultural activities, we obtained a comfortable second place in the Inter-House Performing Arts competition with Realeboga Setati winning the Best Supporting Actor. Nicholas Cox and Andrew Steiner both represented the KZN Youth Orchestra and Realeboga Setati the KZN Youth Choir.



Farfield Push Car team

Our junior debaters, Bryan Buchler, Piers Rosholt, Alex Pienaar, Clive Legoale-Phillips and Dumi Mashinini, did us proud, winning the Junior Inter-House event.

Our thanks must go to Liam Royce for setting up our outreach programme to Greendale. Many elderly folk had their lives touched because lots of young boys took time out to talk to them and to listen to their stories.

I cannot put into words how much we have enjoyed this year and how thankful we are for all the people involved in contributing to the successes gained during its course. To the House prefects, thank you very much for your support and help this year. The House was run very well because of your dedication and will power to ensure that standards were maintained in the House. To the A Blockers, thank you for making this year the best year at Michaelhouse. To our House parents, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, thank you for your calm guidance and your warm approachability. To the tutors, we appreciate all your efforts in keeping us in line and in doing so creating a fun environment.

"Uthini na? FARFIELD!!"

Salvete: **Sebastian Adderley, Oliver Arnold, Bruce Arnott, Mitchell Bird, Devon Bownes, Neil Guiney, Murray McDonald, Lerato Mokhethi, Kethin Nair, Nicholas Schram, Nicholas Stembridge, Luke Stevens, Hayden Weaver, Mathew Woodhouse**

Valete: **Andrew Batley, Mark Blore, William Crockett, Andrew King, Alain Mahieu, James Murray, Ryan Patchitt, Liam Royce, Realeboga Setati, Sanda Shandu, Gareth St Clair, David Strachan, Michael Strachan, Mark van Heerden**

TATHAM



Written by Dean Dowie

Housemaster: **Mr Nick Cahill**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Sandile Khuluse**
House Tutors: **Mr Graeme Calway, Mr Bernard Whitaker**
Intern: **Mr Hayden Henderson-Everill**
Home Room: **Mrs Heléne Du Toit**
Head of House: **Dean Dowie**
Prefects: **Savvas Christodoulou, Matthew Dean, Reggie Holliday, Dumisani Mabhena, Geoffrey Woollatt**

The Tatham boys did themselves proud this year. The new boys who joined us at the beginning of the year settled in very well and became part of the Tatham family.

As a House we were very competitive in many areas and won the Inter-House performing arts with Nicholas Byrne as director and Savvas Christodoulou and Kopano Maroga as the main actors.

Athletics: On the athletics track we managed to win the Inter-House athletics standards and came second in the senior cross country. Special mention must go to David Pearce who won the cross country for the second year in a row. We also came in second for athletics and congratulations must go to the U17 relay team who broke both the 4x100m and 4x200m records. Patrick Howard was awarded the gold medal in the U17 age group and Christopher Brits won the bronze in the U15 division.

Rugby: The rugby field was once again a happy place for our first team going unbeaten at home again. Patrick Howard, Hilton Mudariki, Dumisani Mabhena and Erik Wiehe Lagesse all represented the first team with Patrick going on to play in the Craven Week team and Erik represented the U18 Academy A side. Harry Epsom and Francis Edwardes were valuable members of the U16A side; Cian Grendon and Christopher Brits played for the U15A team and Jamela Khumalo, Daniel Kramer, Farai Mudariki, Shehan Randeria, Christopher Schoeman and Michael Bouwer all played for an ever improving U14A team.
Awards: Honours: Patrick Howard
Colours: Erik Wiehe Lagesse, Hilton Mudariki

Hockey: The hockey season was once again a very enjoyable one. Dean Dowie, Jethro Thomas, Pieter Pelser, Kieran Allen and Ethan Malan all represented the first team with Dean going on to make the Midlands U18B side and Jethro the U18A side. Jethro must be congratulated on also going on to make the SA U17A side which is a really special achievement. Andrew Houston and Stephen Griffin played for the U16A and also went on to represent the Midlands U16B side. Michael McDonald was part of the U14A side.
Awards: Honours: Dean Dowie, Jethro Thomas
Half Colours: Kieren Allen, Pieter Pelser



David Pearce, Jethro Thomas



Tatham: Back row (l-r): *B.Robinson, P.Howard, N.Byrne, R.Southey, T.Thomas, P.Pelser, E.Malan, M.Howard, H.Epsom, A.Houston, S.Thring, S.Gallie, J.Fawcett* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *Mr B.Akal, K.Allen, R.Renton, E.Wiehe Lagesse, J.Kurz, M.Nhleko, Mr N.van der Merwe, J.Fisher, D.Pearce, S.Callen, K.Maroga, R.Wolff, S.Griffin, Mr H.Henderson-Everill* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *M.Green, J.Quick, F.Edwardes, A.Mncube, M.Argo, O.Songca, D.Douglas-Dufresne, H.von Schlichting, K.Flanegan, J.Dean, C.Brits, K.Renton, G.Purbrick, H.Mudariki, S.Hewat* ***Third row (l-r):*** *J.Epsom, C.Schoeman, A.Renton, C.Holliday, S.Partridge, P.Critchley, A.Christodoulou, B.Zondi, N.Wiehe Lagesse, A.Jordaan, A.Simmons, C.Grendon, T.Dommett* ***Second row (l-r):*** *M.McDonald, J.Khumalo, F.Mudariki, R.Tatham, O.Howard, L.Dixie, M.Bouwer, D.Kramer, S.Randeria, K.Simmons, C.Kelland* ***Front row (l-r):*** *M.Dean, Mr G.Calway, G.Woollatt, Mr S.Khuluse, D.Dowie, Mr N.Cahill, D.Mabhena, Mrs H.du Toit, S.Christodoulou, Mr B.Whitaker, R.Holliday*

Cricket: The cricket season was a very exciting one which included an overseas tour to England. The team was captained by Hilton Mudariki and had a very successful tour. Hilton was also selected for the Natal U19A team. Stephen Griffin and Jurgen Kurz represented the U16A team while Christopher Brits played for the U15A and Farai Mudariki and Daniel Kramer represented the U14A side.
Awards: Honours: Hilton Mudariki

Basketball: Patrick Howard played for the first team for the second year in a row. Francis Edwardes played for the U16A team and Jamela Khumalo and Michael Bouwer played for the U14A side.
Awards: Colours: Patrick Howard

Squash: The first team squash acquitted themselves very well this year with Ethan Malan and Pieter Pelser being part of the team. Special mention must go to Pieter who made the KZN U18 squash team.
Awards: Colours: Ethan Malan, Pieter Pelser

Swimming: In the swimming pool Nicholas Byrne once again excelled. He must be congratulated for winning the gold medal in the U18 age group in the gala and having a wonderful season with the first team water polo. Oliver Howard and Shehan Randeria played for the U14A side. Stephen Thring and Nicholas Byrne must also be congratulated for completing the 8 Mile at Midmar.
Awards: Colours: Nicholas Byrne

Soccer: Well done to Richard Southey who played in the U16A side, James Quick and Cian Grendon who played for the U15A side and Jamela Khumalo, Michael Bouwer and Christopher Schoeman who were in the U14A team.

Canoeing: Tatham is renowned for its canoeing and this year was no different with no fewer than 11 people taking part. Matthew Dean did very well and made the KZN K1 and K2 teams. Andrew Houston and David Pearce must also be congratulated on some outstanding results.
Awards: Colours: Matthew Dean, David Pearce.

Academic Awards: Honours: Geoffrey Woollatt, Dean Dowie, Antony Renton

This certainly has been a memorable year for all involved with Tatham. The A Block have enjoyed their time immensely while the E Block have settled in very comfortably. A special thank you must go to Mr Cahill for all his hard work as well as all the other Tutors.

Salvete: **Michael Bouwer, Luke Dixie, Tim Dommett, Jasper Epsom, Cian Grendon, Oliver Howard, Christopher Kelland, Jamela Khumalo, Daniel Kramer, Michael McDonald, Farai Mudariki, Shehan Randeria, Christopher Schoeman, Kent Simmons, Robin Tatham.**

Valete: **Richard Wolff, Nicholas Byrne, Savvas Christodoulou, Matthew Dean, Dean Dowie, Jason Fawcett, James Fisher, Reggie Holliday, Mivan Howard, Dumisani Mabhena, Antony Renton, Kenneth Renton, Stephen Thring, Geoffrey Woollatt.**

PASCOE

Written by Jake Trehaeven

Housemaster: **Mr Peter Huntley**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Gavin Ross**
House Tutors: **Mr Peter Dennyson, Mr Righardt Kotze, Mr Alwin Murugen**
Intern: **Mr Kyle Kumm**
Home Room: **Mrs Louise Erwee**
Head of House: **Jake Trehaeven**
Prefects: **Tom Gardner, Michael Karam, James Reilly, Munatsi Ziumbe**

On coming to the close of yet another year there are many areas of which Pascoe may be extremely proud. The arrival of another strong Cack group has allowed us to maintain focus as we look to the future and build onto our already strong House traditions.

As Pascoe boys we pride ourselves on being one of the more friendly and comfortable Houses at Michaelhouse. There is a clear correlation between the boys as to how we wish to strive within the House and as to what goals we have set as a group. One thing we know how to do better then everyone else, is have fun! But it's also good to see that the competitiveness of every individual in the House has risen over the past couple of years and the effort being seen and made by boys has increased a considerable amount. As a House, the level of enjoyment is at a peak.

There were many areas in which we as a house achieved this year. One in particular was our keen group of Inter-House debaters who having won the junior section last year, pushed forward to win the senior section this year with a near flawless victory. Our hats go off to Menzi Ndlovu, Tendai Ponde, Magashe Ngoepe and their team!

On the sporting front Munatsi Ziumbe received Honours for basketball, Tom Gardner Honours for both hockey and soccer (whilst captaining the soccer First XI and being vice of the hockey First XI) and Dan Rodgers obtained Colours for swimming. Justin Chinyanta gained his for work in the music field, James Stroud got his Colours for his artwork and Jake Trehaeven his Colours for academics.

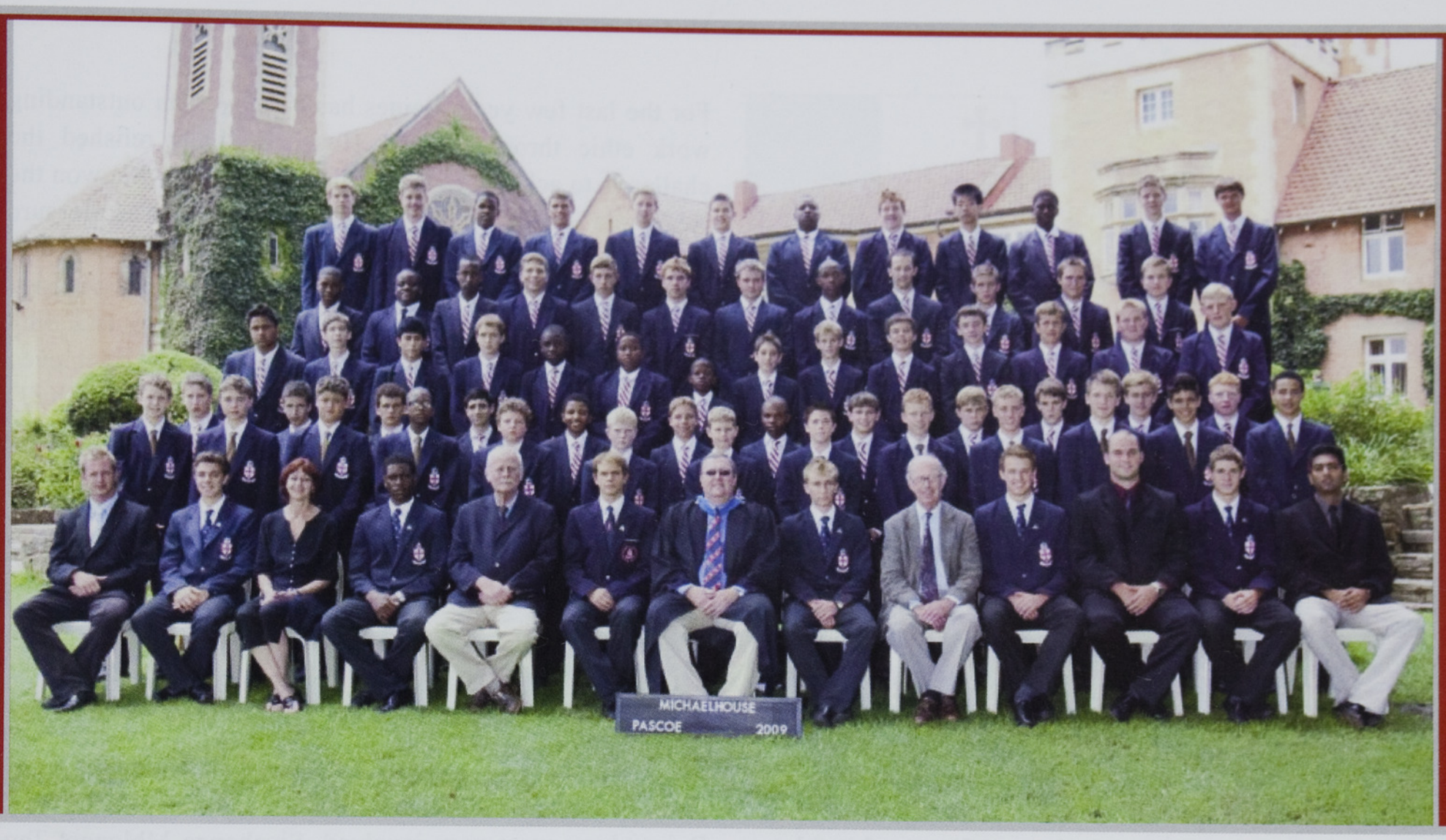
On a broader note we saw many of our boys excelling on the sports fields and in the class room throughout the year. Our "new boy" group had a particularly strong influence in the field this year with Justin Clarke playing U14A soccer, Barrie Forrester-Smith playing U14A soccer, cricket and rugby, Ciaran Furniss playing U14A rugby, Matthew Joubert and Nicholas van der Bos playing U14A squash while Nicholas also made the KZN team, Kyle Pyne-James playing U14A cricket, hockey and soccer, Guy Tatham playing U14A hockey (also making the Midlands U14A side), we also had Nicholas Stephenson who made KZN Maths - a refreshing achievement for a Pascoe boy!



Pascoe boys enjoying a House Braai



Nicholas Murphy, Ciaran Furniss, James Hitchcock, Pierre Noel



Pascoe: Back row (l-r): *J.Hitchcock, L.Sales, T.Ponde, P.Rattray, N.Lister-James, J.Stroud, T.Mokete, W.Brown, J.Chen, T.Phalatse, J.Sacks, B.Hardman* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *O.Dakile, J.Chinyanta, S.Kalisa, J.Wissing, T.Lister-James, V.Nunes, D.Rodgers, M.Ndlovu, J-P.Akal, S.Avidon, P.Noel, A.Waller* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *Z.Hurribunce, N.Wichura, J.Creasy, S.Markham, K.Mbizule, K.Phalatse, X.Shezi, O.Bazian, J.Foster, T.de Gidts, N.Murphy, M.Molyneux, R-D.Senekal, W.Smale* ***Third row (l-r):*** *C.Mystris, S.Carrara, M.Markides, J.Stathacopoulos, M.Ngoepe, F.Noel, K.Sogoni, M.Rait, A.Lowe, J.Dalais, H.Alfredsen, N.Brown* ***Second row (l-r):*** *K.Pyne-James, J.Rodgers, M.Joubert, J.Magubane, S.Brown, N.van der Bos, F.Krumhoff, J.Clarke, C.Furniss, S.du Plessis, S.Griffiths, N.Stephenson, B.Forrester-Smith*
Front row (l-r): *Mr K.Kumm, M.Karam, Ms L.Erwee, M.Ziumbe, Mr G.Ross, J.Trehaeven, Mr P.Huntley, T.Gardner, Mr P.Dennyson, J.Reilly, Mr R.Kotze, S.Leclezio, Mr A.Murugen*

On the academic side of life it has to be noted that Munatsi Ziumbe, A Block, came second for the year mark which is an outstanding achievement. We also had four other A Block boys in the top 20. In the B Block year group we have a fine bunch of prospective academic men. Names to watch out for are Menzi Ndlovu, Vincent Nunes, Kwezi Sogoni, Magashe Ngoepe, Julian Wissing, Zaahir Hurribunce and Sean Markham who all have the potential to be top achievers!

On the cultural side of life, this year was no disappointment. Justin Chinyanta played an active role in the Jazz Band and Ofentse Dakile and Xolani Shezi played a major role in the Marimba Band. We also had a large number of boys participating in the Toastmasters society which is still seen to be one of the best that Michaelhouse has to offer. In fact the Pascoe boys seem to outweigh every other House when it comes to the monthly meeting on a Friday evening.

None of this, however, could have been accomplished if it were not for Mr and Mrs Huntley and the Pascoe staff team. The countless hours of mentorship and hands on work with the boys has reflected clearly throughout the year.

During the year we've said a special welcome to Dean Box (B Block) and Guy Tatham (E Block) while we've said goodbye to Ned Brown (B Block) and Sam Brown (E Block) who look to further their studies in the UK. We also wish Omar Bazian (D Block) a warm farewell as he leaves to emmigrate to Dubai.

On the whole I would like to thank Pascoe and every single boy who made the experience of this year one that will never be forgotten. To the leaving A Block group I wish you all the best in a successful and fulfilling life.

Salvete: **Justin Clarke, Barrie Forrester-Smith, Ciaran Furniss, Steven Griffiths, Matthew Joubert, Jan-Frederick Krumhoff, Jabulani Magubane, Kyle Pyne-James, Nicholas Stephenson, Guy Tatham, Nicholas van der Bos, Dean Box, Sam Brown.**

Valete: **Stephen Avidon, William Brown, Justin Chinyanta, Ofentse Dakile, Tom Gardner, Brett Hardman, Michael Karam, Stevie Leclezio, Teboho Mokete, Pierre Noel, James Reilly, Jake Trehaeven, Alex Waller, Munatsi Ziumbe, Ned Brown, Omar Bazian, Sam Brown.**

BAINES

Written by Christopher Morris

Housemaster: **Mr Johan Van Rooyen**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Richard McMichael**
House Tutors: **Mr Rory Drysdale, Mr Adrian Moran**
Interns: **Mr Tango Nchukana, Mr Jean-Louis Swart**
Home Room: **Mrs Kate Smedley**
Head of House: **Christopher Morris**
Prefects : **Manuel de Abreu, Owen Gandar, Chase le Roux, Reef Nakin, Dale Stephen**

Baines has yet again provided a strong, supportive and comfortable environment in which boys have been able to make their own Michaelhouse experiences truly magical.

With a lack of reward this year for our hard efforts Baines, stands without the embossed plaques that speak of Inter-House victories and achievements. We were able to manage a second place edging in narrowly behind West House, after some unlucky disqualifications, in the Inter-House gala. We failed, in the Inter-House performing arts to meet our usually high standards and missed out on a top three placing, while our performances at the Inter-House debating, public speaking and general knowledge competitions respectively, were of a strong standard but were not able to win us much acclaim.

Despite our lack of "BMT", however, the Baines boys hung on to provide a taste of true spirit and what we like to call Baines "Gees". In and around the school it was the Baines boys who continued to achieve for the School and for themselves in areas all over campus. From Mark Wood's hard work in the Theatre Tech Society to the onstage ensemble of the Tsiki brothers in the annual Stars show, we made up for our losses and disappointments elsewhere.



Baines Tug-O-War team

For the last few years Baines has employed an outstanding work ethic throughout the House and has relished the challenge to achieve on the academic front. Having won the Academic Shield for the last two years, there was pressure on the boys this year to perform, and perform they did! Benjamin Bradford and Christopher Morris were awarded Honours for academics, while we had an outstanding academic performance from Michael Harrison, who achieved a first place in the Block and was once again part of the KZN A Maths side after being placed in the top 100 in SA for Mathematics. Matt Dyer was also a part of the KZN Maths side and was awarded Half Colours for academics, while Luke Mennigke was awarded the prize for Most Improved in the Block and Christopher Morris was a recipient of the Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize.

Baines' cultural involvement this year was fantastic as the boys encompassed the vibrancy and energy of the House in their work both on and around the stage. The year kicked off with the enthralling show "Ipi Ntombi" in which many Baines boys were very involved. Siyabonga Mhlongo, Tau Tsiki, Lebogang Rakau, Toka Tsiki, Mkhululi Mkhulisi, Mutale Chileshe, Sean Hugo and Ross Reid were all part of the cast, while Mark Wood was part of the theatre crew who definitely had their hands full for the duration of the show. Many of the boys were later involved in the annual Stars variety show, while Baines continued to feed the choir with choristers of a very high quality. There were also some notable individual achievements with Thomas Kearns receiving Colours for art as well as winning the Creative Arts Youth Festival for Sculpture, while Toka Tsiki received Half Colours for dramatic arts, and Christopher Rossouw and Jeremy Bradford earned their Half Colours for music.

Baines is proud of Reef Nakin who received the Des Sacco Award for the Sportsman of the Year, as well as being named the Most Valuable Player for rugby in 2009.

Baines has been a strong rugby house, producing many valuable players that have earned their spots in the red and white in recent years. We were well represented at the top of the sport this year with Reef Nakin, Siyabonga Mhlongo, Manuel de Abreu and Christopher Morris all playing a part in the success of the First XV. Siyabonga Mhlongo was awarded Honours for rugby and did fantastically to represent the KwaZulu-Natal Craven Week side, while Reef Nakin enjoyed representing the KwaZulu-Natal Craven week side for the second year running as well as being re-awarded Honours for rugby.

Without the efforts of some very talented Baines boys I do not believe that soccer would have been afforded the time and effort that it was shown this year. The chairman of the soccer society, Karabo Sesupeng, has been a very valuable asset to the sport at Michaelhouse and his relentless efforts



Baines House: Back row (l-r): *D.Coyle, M.Dyer, K.Sesupeng, A.Adedipe, S.Margesson, N.Breet, R.Janse van Rensburg, L.Mennigke, I.Yusuf, R.Lynn, M.van der Vegte, Jordan Goddard* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *S.Hugo, J.Chileshe, Josh Goddard, W.Grant, S,Mhlongo, J.Venter, T.Coyne* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *Toka Tsiki, T.Stapylton-Smith, M.Mvelase, C.Rossouw, A.Allen, Tau Tsiki, M.Mundell, JJ. Bradford, M.Lovett, T.Lee, S.Msibi, L.Rakau, J.Hammond, R.Reid* ***Third row (l-r):*** *S.Buys, T.Kearns, R.Shiel, R.Drummond, S.Smith, M.Harrison, M.Chileshe, K.Moss, M.Mkhulisi, R.Landman, M.Marx, Dean Stephen, T.Everett* ***Second row (l-r):*** *M.Hinchley, P.Hughes, T.Arnold, D.De Beer, A.Berten, D.Pretorius, M.Wood, R.Boler, D.Shiel, W.Lin, P.Mtshali, PG Buys, A.Roos, L.Mgoduso, D.van der Leeuw, G.Van Wyk, K.Maswera*
Front row (l-r): *Mr T.Chidzawo, R.Nakin, Mr R.Drysdale, O.Gandar, Mr A.Moran, C.Morris, Mr R.McMichael, B.Bradford, Mr A.Black, C.le Roux, Mrs K.Smedley, M.de Abreu, Dale Stephen*

were rewarded with the title of the Greatest Contribution to Soccer in 2009, while also receiving Half Colours. Manuel de Abreu occupied the position of vice-captain and was named the Best Forward Player for the year, top-scoring with an exceptional tally of 18 goals in a total of 20 matches. Reef Nakin was awarded soccer Colours and was also a valuable part of the first team.

We had a strong group of swimmers in the House this year, and we were fortunate to have leadership amongst our ranks, with Chase le Roux being named swimming captain. Chase also received his Colours for swimming, and was a key component in the first team water polo that were unbeaten for the first half of the year, receiving his Half Colours for water polo as well. Renier Janse van Rensburg was the U16 Inter-House swimming champion and was awarded Honours for swimming. He was also a part of the first team water polo and he represented KwaZulu-Natal, while also receiving Half Colours.

Some other notable achievements on the sporting front came from Chase le Roux who was a KwaZulu-Natal Triathlete and was placed eighth in South Africa in his age group. Ibrahim Yusuf and Spencer Smith received Half Colours for athletics, while Jeremy Bradford received Half Colours for canoeing. Dean Stephen was part of the first team tennis and received his Half Colours as well as representing the KwaZulu-Natal tennis side, while his brother Dale was once again part of the first team golf who managed to wrestle the Douglas Cup back from Hilton after its prolonged absence from the School. Our two strong canoeists in the house were also on hand to deliver this year, with both Jonathan Chileshe and Owen Gandar producing some fine performances in the Dusi and Fish River canoe marathons respectively. Owen was awarded Colours for canoeing and represented KwaZulu-Natal.

It has been an outstanding year to reflect on as Baines has proved to be one of the strongest groups in the School. Evidence of the compassion and fellowship can be seen in a senior boy in the House who received the John Richards Award for friendship and employing the true values of Michaelhouse and indeed Baines House in much of what he does in and around the House. This was a notable achievement by Matthew van der Vegte who was a true asset to Baines in the five years that he called Baines his home.

The house has truly been a wonderful place to call home this year and indeed for the five years that I have spent at this magnificent school, and I am honoured to leave Michaelhouse with the feeling of companionship and amity that has proved

to be such a large part of the successful functioning of Baines House this year. It is truly a wonderful place to be.

Salvete: **Tyrone Arnold, Tony Berten, Richard Boler, PG Buys, Darren De Beer, Michael Hinchley, Patrick Hughes, William Lin, Kura Maswera, Lonwabo Mgoduso, Phila Mtshali, Dominic Pretorius, Andrew Roos, Drew Shiel, Daniel van der Leeuw, Gareth van Wyk, Mark Wood, Daniel Dooley, Gordon Loubser-Hattingh.**

Valete: **Benjamin Bradford, Naudé Breet, Jonathan Chileshe, Dominic Coyle, Manuel de Abreu, Matt Dyer, Owen Gandar, Jordan Goddard, Thomas Kearns, Chase le Roux, Christopher Morris, Reef Nakin, Karabo Sesupeng, Dale Stephen, Matthew Van Der Vegte.**

MACKENZIE



Written by Kieren King

Housemaster: **Mr Viktor Kurz**
Senior Tutor: **Mr Rainer von Schlichting**
House Tutors: **Mr Elmar de Klerk, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane**
Intern: **Mr Kyle Dowie, Mr Tatendo Chidzawo**
Home Room: **Ms Joy Preiss**
Head of House: **Kieren King**
Prefects: **Abbey Ally, Jason Clarke, Matthew Fraser, Andrew Laing, Tseko Letlala**

Mackenzie is a House that is known for achieving in all aspects of life at Michaelhouse and this year has been no different. In the very first assembly, Mackenzie was awarded the Inter-House Community Partnership Service Shield for our excellent contribution towards the Khazimula Community Service project.

Lee Savory and Sean Clarke both made the Midlands swimming team and both fared well in this year's Midmar Mile. Sean Clarke obtained seven gold medals at the SA Disabled Swimming Championships and broke several South African records, which just shows what an exceptional talent he really is. Lee Savory won the U15 gold medal in the Inter-House swimming gala and went on to represent Zambia at an international swimming gala and won three gold and six silver medals in his age group.

Myles Arron received Colours for tennis; a well deserved award seeing that he has played first team since E Block. He also helped Mackenzie win the Senior Inter-House tennis competition for the fourth year in a row. Myles was appointed tennis captain for 2010.

Creag Donaldson, Matthew Smurthwaite and Ross Perryman all represented the first team golf and helped Mackenzie come second in Inter-House golf this year.

Andrew Laing received Honours for basketball while Neil Benton and Matthew Fraser both received Colours for basketball. A new boy, Connor Grealy, was selected for the U14B Midlands team and the Clucas brothers, Rob and Angus, have continued to achieve in squash with Rob being ranked third in the U19 KZN team and Angus being ranked second in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands team.

At Inter-House athletics, Mackenzie did well to come third; our best result in a very long time. Neil Benton won the U19 Gold Medal and Geoffrey Gedye won Silver in the U14 division.



Matthew Fraser, Michael West-Russel, Kieren King with the Service Shield

Lethoxolo Mtshali and Devin Norman were awarded Colours for soccer and Zawadi Dlamini was selected for the KZN U15A soccer team. Matthew Potter was selected for the U14B Midlands water polo team and James Nupen and Thys Albertse attended the international rugby academy run by Mr Dick Muir.

Andrew Stephens did well to be selected for first team cricket in C Block and Matthew McCathie scored an outstanding 122 runs against a formidable Clifton Durban team.

We had a number of boys involved in music and Abbey Ally was elected as President of the KZN Youth Choir Committee. Abbey also received Honours for culture for his involvement in music and the School production, Ipi Ntombi.

Tseko Letlala and Casper Badenhorst received Half Colours for music. Casper was also elected as vice chairman of the



Mackenzie: Back row (l-r): *D.Norman, B.Hodgson, J.van Tonder, M.Arron, N.Vilankulu, A.Stephens, J.Purnell, J.Nupen* ***Fifth row (l-r):*** *N.Benton, C.Alexander, L.Mtshali, S.Clarke, M.Smurthwaite, M.West-Russell, J.Davies, R.Clucas, JD.Mwaura, P.Grealy, J.McJannet, D.de Sousa, D.Horscraft* ***Fourth row (l-r):*** *R.Johnstone, L.Humphreys, O.Mhaga, J.Dovey, R.van Greunen, M.McCathie, J.Swynnerton, Z.Dlamini, Ross Pelser, B.Grealy, C.Donaldson, Kyle Wilmot, N.Smythe, M.Whalley* ***Third row (l-r):*** *J.Laing, M.Lowe, R.Clucas, L.Savory, K.Williams, J.Bassett, O.Joseph, Rory Pelser, Kieran Lyle, A.Clucas, C.Badenhorst, K.Sefako, B.Cooper-Botha Reid* ***Second Row (l-r):*** *M.Olejniczak, G.Gedye, C.Grealy, J.Pfotenhauer, J.Johnston, K.Dalton, K.Majola, D.Zoutendyk, T.Mahlare, R.Zoutendyk, C.Savory, R.Perryman, M.Potter, W-C.Mosburger* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Mr T.Chidzawo, T.Letlala, Mr E.de Klerk, A.Laing, Mr R.von Schlichting, K.King, Mr V.Kurz, M.Fraser, Ms J.Preiss, A.Ally, Mr S.Ncamane, J.Clarke, Judith Msimanga*

Christian Fellowship Committee. J-D Mwaura must be commended on his singing at the Inter-House Performing Arts competition and was selected for the Midlands Youth Choir.
David Horscroft won numerous best speaker awards in the Midlands Debating League and Mackenzie were well accounted for at the Toastmasters society. David came second at the Inter-House public speaking tournament and won The Dudley Forde Award for the Promotion of Excellence in Toastmasters; an extremely noteworthy achievement.

Mackenzie was highly involved in service and Michael West-Russell, Justin van Tonder, Richard Johnstone, James McJannet, Jason Clarke, Rory Pelser and Otto Joseph all received Half Colours for service.

At the Inter-House performing arts competition, Mackenzie fared well winning the Best House Song and Best Movement. Matthew Fraser and Neil Benton shared the award for Best Choreographer.

Academically, Mackenzie were strong yet again. Kieren King received Honours for academics at the start of the year and Abbey Ally, Kieren King, Jonathan Purnell, Kopano Sefako, Andrew Stephens, Byron Grealy, Reece Randall, Matthew Potter and Dylan Zoutendyk all came in the top 10 of their respective Blocks. Mackenzie's effort symbols were amongst the best in the School and many boys were awarded Green Cards.
Overall it was a fantastic year for Mackenzie and the A Block must be commended on their outstanding leadership this year. Mackenzie is certainly a House on the rise and a House that strives for excellence. This can only be a direct result of the example set by our Housemaster, Mr Kurz and this year's A Block. I wish the boys next year good luck and I urge them to keep the ball rolling and always remember, in Mackenzie spirit, to "*Shine Not Burn*".

Salvete : **Branagth Cooper-Botha Reid, Kyle Dalton, Geoff Gedye, Connor Grealy, Joseph Johnson, Jonathan Laing, Tumelo Mahlare, Khwezi Majola, Matthew Olejniczak, Ross Perryman, Jordan Pfotenhauer, Matthew Potter, Coulsey Savory, Dylan Zoutendyk, Ryan Zoutendyk, Wulf Mosburger, Reece Randall, Rory Mackenzie**

Valete: **Connor Alexander, Abbey Ally, Neil Benton, Jason Clarke, Matthew Fraser, David Horscroft, Lewis Humphreys, Kieren King, Andrew Laing, Tseko Letlala, Lethuxolo Mtshali, Rory Pelser, David de Souza**

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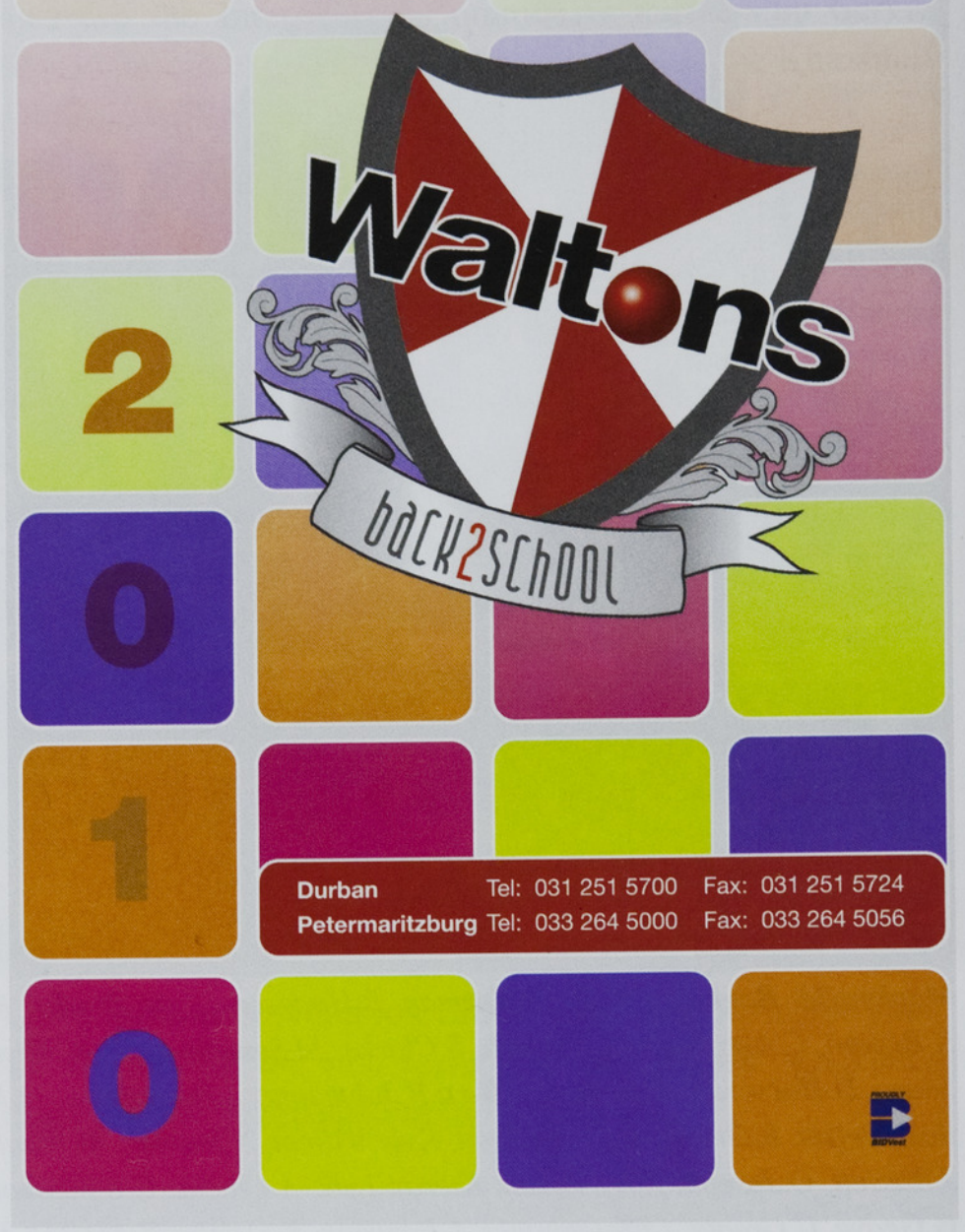

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5 June 2009

Report by the Patron, Rector Guy Pearson

Mr President, Chairman of the Board and Old Boys of Michaelhouse.

It is a pleasure for me to present an overview of the achievements of Michaelhouse over the past year. I trust that all of you have received the Chronicle of 2008, a comprehensive record of the activities of last year.

I am pleased to report that Michaelhouse is in excellent shape, indeed I would say that we are 'riding the crest of the wave' at the moment. While this is a good place to be, it is also appropriate to remember that the wave can break and that we should never be complacent. I am confident that we have all the fundamentals in place to continue to enjoy success in the years ahead.

It is interesting that in the Chronicle of 1980, the following was written in the Editorial:

"Who should be admitted to Michaelhouse? This question must have presented itself to successive Rectors with varying degrees of urgency. Recently it was decided to admit pupils from a wider diversity of racial groups and cultural backgrounds, and if pressure for places from members of the traditional Michaelhouse community is anything to go by, this decision was a popular one. In prosperous times, and when the bubble reputation is swelling, the problem of who to accept, though really the Rector's, becomes a popular subject of debate.

There are some passionately held positions. Some argue that the sons of Old Boys, or applicants from particular prep schools, should be given preference, and others proclaim that admission should be decided purely on ability; that mental

and moral stature and not race, sex or cultural background should be the determining criteria. There are those who would enlarge the School, presumably in an attempt to admit all corners.

"But in the cut and thrust of argument one guiding rule should be respected. It is a strength of this School that individuals are respected and catered for. Pupils should be admitted on this understanding and should, in return, expect to contribute as individuals to the Community."

In 2009 we face a very similar challenge; the demand for places at Michaelhouse has never been greater. For the 2010 intake we considered 278 applications for 110 places. Of these 85 had a family connection to Michaelhouse, Old Boys' sons, siblings or cousins.

At the Board Meeting in March this year, a workshop was held to discuss this problem and to give guidance to the Rector and Management in order to manage the challenges facing us. The deliberations were fruitful and gave guidelines for the future. The Board has made it clear that the ultimate discretion for admission is with the Rector and this is as it should be.

What is relevant to this meeting is that while family connection, in particular Old Boy or brother, is very important, it does not mean an automatic admission to Michaelhouse if that boy does not meet the admission criteria. Distant family connections are certainly no guarantee for admission.
I would like to reassure this meeting that it would only be in exceptional circumstances that an Old Boy or sibling would be excluded; in fact for 2010 we have 75 acceptances from boys with family connections.

Back to the overview of the past year; the class of 2008 excelled in all areas of School life culminating in fine results in the final IEB exams. This was the first year of the new curriculum and the boys were well prepared for this challenge. The class achieved a 100% pass rate while 98% achieved Bachelor Degree passes (University Exemptions). In total there were 140 subject distinctions.

On the sports field it was a superb year for the School; in total we had six National and 35 Provincial representatives. In 2009 the boys have carried on where they left off last year and have enjoyed great success. There is no doubt that schoolboy sport has become increasingly competitive at the top level and the resources which the School has allocated to improve attitudes, conditioning and coaching over the past few years has certainly paid off. The number of "recent" Old Boys who have excelled at the rugby fields has been most gratifying: Patric Cilliers (emerging Springbok), Ross Cronjé (SA U20), Patrick Lambie and Ruan Combrinck (SA U19). It was wonderful to hear that Dale Benkenstein (1992) is one of the Wisden Cricketers of the Year for 2008/2009; a fantastic achievement.

The past 12 months has been a busy time in our cultural programme; the highlight being the European tour by our Chamber Choir and Jazz Band in June/July last year, and



Rector's Lunch for Senior Old Boys 1958-1959 Leavers:Back row (l-r): *Fred Pitout (Old Boys' Secretary), Trevor Dunstan, Robin Firth, John Fleming, Cecil Fenwick, Jerome Bowden, Robin Ralfe, Richard Lister, David Hibbs, Hugh Lee,Rector Guy Pearson* ***Front row (l-r):*** *Dave Osborn, Redmond Dales, Tony Ardington, Anthony Evans, Chris Leal, Dermot Hatfield, David Lewis, David Leslie, Angus Anderson*

the musical Ipi Ntombi in collaboration with The Wykeham Collegiate early this quarter. The latter was a fantastic production and played to full houses for six performances.

The Chapel remains central to the life of the school and 2009 was launched with a Christian Focus Week. It is gratifying that so many Old Boys of varying ages are prepared to give up their time to assist us in this very important mission. They are able to relate and witness to the boys on a very personal level and their contribution and participation is much appreciated. In addition we enjoyed the witness of many sporting celebrities such as Shaun Pollock, Johan Muller and Jacques Botes and our own Cameron McIntosh who all provided inspirational messages to the boys.

Mr President, the success of Michaelhouse would not be possible without the support the School receives from its Benefactors, Old Boys and Governors. We are fortunate to have a Board of Governors, led by Old Boy Gary Ralfe, who give freely of their time to guide and lead the School. The Michaelhouse Trustees under the Chair of Mr James Inglis have continued to look after our endowment during these turbulent times; we are most appreciative of their efforts.

My sincere thanks go to you, Mr President, for your support and the support of the Old Boys in general for their alma mater. Your term of office has been marked by great enthusiasm and energy; well done and thank you, Brett! We look forward to our continued positive relationship with your successor, Kevin O'Brien.

In closing, let me thank you all for your ongoing support for me personally; it continues to be a privilege to be Rector of this fine School.

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr Brett Davidson

Good morning to you all gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I share the report as President at the 97th Annual General Meeting of the Michaelhouse Old Boys Club.

As my term draws to a close today I can look back at the past two years with pride - pride at the place in which we find our wonderful School and the pride which accompanies all Old Boys towards their School. As an Old Boys Club this stands us in great stead for the future as the bonds between Old Boys remains firm. The OBC has much news to share with you so please bear with me as we go through the last year.

Firstly it gives me great pleasure to welcome the newest member of our team in Rev Fred Pitout who joins us as the new Michaelhouse Old Boys' Secretary. Fred is an Old Boy having attended the school from 1962 to 1965 and served as the Chaplain at Michaelhouse from 1986 to 1992.

Fred, ably assisted by Michelle, will be looking after the administration of all Old Boys affairs as well as the Community Partnership Programmes here at Michaelhouse. This has enabled us to create a focused approach to our objectives that we set in 2008 and onward from here in respect of the data base, communication channels and assistance in events country wide to name but a few.

Welcome Fred and thank you for all your efforts thus far and we look forward to achieving our objectives with you at the helm.

The Old Boys' Club will also be going through a minor renovation in that we will be adding an office for the Old Boys' Secretary and Administrator. This will be a wonderful asset for us as a Club and will be the first port of call whenever an Old Boy or friend of Michaelhouse pays a visit.

The Club has embarked, along with this, on reestablishing the correct memorabilia to be returned to its rightful places throughout the School. We have created a policy as to which memorabilia should be placed where and within a year we hope to have a brand new look not only within the Old Boys' Club but throughout the School. You will see some of the small changes in the Old Boys' Club today where we have begun to place memories from archives back into the Club. We hope for this addition to be complete in July.

The branch reports are well tabled in the minutes before you but if I could highlight a few:

- Cape Town's address by Prof Tim Noakes was most impressive on doping in sports. The Shetland ponies running down the final straight at Greyville Race Course under lights with all jockeys dressed in red and white was an awesome sight.



Outgoing President Brett Davidson and President Elect Kevin O'Brien

- The address by Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert at the Johannesburg dinner ensured a capacity crowd at Old Johannians' Club.

- The Pietermaritzburg Branch celebrated a much welcomed return to large numbers with a cocktail party and inspiring presentation called "Known by Name" based on the naming of the Nguni cattle surrounding our School.

The UK Branch was visited by both the Chairman of the Board, Mr Gary Ralfe and The Rector. Also in attendance was Mr Paul Trewhela, recipient of the St Michael Award last year in June making the evening a very special one and attended by nearly 90 Old Boys.

The Gaudies that took place last night saw some of the largest numbers in attendance for some years (almost 250) and we trust those numbers will again be reflected today .

The Michaelhouse electronic news-letter is still well received around the world with relevant info on our Club as well as the School and keeps its members well informed on activities and functions throughout the year.

I would like to now look at the objectives that we set ourselves in 2008 and to report back on some of these.

DataBase: the School has implemented a central data base software programme called Edu Admin combining all the relevant data bases that the school, admissions and the OBC makes use of therefore ensuring the loss of relevant data is kept to a minimum. With Fred joining us as an additional resource we will be able to focus on individual tasks at hand and ensuring that the work that the Old Boys Club does has relevance to our existence.

We are confident that our data base will get better with these resources coupled with the School's programme. As we know, it has been and will always be a work in progress and we rely on our members to assist us in these tasks. If I could task all Old Boys with one request and that is once a year to touch base with the School whether via email, fax or telephone. This alone will go a long way to achieving this objective.

Old Boys Fund: our other objective was the launch of the Old Boys Fund to ensure that Old Boys would be able to continue to send their sons here. I am happy to say that we have started the process with some of the branches combining their efforts into this fund and the project will continue. On the back of this I showed last year the numbers of Old Boys registering vs those attending and am happy to say that this year our slide paints a different picture. There is renewed interest in the School from all Old Boys and whatever we can attribute this to, we will take it with both hands and continue to strive for these kinds of numbers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rector, Mr Guy Pearson, for his support and continued loyalty towards our Club. We thank you for your work done here at Michaelhouse making it, we believe, the School of choice in South Africa at the moment. To the Chairman of the Board, Mr Gary Ralfe, with nine or ten Old Boys under your guidance on the Board we have never been short of your support and we hope to continue to have a strong presence at Board level ensuring our voices are heard for the good of our School. My sincere gratitude goes to the Central Committee for their support over the past two years. We trust that the Branches go from strength to strength in the future. To Michelle Huntley, thank you for all your behind-the-scenes work and the fielding of incessant emails and telephone calls from Old Boys all over the world. The Old Boys' Club



1984 Gaudy in the Memorial Hall

also wishes to convey heartfelt thanks to the Marketing Department at Michaelhouse. We believe we have a role to play in the marketing of this School and we are grateful for the assistance they give us as we join forces around the country and at some of the events.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the Old Boys for the privilege of representing the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club. It has been an extremely rewarding task and honour to serve as the President for the last two years

BRANCH REPORTS 2009

Durban Branch
Chairman: **Mr Anton Southwood**

2009 has been a relatively quiet year for the Durban Branch of the Old Boys' Club.

A very successful Hilton/Michaelhouse Golf Day (50 year) celebration was held at the Durban Country Club. The weather was superb, the field full and the day exceptionally well organised by John Cheshire. A great day was had by all.

In April we had a drinks evening at Stokers in Kloof for Michaelhouse and Hilton Old Boys and parents. This was in the week prior to the rugby fixture. Unfortunately the attendance was down on last year but a good time was had by those who attended.

On 29 May we had the annual Michaelhouse Old Boys' Golf Day at Beachwood. Again it was professionally organised by Ian Lambie, Brett Davidson and the Committee and a great success.

The Committee of Murray Nel (Treasurer), Steven Boast, Nigel Thorpe, Roger Miller, Brett Davidson, Ian Lambie, Kevin O Brien, Nigel Williamson and Patrick Baker met on a regular basis. I thank all the Committee members for their enthusiasm and dedication to the cause of providing assistance for Old Boys' sons to attend Michaelhouse.

We look forward to a prosperous 2010.

East Griqualand Branch
Chairman: **Mr Roger Spencer**

On 1 September a Schools Expo was held in Underberg. As the Rector and the Marketing Department were going to be present, it was felt that an evening should be held for Old Boys, current parents, past parents and friends of Michaelhouse. So an evening was organised at Mike Moncur's Restaurant in Underberg.

This proved to be a great success where the Rector gave us all a brief presentation on Michaelhouse. Also present were Fred Pitout, the Old Boys' Secretary and Mrs Moyra Rowney from the Marketing Department.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this evening such a success.

Gauteng Branch
Chairman: **Mr Hal Rosholt**

The Gauteng Branch has again had a good 2009, and the sustained interest on the part of the local OMs is very pleasing and encouraging. We have noticed in particular, that younger OMs are beginning to participate regularly in our functions.

The functions themselves have been good, starting with a not particularly well-attended drinks evening at the OJA. I'm puzzled by this, but perhaps that's just the way it goes.

This was followed by a very successful and well-supported annual dinner, again at the OJA, where we had a close to capacity (120) attendance. The speaker was Mr George Sibotshiwe, formerly Morgan Tsvangirai's personal spokesman, and now the Foreign Affairs and Policy Adviser to the MDC. His talk was both horrifying and enlightening, and his responses to the hard questions posed to him were very direct, informative and depressing.

Later in the year, we were very pleased, though hardly surprised, to see our OM Polo Team return to its winning ways, trouncing the Hilton side again. This makes four times in the last five years, I believe?

Finally, we've just held another great golf day at Killarney, with 65-odd players turning out. The event was extremely generously supported by OMs Rob Brown and Sandile Koza, and Dominic Bothner again provided a wide range of top-line prizes from a variety of suppliers. I have to express my gratitude to Nqoba Koza and Themba Mtombeni who worked like slaves to produce a seamless event for the OMs who attended. Mrs Melanie Wester and Mrs Noelene Burton came up from the school, and their contribution was much appreciated. We're hopeful of having raised a significant donation for a school community project.
Again, our thanks to the small committee of OMs who've managed the business of the Gauteng Branch this year.

Midlands Branch
Chairman: **Mr Philip Stanistreet**

Perception is one thing, reality is quite another! Farmers are perceived to be not the brightest people on the block, the reality is that a "Boer maak 'n plan".

The Michaelhouse Midlands Weaner Scheme presently has six boys on bursaries, admittedly they are not full bursaries but a little help goes a long way. We are providing in the region of R200 000.00 per annum at this stage, and fortunately with only one new applicant for next year as four A Block boys are leaving, it will be working in our favour considering the present economic climate.

With shares not doing so well and cattle continuing to give us solid returns of 26-35% on average, we have decided to get our cattle stock holdings as strong as possible. We presently have 103 head in holding at the moment and 110 head have been earmarked for purchase giving us 213 head for 2009.

What are the criteria to participate in the Scheme?
You have to be a farmer or person able to keep cattle for Michaelhouse (the Weaner Scheme purchases them, farmers are the custodians).
Who benefits?
Criteria - Michaelhouse Old Boys' Midlands farmers sons.
Who qualifies?
1) Old Boys' farmers sons in need of assistance.
2) They must have participated in the scheme and not at the last minute in the hour of need.

Distinguishing Facts:
Many people help in this scheme, not for themselves but to be secure in the knowledge that a needy boy is getting a foot up.

Thank you to all farmers and friends who have helped tremendously, also special thanks to my Committee and to the three valuable members who have stepped down, Dr Roger Turner, Jon Bates and Chris Brown.

Pietermaritzburg Branch
Chairman: **Mr Mark Lynn**

Two main events have been held this year. The first was the Hudson Bennett Golf Competition and the second was the annual cocktail party.

Report on the 72nd Hudson Bennett Golf Tournament held at The Victoria Country Club on Friday 24 April 2009:

Another successful tournament was enjoyed by some 60 Old Boys, parents and staff. As usual the testing Victoria Country Club got the better of most of the golfers but the weather was favourable and drinks cold. The tournament was well organised by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Bob Mitchell with the considerable help and generosity of the sponsors.

The Cocktail Party:
The second event of the year was the annual cocktail party also held at the Victoria Country Club. Some 100 Old Boys, parents and prospective parents attended the event which was held on 22 September. The function is a joint initiative between the School and the Old Boys' Club. Mr Allan Laing gave an excellent presentation on the School's leadership programme entitled "Lean on Me" which was well received.

United Kingdom Branch
Chairman: **Mr Andrew Dixon-Smith**

Around 70 Michaelhouse UK based Old Boys once again enjoyed the Michaelhouse UK OB's Annual Dinner at the RAF Club in Piccadilly on Friday 30 October 2009. The venue and dinner were as always very enjoyable and the company even better. It was particularly encouraging to have Old Boys who left in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000 onwards - a full spread across the decades. Those gathered were very fortunate (after dinner) to enjoy listening to very amusing stories that Lord Richard Scott was able to pass on to the Old Boys about his experiences as a House of Lords judge in the UK and generally about his experiences of living in the UK - a true raconteur of note. The School also very kindly provided a very informative power point presentation update on the School which was well received by the Old Boys. This update is always viewed as crucial to the Old Boys maintaining an up to date idea of the School as it is today and its visions and directions. All UK based Old Boys are encouraged to register their details (including email addresses if possible) via the Michaelhouse website Old Boys section.

We are grateful once again to RAF Club Rick Peacock-Edwards for facilitating the venue.

In addition to the UK dinner, Michaelhouse Old Boys enjoyed the annual Hilton/Michaelhouse UK Old Boys Golf Day at Blue Mountain Golf Club, Wood Lane, Binfield, Berkshire, on Saturday 11 July 2009. With an approximate attendance of 30 players it was a competitive event and needless to say Michaelhouse took the honours in a strong performance over their Hilton counterparts. The event commenced with a full English breakfast before an 18 hole four ball betterball stableford competition and prize giving and drinks in the club afterwards. A great day enjoyed by all.

Next year we plan on a bigger and better event and hope once again to teach Hilton a golfing lesson. Thanks to all who participated.

As always we would like to convey a special thanks to Michelle Huntley for her very efficient administrative assistance in helping arrange these events.

Western Australia Branch
Chairman: **Mr Jeremy Wood**

Our annual function for 2009 was held in March at the Associates Rugby Club.

This year we adopted a more informal format in order to allow those who wished to bring children to do so. The event was attended by 12 members and their families. Our records indicate that the branch has 43 members.

We missed Jim Woods who sadly had passed away in the preceding September. Unfortunately I was not able to attend having been hospitalised shortly before that. Notable items for the year were:

The passing of Jim Woods whose obituary has been published separately; and Jeremy Wood taking over from Andrew Burnett as WA Convener.

As the new Convener I would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Andrew for his efforts in running the club for the past five years. Also, I'd be delighted if any OMs who are moving to Western Australia could contact me at jeremypwood@bigpond.com. I look forward to welcoming all new arrivals

Western Cape Branch
Chairman: **Mr Charles Phillips**

2009 was another great year of social functions in the Western Cape for the Old Boys' Club. It is amazing how the two words 'free beer' can attract students! Thus our drinks evening in February at the famous Forries Pub in Newlands with the UCT students was well attended, likewise our evening with the Stellenbosch students in August at The Terrace.

Our annual dinner mid-August at Kelvin Grove Club was a great success with over 90 OM's enjoying the great food and loads of vintage Chateau de Haggie Red. Also in attendance were OM Secretary, Canon Fred Pitout and Mr Peter Dennyson (English Master) who came down from Balgowan. Peter's brilliant and highly amusing speech had us all in hysterics and brought on a standing ovation. We also held our AGM and sang the School hymn at full tilt at the end followed by the usual First XV rugby war cries!

Other functions included a pizza evening with Stellenbosch OM students in September, and lunches in Somerset West in October, and in Hermanus in November.
Thanks to our able Committee, we continue to strive to keep the Michaelhouse flag flying down here and promote good fellowship amongst OM's in the Cape.

Zululand Branch
Chairman: **Mr Richard Chennells**

The Zululand Old Boys had a very enjoyable social get together on 13 August at the Swiss Alpine restaurant and pub in Empangeni and a few of us met up again at the Ging Tennis Club on 9 September. It was great fun and good fellowship.

Everyone is keeping well in the Zululand area and it is always a pleasure getting the guys together for some fellowship. Currently we have R95 000.00 in our St Bernard's Fund which is available for Zululanders at the School who are in need of assistance. It was decided informally that in these economic times it would be inappropriate to try and raise more money for the fund. What we would rather do instead is keep an eye out for anyone who needed assistance and pull the necessary resources when the time came.

Moving forward we will be looking forward to 2010 for the ultimate Quadrangular Sports Day being held in Eshowe. All families of Old Boys from Michaelhouse, Kearsney, Hilton and College are invited to compete in golf, tennis, squash, bowls and a mountain bike ride. There will be loads of prizes for everyone and hopefully Michaelhouse will retain the trophy.

OLD BOYS' NEWS 2009

Benkenstein, Dale (1989 - 1992)
Congratulations on being named among Wisdens 5 Cricketers of the Year.

Bissett, John (1949 - 1952)
Was awarded the KZN Law Society Life Membership Award for 50 years continuous and dedicated practice as an Attorney.

Blades, Michael (Sharpie) (1980 - 1984)
Married to Kerry-Lyn, working for Standard Bank in Beijing - been there since October 2008. Have met up with Dave Malcolmson (1980-1983) who is the Deputy SA Ambassador in China.

Brady, Andrew (2000 - 2001)
Together with Graeme de Haas set off for a round-the-world surfing adventure and found themselves in the midst of earthquake chaos in Padang, Sumatra. "Everyone had switched to panic mode and the threat of tsunami was very, very real… The death toll was over a thousand and the destruction was incredible. But we are alive..."

Buchanan, Peter William Alan (1947 - 1950)
Was awarded the KZN Law Society Life Membership Award for 50 years continuous and dedicated practice as an Attorney.

Crookes, Ashley (1997 - 2001)
Has been working at YMCA Camp Ococee (a Christian summer camp for boys and girls) near Chattanooga, Tennessee, since 2006. Currently the Group Services Director doing everything from promotions to working with groups that come in as well as a lot of photography during summer.

Evenett, Peter Geoffrey (1949 - 1952)
Was awarded the KZN Law Society Life Membership Award for 50 years continuous and dedicated practice as an Attorney.

Goodyer, Chris (1965 - 1969)
Lives in Dublin, Ireland, and working as a Project Coordinator for Global Diagnostics, an international radiology and teleradiology company.

Hampson, Richard (1998 - 2002)
Currently working and living in Vail, Colorado, USA

Keeping, Francis (1974 - 1975)
Performed a solo concert of operatic works of the 19th century in the World Symphony Series in Durban in 1997 and continued singing operatic roles and concerts in Europe till June of 2000 when he decided to make New York City his home base after sixteen years in Italy.

He has retired from performing in opera and has dedicated himself to teaching voice and vocal coaching, limiting his performing to recitals, concerts and recording. In 1999 his acclaimed CD of classic Irish ballads, *The Minstrel Boy,* was released by Mainstem Records in London. In 2005 he was invited to sing with Metropolitan opera star Aprile Millo at Lincoln Center in New York and in Philadelphia.

Together with his business partner, Roberta Prada, they formed Vox Mentor LLC and a not-for-profit corporation Vocalimages. com, that work hand in hand furthering the importance of music of all types in educational environments.

After publishing with Ms Prada their first book on psychoacoustics with Scarecrow Press in New York, they decided to form their own publishing company under the Vox Mentor banner. Among other works published are the translation and expansion of the vocal method of J B Faure, *La Voix et le Chant*, and their most recent work, *Opera and its characters,* which has been well received by the public in the USA and abroad. This also marked Francis' first return to illustrating (something that he had been advised to pursue by Paul Lavender his Michaelhouse art teacher). The book was launched on 10 November 2008 with a panel discussion of opera and showbusiness personalities at Barnes & Noble booksellers on Broadway. Two more volumes are planned in the near future.

In 2003 he made his Broadway debut, not as a singer but as a designer. He is responsible for the stage curtain design of the map of the land of OZ and various graphic elements in the Broadway hit "Wicked" and can be seen in Europe, Australia, the USA and Japan.

2009 ushers in more Masterclasses and concerts in Italy and the USA and hopefully a visit to South Africa in May to celebrate his now "older" brother, Christopher's 50th birthday.

Kerton-Johnson, Simon (1982 - 1986)
Currently living in the United Kingdom and working with Deloittes.

Kilpatrick, Hudson (1948 - 1951)
Retired and living in St Francis Bay, Eastern Cape.

Mann, Gary (2004 - 2008)
Selected to play for the Boland U19 Provincial Team in 2009.

McDermott, John (1949 - 1952)
Now living in Witsand, Port Elizabeth, on the majestic Breede River.

Naish, Andrew (1986 - 1988)
Graduated from Wits (B Com and CA). Worked for four years in Johannesburg and then went to the UK in 1988, worked in various banks and also had a good time travelling and seeing the world. In 2007 I married Kathleen and moved to Australia mid 2007. Now working at Macquarie Bank. Love the lifestyle in Oz and we live about ten minutes from the beach.

O'Connor, Alex (1979 - 1983)
Living in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, United Kingdom. Happily married with two children and another one on the way. Working in a law firm in London.

Osborne, Brian (1992 - 1996)
Now resides in sunny Cyprus. Involved with a large property developer on the island of Cyprus. Works alongside another Michaelhouse Old Boy, Nick Papachristodolou. They travel to the UK and Middle East in search of clients.

Payn, Kitt (1992 - 1995)
Graduated with BSc (Hons) and MSc from the University of KZN, and with a PhD in Forestry from North Carolina State University in the USA in the latter half of 2008. He is currently employed by Mondi Forests, based at Mountain Home in Hilton. He is married to Carolyn and they live in Hillcrest.

Pon, Malcolm (1976 - 1980)
Moved back to South Africa middle of 2009 after having been in Canada for 15 years. Based in Johannesburg.

Raynor, Graham (1983 - 1986)
Currently MD of Clifford Welding Systems. Based in KZN, his company designs, manufactures, assembles and installs capital equipment.

Rosholt, A Michael (1935 - 1937)
Awarded "The Order of the Grand Counsellor of the Baobab: Silver", by his Excellency President K P Motlanthe: This

honouring you and acknowledging "your keen sense of justice; (and) indelible mark in fostering black trade unions and pioneering non-racialism in the work place". We remember the comment of Mr M E Thompson in his History of Michaelhouse 2000: "shortly before the outbreak of World War Two there was a fine sportsman and good scholar at Michaelhouse, Mike Rosholt. Ahead of him was a distinguished career (Business Philanthropy). He became Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand. Thus the School honoured you as a Fellow Associate in 1979."

Rumble, Brent (1999 - 2003)
Currently studying in California.

Savory, Roger (1981 - 1985)
Married Laurel Bryan of Canada in January 2008 and have a son, Hugh Redin Savory. Have been consulting in Colorado for the last three years on land management using Holistic Management Principles and in the process of starting another ranching operation in Canada in the near future.

Stewart, Brian (1962 - 1966)
Living in the UK. Joined Mike Payn (1962-1965) (cricket team mates from Bunnies through to the First XI) on his first visit back to School at the last Hilton/MHS rugby match in 2008. Both the Pennington and Mackenzie Quads being notable developments seen for the first time. The sunken oval and the magnificent portrait of his old Housemaster and Coach, Roy Gathorne, was very memorable, as was the visit to the Centenary Centre Pavilion.

Strauss, Brad (Staff member 1989 - 1993)
Been at Bishops for the last 13 years - 10 years as a Day Boy housemaster and the last two years as the Operations Manager.

Sullivan, Justin (2006 - 2008)
Studying at Stellenbosch - BSc.

Thorpe, James (2001 - 2002)
Recently joined the Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Trafford, Jon (1977 - 1978 & Staff Member)
Jon Trafford has been appointed to the combined post of Senior School and College Head of Kingswood College, Grahamstown.

Wade, Douglas (1961 - 1965)
Living in Kent in the United Kingdom.

Williams, Dai (2001 - 2004)
Living and working in Sydney. After completing school (the best five years of my life) I went to University in the UK.



ROLL OF HONOUR

As ratified at Old Boys' Day 2009

Armstrong	N D	1940 – 2009
Byron	C A	1935 – 2008
Carte	B S	1933 - 2008
Dawson	O	1919 – 2008
Dorning	W	1954 - 2009
Francis	P C A	1916 – 2009
Holgate	N	1930 - 2008
Hunter	A W G	1920 – 2008
Kennan	L	1921 – 2007
Ladlau	W I	1920 – 2007
Large	P G	1920 – 2008
Leketi	T J	1984 - 2009
Morphet	D	1938 – 2007
Pond	M C E	1953 - 2009
Ross	N	1915 – 2009
Sargent	J M Rev	1922 - 2008
Scogings	D A	1927 – 2006
Stainton	P	1932 – 2009
Stacey	B	1923 - 2009
Steere	R	1922 – 2009
Stubbings	Q A	1924 – 2009
Sulin	J C	1921 – 2008
Thiselton	M A	1933 – 2008
Woods	J D	1917 - 2008

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OBITUARIES

Erratum: The 2008 Chronicle printed an obituary for Michael Keath who died on 27 October 2008. His contemporary school friends will remember him as Michael Peter Koliasnikoff.

CAMPBELL, DORIS
Born 1910, Died 2009
Honorary Old Boy & Past Secretary to Rectors Snell, Morgan, Norwood and Pennington.

Written by Roy Gathorne

Nobody who was at Michaelhouse during Doris Campbell's time as Secretary to the Rector would have escaped being impressed, and at times daunted, by her strong personality and the positive influence she wielded so effectively on all with whom she came into contact. She loved Michaelhouse and all that the School stood for.

Her influence on staff and boys was considerable and her friendship warm. In the early days she certainly supported and helped the younger members of staff, a number of whom were at that time from overseas. She also gave sound advice and encouragement to so many new boys which helped them settle in their new environment. Unwise words and actions were critically dealt with whatever their origin. To sum up she was a true friend and helper, always with the interests of the School and its members in the forefront. Indeed the generous and kindly part she played in the development of Michaelhouse in the fourth quarter of the 20th century was of critical value to all its members; both staff and boys.

She was a "wise old bird" whose sound common sense and high standards left their indelible mark on all with whom she came into contact. A true family person who was admired and loved by all with whom she had dealings. Michaelhouse owes a great debt of gratitude to her.

DAVENPORT, ALAN GARNETT
Born 1932, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1946 - 1949

He made sure skyscrapers could endure the wind as well as designed wind tunnels which tested the CN Tower, World Trade Center and one of the world's longest bridges. To truly appreciate the significance of Alan G Davenport's contribution to the modern landscape, all one has to do is walk on a blustery day in a high-rise city and experience the effects of swirling winds. The reassurance that the buildings can withstand the force of these winds can be attributed to the expertise of the engineers who helped design them. The man who pioneered a method for testing the durability of the designs was Alan Davenport. In the early 1960s he designed the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel at the University of Western Ontario and became an expert in wind engineering, studying some of the largest buildings and bridges on the planet, such as the World Trade Center in New York, the Sears Tower in Chicago, the CN Tower in Toronto and one of the world's longest suspension bridges, Tsing Ma in Hong Kong.

Alan was born in the city of Madras, India, now known as Chennai. His parents Tom and Clara were British tea planters. As a young boy, he was fascinated by the devasting effect of typhoon activity on the buildings of Madras. In typical colonial fashion, children were sent abroad for their education and Prof Davenport followed his elder brother Rodney to several boarding schools in South Africa, eventually attending Michaelhouse. He discovered an aptitude for maths and science and was an excellent athlete. He also developed a passion for all things having to do with wind, and during his years at boarding school, he built model aeroplanes from scratch. Young Davenport wanted to be a pilot. At 18 he left South Africa and enrolled at Cambridge University where he completed first a BA in Mechanical Sciences and two years later an MAS in Mechanical Sciences in 1958. He joined the RAF and flew on weekend jaunts to various parts of England. By 1957 he had all but abandoned his dream of being an airline pilot; instead he realised his true interest was in engineering, and completed an MSc in Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto.

He also found the other passion of his life, Sheila Smith, who was a fellow student at the University of Toronto and they were married in the same year.

He spent the next four decades with the University of Western Ontario as an Associate Professor and later Professor. He seemed to thrive on resolving engineering problems, but he could also see the big picture - the betterment of people's lives.

He received numerous accolades and honours, including the Order of Canada in 2002 and a symposium organised in his honour the same year. Prof Davenport remained modest about his achievements and maintained a grueling work schedule, even after the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

He was fond of a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt: "Life has got to be lived - that's all there is to it".

He died of complications due to Parkinson's disease in London, Ontario, in July 2009. He was 77. He leaves his wife Sheila and children Tom, Anna, Andrew and Claire, his brother Rodney and numerous grandchildren.

DAWSON, OSWALD CHARLES
Born 1919, Died 2008
Michaelhouse 1932 - 1936

Oswald Charles (Ossie) Dawson was educated at Michaelhouse from 1932 - 1936. He was a member of Foundation East where he was a House Prefect in 1936. He excelled at cricket, rugby and hockey, topping the First XI batting averages.

Dawson made his Test debut against England at Trent Bridge in 1947. He was a fine medium-pace bowler and a useful lower-order batsman. He played in nine Tests, including four Tests in the home series against England in 1948/9.

Dawson, who represented Natal and Border, played 75 first-class matches, scoring 3 804 runs at an average of 34.58. He struck six centuries and two half-centuries. He took 123 wickets, including three five wicket hauls. He saw service in WWII with the Royal Durban Light Infantry. He fought in North Africa, where he took part in the Battle of El Alamein in 1942, as well as in Italy where he earned the Military Cross for Bravery Under Fire.

After the end of his cricket career, Dawson became Chairman of John Orr's until his retirement in 1984.

A fine all-round sportsman, he played tennis and then bowls until well into his 80s at the Durban Country Club. He was particularly well known for his involvement in horse racing becoming Chairman of the stewards at Clairwood Turf Club.

A good friend and contemporary wrote the following:

"When I retired from first-class cricket I wrote to the five cricketers who I thought had most influenced my cricket. One of those was Ossie and in it I said that I had met and played against many Springboks. Most had fallen off the pedestal on which I usually placed them but never Ossie. I got a delightful answer from him in which he said that we had both played the game in the way it should be.

He was one of the best sportsmen with whom and against I played. He did everything with grace including accepting defeat just as he would victory. Ossie and I were also founder members of the Vagrants Cricket Club, an invitation team who played against mostly schools in the Border area. He was the epitome of what the Vagrants meant and the club was an influence in that area, especially in the way the game was played."

Dawson, who was born in Rossborough on 1 September 1919, leaves his wife Maureen and five children; Darryl, Bruce, Kevin, Sally and Alice-Anne.

Dawson was the fourth oldest surviving South African Test player behind Lindsay Tuckett (89), Denis Begbie (94) and Norman Gordon (97) - the last SA survivor of the Timeless Test in Durban in 1938/39.

DE VILLIERS, ANDRIES THOMAS
Born 1925, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1939 - 1943

Written by the family

Andries was born on 3 July 1925 in Namanyere, in what was then Tanganyika Territory. Those were pioneering days. The midwife who was summoned from South Africa to attend his mother in her confinement arrived after he was born, having suffered shipwreck on Lake Victoria.

Like so many other colonial-born children he was sent "Home", to England, to boarding school. He left Dar-es-Salaam with his mother by sea in 1932 and after reaching England, was deposited at a preparatory school, Glengorse, in Sussex. When he was about ten years old his mother came to visit him and he vividly recollected pacing anxiously up and down at the railway station waiting for her arrival, unsure whether he would recognise her face when she stepped off the train.

His father had originally wanted him to go on to an English public school but with an eye on the approaching war with Germany changed his mind, and looked for a school on the African continent. He chose Michaelhouse and Andries duly arrived entering Tatham in 1939.

He grew up fast. His parents made only rare visits to South Africa from Tanganyika, and he spent his holidays with folks in Otto's Bluff. He kept a pony stabled on Miss Jaffray's property adjoining Michaelhouse, and he would ride to and from the school. He delighted in Free Bounds, and belonged to the small group of crazy young men who caught and sold venomous snakes to Fitzsimmons in Port Elizabeth.

He did well academically, responding especially to Douglas Pennington and Frikkie van Heijst among the staff, men whom he remembered fondly for the rest of his life. He played rugby for the Second XV, and in his last year at School, 1943, he was Head of Tatham.

After leaving Michaelhouse, Andries spent several happy months with his parents in Tanganyika before joining the army, and when he did become a soldier he found his true metier.

He was used to the discipline of institutional life. He excelled as a soldier. He was brave, tough, physical, and he believed, at least in those days, in King, Country and Regiment. But he was also highly intelligent and extremely sensitive. His

experiences in Burma, fighting the Japanese, left him both physically and emotionally scarred.

For all that, the Army was his life and he revelled in it. His wife always said he was a beautiful young man and he showed off his good looks to best advantage in uniform.

Andries met Susan in 1948 and they did not immediately hit it off. But he showed her great courtesy when she left East Africa for Scotland in 1949. And when she settled in Nairobi in 1955, she remembered and contacted the dashing young officer, who was by then operating against the Mau Mau in the Kenya forests. Within a short space of time they were husband and wife, and parents to two children. Andries proved himself a devoted husband and an exceptional father.

He left the British Regular Army in 1956 and entered business, where at first he was successful. But having decided to settle in South Africa at the age of 45 he was too old and, frankly, too influenced by his upbringing to flourish in the frequently cut-throat world of local commerce and industry.

Yet it was in this period that his talent for mentoring younger people became so obvious. From the kids whom he directed in Shakespeare, to the adult members in farce and one-act plays in theatre clubs in Kenya and Johannesburg, he left his mark on life after life. And after settling in Cape Town in the early 1970s he found and mentored younger work colleagues who repaid him with deep affection and respect.

Andries was writing too: two plays, poetry and fiction. And developing academic skills, becoming a member of the prestigious South African Stamp Study Circle.

Susan died in March 1988, leaving Andries to fend for himself for the first time since they married.

Despite increasing loneliness and ebbing physical strength, the last twenty years of his life witnessed the flowering of his intellect. His association with the Indigenous Bulb Association in Cape Town propelled him into the world of plant biology and to his surprise, he found he could contribute to it, make scientific advances in it, challenge theories and leave behind him a lasting impression. Often in the footnotes and introductory matter in other people's work, it is true, but it was a real and perhaps not fully recognised achievement all the same.

Who can fully describe this man? Blue eyes twinkling with laughter. Flint-like eyes literally flashing with the fire of anger. Easy in conversation. Pugnacious in argument. Broad-minded, yet prudish. Brave, yet anxious. Supremely intelligent. Unable to make head or tail of modern technology. Wise in giving advice. Taking foolish decisions. A lover of wine, women and song.

When he was diagnosed with his final illness I asked him if he was frightened, and he replied, 'Yes'. He was frightened of losing his dignity.

It seems to me that one's true character is revealed on one's death bed. This wonderful man told me just before he died that he was happy, knowing as he did the pain and discomfort which still lay before him. He was happy. He died at Murambi House, Wynberg in Cape Town on 26 May 2009.

DORNING, DR WARWICK ANTONY
Born 1954, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1968 - 1971

Written by Mr Richard de Chastelain

Warwick Dorning (West) was tragically and unnecessarily killed on his farm Adamshurst outside Howick on the evening of 7 November 2009 in what transpired to be a botched robbery. At the time of his death, at the relatively young age of 55, he had only recently taken early retirement from the KZN Administration where he, a career civil servant, was right hand man to Premier Zweli Mkhize. He was a highly educated man and an accomplished historian.

Warwick was born on 14 July 1954 in Kokstad, East Griqualand, where his forbears were pioneer East Griqualand families. He was educated at Cordwalles and subsequently became a third generation member of Michaelhouse, following in the footsteps of his father Antony, a former Michaelhouse Senior Prefect. He was further educated at Rhodes University (Honours degree in History) and Cambridge University in the UK, where he obtained a Masters Degree in International Communications. He completed his PhD in Strategic Studies at the University of Orange Free State. Prior to his university career, he was a major in the SA Airforce where he embarked on studies of military history, a lifelong fascination.

A brief resumé of his work CV: In 1988 he joined the former NPA as Communications Manager. His path then moved through working as PRO to Peter Miller, MEC for Finance and Local Government, followed by a period as General Manager in Provincial Treasury. This led to a position as Head of Ministry to Dr Mkhize in the Department of Finance and Economic Development

In 2009, he was appointed Chief of Staff in the Premier's office until his retirement.

Tributes poured in from all over the world. Government parties, political parties, agricultural unions, farmers and the local business community lamented his death as a sad loss for KwaZulu-Natal as he still had so much to give. Premier

Mkhize himself presented one of the two eulogies at his funeral.

In his eulogy at the funeral, Premier Mkhize was quoted as saying:

"He displayed a high level of dedication and commitment to provincial government. Dr Dorning was a trusted official and his sterling work is well-documented. Before his retirement, he devoted much of his time assisting the new Administration to map out a programme of action for this new term of office. A developmental State such as ours requires civil servants who are deeply committed to the principles of fairness, honesty, integrity, humble service to the people and justice for all.

Warwick possessed all of these qualities. He was highly experienced, loyal and shared our dream of making this a better country. He was driven by passion, enthusiasm, and hard work".

Other citations were received from such diverse institutions and individuals as the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business, the Consulate General of India, with whom Warwick was developing KZN trade links, former MEC in the NPA, Peter Miller, and many others whose lives were touched by him, but too numerous to mention.

At the time of his death, Warwick and his wife Dawn were actively converting their farm into an indigenous nursery. His great passion was the environment and his enthusiasm for the abundant wild plants on the farm led to the development of a total nature experience, with the nursery only one of his dreams to open up Adamshurst to the nature-loving public. Warwick's interests extended to birds and insects and there seemed no limit to his love of nature.

Warwick leaves his wife Dawn, sisters Julia, Nicola and Angela and mother Noo, well-known in the Midlands area as a historian and author. Although, he had no children of his own, he was a committed family man, much loved by the many nephews and nieces, cousins and offspring of his greater East Griqualand family. The Adamshurst farm was (and is) permanently open to all of his family and friends and many a happy evening has been spent sipping red wine in the huge lounge, fire blazing, setting the world to right or merely dissecting the performance of various rugby and cricket teams. He was equally passionate about all.

After his death, the family found a handwritten excerpt of prose in the field diary he kept next to his bed, which aptly sums up the very essence and ethos of his beliefs.

Written by the 19th Century American author and educator Henry van Dyke, it simply reads:

"He that planteth a tree is a
Servant of God. He provideth a
kindness for many generations, and
faces he hath not seen, shall
Bless him."

FRANCIS, PETER CLEMENT AUSTIN
Born 1916, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1930 - 1932

Written by daughters, Robin Bennett and Victoria Dillon

Peter Francis, well loved and highly respected Michaelhouse Old Boy and Honorary Colonel of the Natal Carbineers, died at his home, Milestone Forest, on 15 May 2009. The military funeral service was conducted by Canons Fred Pitout and Alan Smedley in the Michaelhouse Chapel. He was buried with full military honours at St Matthews Church, Lidgetton.

Peter was educated at Michaelhouse and Dundee High School matriculating in 1933. He studied law at the University of Natal, where he indulged his love of sport. He was admitted as an attorney in March 1939 and was selected to play rugby for Natal in 1939, but never played an official game due to the outbreak of the war.

His long involvement with the Natal Carbineers began in 1935 when he joined the volunteer regiment. During World War Two Peter served in campaigns which took him from East Africa, Abyssinia and Libya to Italy where he was appointed Commanding Officer of the regiment in October 1944. At only 27 years old he was the youngest officer ever to command the Royal Natal Carbineers (as they were then known) and indeed the youngest Officer Commanding of any South African Regiment. In 1942 he was appointed aide-de-camp to Field-Marshall Alexander, Commander in Chief of the Middle East Forces. During the Italian campaign he won the Military Cross in the field at the battle for Mount Vigese and was three times mentioned in dispatches. When the war ended he was appointed the Military Commander of the Italian Province of Liguriawhen. The Carbineers garrisoned the Italian Riviera up to the French border. Peter retired as Commanding Officer of the Regiment in 1955. However, his association with the Carbineers continued all his life and he was appointed their Honorary Colonel in 1969 serving them loyally in that role until his death.

In 1946 he joined Reginald Tomlinson and the law firm Tomlinson & Francis was established. He became a leading Maritzburg lawyer and was appointed to the Boards of numbers of companies including the Natal Witness. He was actively involved on the Boards of several private schools and became a Founding Trustee of Cowan House at the time of its forced relocation from Mountain Rise under the apartheid

legislation in the early 1960s. He also served on the Board of St Anne's for 17 years, the last four years as Chairman. He also served on the Board of Governors at Michaelhouse.

Peter was a member of the Progressive Party from its formation and was their candidate for the Pietermaritzburg District in 1965. He remained a staunch supporter of the party and its successors all his life.

A keen golfer, Peter was a member of the Maritzburg Country Club (now the Victoria Country Club) from the age of 17 for the next 76 years. At varying times he was Club Champion, Captain, Chairman and Honorary Chairman. He captained the Natal Golf Team and later, when he became involved in golf administration, served as President of the Natal Golf Union and on the executive of the SA Golf Union. In his mid 80s he recorded two holes-in-one in the space of six weeks and in his later years often managed a score that beat his age! He played his last game at Boschhoek at the age of 91.

Peter loved and valued the countryside, and with Tony Kerr (another Michaelhouse Old Boy) gave active assistance to the Natal Parks Board and founded the very first Natal Conservancy at Balgowan. This was the start of the now countrywide conservancy movement. Fishing, both fresh-water and sea-fishing, was one of his great loves and many Michaelhouse Old Boys will remember happy times at his trout dam at Inhlosane.

However, Peter will mostly be remembered as a true gentleman, greatly loved and respected by his family and friends. He was a man of honour and integrity and was highly principled and decisive, always showing respect to others regardless of creed or colour. He loved his God, his country, his community and his family and served those with dedication all his life.

Peter leaves his wife, Priscilla and four children, Robin, Elizabeth, Simon and Victoria, and their families.

FROST, BRIAN RHYS (OBE)
Born 1928, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1942 - 1946

Written by his wife, Colleen

Brian Frost, who attended both Cordwalles and Michaelhouse in the 1940s, died in June 2009.

He received the Chronicle regularly and along with it, the invitation to the lunch given by the Rector for the Senior Old Boys in 2006. He was disappointed to have been unable to attend as he was in a wheelchair for the last 4 - 5 years of his life which made invitations like this impossible. He would have loved to have gone back and shown his wife, Colleen, around both schools as he had such wonderful memories of what he described as the best schools in the country.

After he left Michaelhouse he enrolled as an undergraduate in the Engineering Faculty of UCT but his career path changed in 1949 when he met Brian Mansergh, a very well respected South African architect. Brian worked for him, first as a draughtsman and later in design, documentation and supervision of various commissions, both in this country and in the then Rhodesia.

In 1957 he married his first wife who sadly died of cancer in 1980, leaving him with three boys to raise, which he did, very successfully. He has grandchildren from all three of those sons.

Around the late 70s, when Brian Mansergh died, leaving his practice to Brian, he was appointed by the British Government as their official architect and representative in South Africa. This job gave him huge satisfaction and ultimately earned him an OBE in 1994. When asked about this he always modestly replied that it was merely for keeping his hands out of the till. In addition to this work, he also undertook the design and supervision of building many homes around Cape Town and he was fond of saying that he was very privileged to receive payment for doing something from which he derived enormous satisfaction. In 1980 the South African Council of Architects honoured Brian by granting him membership of their institute.

In 1988 he married Colleen and they had 21 happy years together, although his health steadily declined, particularly during the last three months which he spent in and out of hospital but at the end he died peacefully at home.

HANKINSON, JOHN RAYMOND
Born 1924, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1939 - 1942

Written by the Hankinson family

Born in Durban, John performed satisfactorily academically, but sport was his passion. Achievements in this area included *Victor Ludorum* at The Ridge Prep School in Johannesburg, excelling in the 100 yard sprint at Michaelhouse, and competing in first league tennis in later years.

The Second World War broke out whilst John was at Michaelhouse, in Farfield, so immediately after matriculating he, at the age of 18, joined the anti-tank regiment in the South African Army, and was soon shipped off to Italy. Whilst serving in Italy he shared a tent with a Michaelhouse school friend, Barry Booth (1939 - 1942). As Barry was seven foot

tall, and John could hardly be described as a midget, it must have been amusing seeing two pairs of feet sticking out the tent!

After the war John joined The Union Castle Company and was soon posted to Mombasa for three years, where he met Meg Johnston, whom he married in 1950. A posting in London followed Mombasa. After two years they returned to Durban, where a family soon followed; a daughter, Judy, and Rob (Michaelhouse 1971 - 1975). Rob, like his father John, also had a passion for and excelled particularly in rugby, playing for Natal in over one hundred games.

Interestingly, John's entire career was in shipping, and by the time he retired in 1985, after 40 years service, he, his father Bert and his Uncle George, had amassed a total of 123 years of service between them.

John was a very active service member of the Durban Anti Tank Shellhole, and served as Old Bill for a period. The camaraderie was important to him, as well as the opportunity to give expression to his love of helping others in need. An example of this was his dedication over the years to the Blood Bank, where he donated over 500 units.

A devout Christian, John regularly attended St Martins in the Fields in Durban North, fulfilling the role of Sidesman for many years. Michaelhouse played a major and continuing part in John's life, particularly during Rob's period at the school. The association with the school continued for many years, with John attending many Old Boys functions, at times with his brother Alan (Michaelhouse 1936 - 1938), with whom he had a lifelong very close relationship.

John Hankinson will be remembered by his family and many friends as kind, caring compassionate, and a true gentleman.

HUGHES, DAVID
Born 1937, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1951 - 1954

Written by the family

David Hughes, who died in Cape Town at the age of 71, was one of the earliest and most gifted wildlife documentary filmmakers in the world. His work won numerous international awards, including two Emmys. One of them was for the 1983 film, *Rain Forest*, which raised the alarm about the massive destruction of forests around the planet. The other was for *Lions of the African Night,* which featured unprecedented footage filmed over three years in the Kruger National Park.

Hughes was born in Springs on the East Rand on 29 August 1937. He went to Michaelhouse followed by the University of the Witwatersrand, where he obtained a PhD in Zoology.

He married Carol in 1971 and they made a formidable, and entirely independent team. He died of cancer which started from melanoma on his shoulder. He is survived by his wife Carol and three daughters.

LARGE, PAUL GARNER
Born 1920, Died 2008
Michaelhouse 1934 - 1937

The second of three brothers, he started at Michaelhouse in 1934, entering Foundation East, his Housemaster being TA Strickland. A gregarious boy and a participant, he was a keen sportsman, playing all the games available in that era; he was a particularly strong swimmer. His attractive and gentlemanly character brought him respect from staff and boys alike, and popularity with the latter. He matriculated well, with distinctions in mathematics and chemistry. He had by then decided that he would pursue medicine as a career.

He enrolled at Guy's Hospital Medical School, part of the University of London, in 1938. After qualifying MB BS (London) in 1943 he served his time as a House Surgeon and House Physician before returning to South Africa in 1944 and joined the South African Air Force as a medical officer and spent a year or more in the Transvaal before he was demobilised at war's end. By then he had determined to specialise in surgery.

He returned to Guy's in 1946. He married Susan May, a Guy's nurse, in 1952 and returned to Durban in 1953. Here he established himself as a General Surgeon and besides building a private surgical practice, did a great deal of honorary work, both teaching and clinical, at McCord Hospital and the Infant Medical School based at King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban. He enjoyed teaching and by offering his skills to then underprivileged South African students of Bantu and Indian origin, his broad-based and compassionate political philosophy was satisfied.

He became steadily more discouraged and disillusioned by the apartheid regime. He sent his wife and two children to England in 1958, while he took ship to Melbourne to establish some sort of living and domicile. He obtained a research grant for work at the Alfred Hospital and from this slight start he established a solid private and hospital practice from which he only retired when he was in his early eighties. He and his wife Susan, who survives him, had five children, all of whom were brought up in Melbourne.

On no less than three occasions he turned his back on private surgical practice and, as a member of a team, went

to battle areas in South Vietnam; these were in 1966, 1969 and 1972 and he was leader of the last. He returned from each excursion wearied and ill, but exalted by what had been achieved. Each tour lasted some three months, consisted of all civilian volunteers, including medical practitioners, nurses and paramedical personnel. Work was largely surgical; much of it dealing with battle trauma, but the scope of the teams was wide, including management of tropical diseases, malnutrition and illnesses of want. No questions were asked of soldier patients and those who fought with the Americans were treated alongside those who had been their enemies. Conditions were often dangerous, life precarious and primitive, hospital supplies uncertain, wards grossly overcrowded and staff ill: the latter won wide respect.

Paul retained an active interest in sailing, building yachts, racing and in administration. He followed international rugby increasingly, retaining his partiality and zest even as he became more infirm. South Africa remained his favourite side, England second, Australia a distant third, even though he had become an Australian citizen in 1966.

Scholarly from preparatory school until he died, he had a passion for history, ancient and modern, and a love and respect for the English language. His library was huge. Through lack of use, his ability to converse in Afrikaans, Zulu, French and Vietnamese fell away, each in turn. His electoral choices were always shaped by the personal qualities of his would-be representatives; whether he thought they might damage his cultural values and heritage and his assessment of their likely compassion for less fortunate members of society. He regarded exploitation of others with disgust and disdain; and he attempted to convert all around him to his own generous philosophies.

Life's greatest interest was in the wellbeing of his family and his life was devoted to his children's upbringing and nurture. He was erudite, generous, charming, humorous, kind and selfless - a good man.

LEKETI, TSHELA JOHN
Born 1984, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1998 - 2002

Written by the family

Tshela John Leketi was born on 19 May 1984 at Selosesha in Thaba-Nchu. The first period of his primary education was at Selosesha Primary and Tlotlang Middle School, then later moved to The Ridge School, Johannesburg, when he came to live with his father, Stanley and step-mother Lindiwe, as a young boy.

After his primary education, Tshela came to Michaelhouse in 1998. He excelled in sports throughout his schooling career, especially, soccer, hockey and cricket. He was selected for the U17 provincial hockey team to travel to Australia. But during December 2000, instead of going to Australia, he decided with his close friend Themba Mhinga, to pursue his schooling and soccer careers in Bournemouth, south coast of England. After nine months, when they realised that the education part was not starting they both came back to South Africa to complete their secondary education.

He completed his Bachelor of Accounts degree (CA) at the University of Witwatersrand in 2006. Although he was diagnosed with an abdominal tumor in 2006, four months before his final exams he still managed to pass well and obtained his degree. The tumor was then removed in December 2006.

Tshela started serving articles to become a Chartered Accountant at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, in Sunninghill in 2007. He passed his first board exams in 2007 and the entrance exams in 2008.

Unexpectedly the tumor recurred in the middle of 2008 and it had spread into his liver. He initially responded well to treatment but he deteriorated from March 2009 and died peacefully on the 18 May 2009.

He will always be remembered by his family and friends for his strong faith in God and his love for God's word. He is survived by his father, Stanley, stepmother, Lindiwe, his mother Mapulane, brothers and sisters.

POOKE, NORMAN CHARLES
Born 1918, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1932 - 1936

Written by his son, Tony

Norman was born in Durban in 1918, the last year of the Great War and into a family with a long association with hotels and hotel-keeping. An only child, he went to DPHS, being one of the original boarders, before coming up to West House in 1932. There, in due course, he was to excel at hockey and drama, was a House prefect and matriculated with distinctions in 1936.

With designs on becoming an architect he started articles with the Durban firm of Horace Grant. When war broke out again in 1939 he joined up and saw service with the South African Engineers, rising to officer rank. In 1943 he married Dulcie Charlotte Cooper - "the love of his life" - and their son Tony was born in 1945. De-mobbed in the same year, it was back to articles and part-time study; culminating in 1949 when Norman and Denis Bell founded the Durban

architectural firm of Pooke & Bell. (Such was its reputation that the practice name was retained for some 30 years after both partners had retired). In the 1960s Norman's mother, a highly successful business woman fell upon ill health and more out of duty than personal inclination he joined her to help run the family hotel interests. About this time also, he was approached on several occasions to enter local politics. On investigation he found these completely disillusioning and never followed through: he once said that "he found it difficult to work up much enthusiasm for lying to people". Frankly he was just too honest to be a politician.

However, Norman had no difficulty in finding enthusiasm enough for these two main extramural interests: Free Masonry where he rose to the rank of District Grand Master, and gastronomy, where he became the founding chairman of the Durban Branch of the International Wine and Food Society and was later appointed its President Emeritus. In both these roles he excelled being easy of manner and a polished speaker with considerable presence.

As a person he was the complete gentleman, noted for his impeccable integrity. He was always scrupulously fair in all his dealings and simply believed that a man's word was his bond. Not formally religious, he set, and insisted upon, the very highest standards; in fact, he was in most things a perfectionist. Norman also displayed immense generosity - both materially, and as is equally important, in his generosity of spirit to others. His one hate was ostentation and pretence in any form which he loathed with an absolute passion. This was no doubt a legacy of some of his architectural clients where he learnt that wealth alone was no guarantee whatsoever of balance and good taste, and sometimes was even a hindrance.

Knowledgeable and highly discerning himself he was a keen collector of fine art and lived a life of great style. Norman was well known for his love of life - stimulating company, good food and wine in moderation, travel and fair play in all things, added to which he had an outstanding sense of humour. In his later years he always found it amusing that having been forbidden to play rugby at Michaelhouse and then discouraged from playing cricket (which he adored) because he had a "weak heart", he had then enjoyed astonishingly robust health all his life sufficient to outlive nearly all his contemparies!

Survived by his son Tony, and grandsons, Gregory and Hayden, he slipped quietly away a few months before his 91st birthday, sincerely thankful to the last for how lucky he had been and for how good life had been to him.

Norman was a very considerable man with the very highest principles of whom the family are justifiably proud. He was much loved.

RANDLES, BRIAN MCKENZIE
Born 1919, Died 2007
Michaelhouse 1933 - 1936

Brian Randles was born in Durban, South Africa, on 10 June 1919. He was educated at Michaelhouse, before coming up to Jesus College in 1937. He was the middle son of three boys, all of whom came to the college. His eldest brother was Kenneth Randles and his step brother is Graham Randles. He read law and graduated with a BA in 1940 (MA 1944). During the war he rose to the rank of Captain. After the war he served as assistant native commissioner in the Southern Rhodesian Native Affairs Department. He left the civil service to run his own farm for ten years before moving on to work as a farming manager. He worked as an historian at the Kaffrarian Museum (subsequently renamed the AmaThole Museum), King Williams Town, South Africa until 1984. He wrote "A History of the Kaffrarian Museum" and a number of articles for historical publications.

ROBERTS, SIMON
Born 1926, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1940 - 1943

Written by his wife, Joy

Simon Roberts died on 10 November 2009 at the age of 83. He was a prominent lawyer, a skilled watercolourist, and noted for his incisive mind and literary flair. He attended Michaelhouse from 1940 - 1943. His Michaelhouse Housemaster, Rev C E Birks said of him, "He was a thoroughly good all-rounder, being a boy of culture and more than usual intelligence, and an excellent sportsman, his cricket being outstanding."

By the time he left Michaelhouse, he had been head boy of Cordwalles, House prefect of Farfield House, a member of the First XV rugby team, and captain of both the First Xl and Natal Schools cricket teams.

In 1946 he won an Elsie Ballot Scholarship to Cambridge where he was a member of Gonville and Caius College. He read history and geography and represented Cambridge at cricket. In 1950 he returned to Natal and obtained his LLB degree (with distinction) from the University of Natal. He was admitted as an attorney in 1953, and practiced law for the next 45 years in Pietermaritzburg, first with Tomlinson, Francis until 1989 and then with Venn Nemeth and Hart for a further 10 years until 1999.

Aside from his official practice, he was a legal adviser to the Pietermaritzburg City Council, a member of a sub-committee appointed by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the illegal importation of arms, chairman of the Natal Society Library, a founder of the American Field Scholarship programme in the province, and in 1976, president of the

Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club. He was a member of the Natal Law Society from 1968 to 1977, and President in 1976. During the apartheid years he also advised and acted for many victims of that government's policy. In the words of fellow Liberal party member Professor Colin Gardner, "His quiet relaxed disdain of oppression was a tower of strength to many people during the darkest days of apartheid".

A former legal colleague said of him: "Simon Roberts was a brilliant lawyer, respected and admired by his attorney legal colleagues and by members of the bar and judiciary. He was a formidable opponent, but always fair and sensible. His legal opinions were models of clarity".

Simon Roberts is survived by his wife, Joy, three daughters, a son, a step-son and a step-daughter.

ROSS, NEIL
Born 1915, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1929 - 1932

Written by the family

Neil Ross was born in his Grandparents' home, Monaltrie in Musgrave Road, Durban in 1915. His parents farmed at Beverley in the Dargle where he and his sister, Josephine, lived until 1925 when they moved to New Forest.

He was educated at King's School in Nottingham Road, then went on to Michaelhouse, and then Jesus College, Cambridge. After which he came home, worked very briefly at W G Browns, the family firm, in Durban before joining up with the South African Air Force first as a bomber pilot, and then as a transport pilot. This was when he met Doffy who was also in the Air Force.

They married and came to live and farm at New Forest, had four daughters, educated all at St Anne's, and provided a lovely family home. All the families used to go "home" and enjoy the lovely fishing and fun times on the farm. The grandsons often brought friends from school to fish and enjoy New Forest.

Neil was a farmer and a conservationist. He guarded the vleis on the top of the farm, built dams, and loved the forests. He had knowledge of when to burn his grass fires and bred very fine cattle.

In his younger days he was a regular provincial polo player and was chosen to play for a Springbok side. After polo, he enjoyed his golf most. As an avid rugby, cricket and golf fan, he never missed listening or watching test and provincial matches.

He and Doffy travelled extensively and enjoyed many skiing holidays together. They had a wonderful 65 year marriage. He really loved her and she looked after him like gold. He enjoyed good health and had a very long life and he never lost his excellent manners right up to the end.

SHERWELL, PETER LLOYD
Born 1937, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1951 - 1953

Written by his brother, Mr Raynes Sherwell

Peter died on Sunday 16 August 2009 in Johannesburg. He had suffered a heart attack a few days previously and did not recover. His daughters, Caroline and Fiona, were with him at the time of his death and he passed away peacefully.

Born in 1937, Peter attended The Ridge and Michaelhouse, matriculating at CBC in Kimberley. He then entered the SA Navy for his National Service. By all accounts, he and his fellow ratings completely fished out Saldhana Bay.

He led a social life to the full. He was Chairman of the Johannesburg Country Club Dance Committee for some time and the events his committee organised were exceptional but raised some serious eyebrows amongst the crusties!

Peter was popular and kind. He was extremely patient with his tiresome younger brothers. He had dazzlingly pretty girl friends, lots of 78's which they played on a battery record player in the garden well away from the house. He had a huge and noisy Triumph motorbike during those early days.

Peter first married Val Hawkly and they had two children, Dean and Belinda, all now in Australia, and later Elizabeth Walsh with whom he had Caroline and Fiona, all living in Johannesburg.

SILK, EDWARD CYRIL HUMPHREY
Born 1929, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1942 - 1946

Written by his son, Roland

Dad was a special person; full of love, true virtue and patience, he was born on 9 February 1929 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

He came with his parents to South Africa when he was about six months old. He grew up in Durban, attended high school at Michaelhouse and did his first year of University at Rhodes. He lost a year of formal study due to rheumatic fever, and later changed to the University of Natal.

His graduate work was done at the University of the Witwatersrand. In about 1955, during his studies, he went to the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, England, on a Commonwealth fellowship. While he was there, he completed the work for his PhD in crystal physics, which was awarded in absentia in 1959.

While at Harwell, Dad stayed in Buckland House which they used to house overseas scientists. It was there that he met Mom in 1959. She had received her PhD in physics from The Johns Hopkins University in the USA the year before and held a Post-Doctoral position at Harwell.

They married in October 1959, and honeymooned in the south of France. They were both offered positions by the Physics Department at the University of the Witwatersrand, and so moved to South Africa in 1960. Dad continued in the Department of Physics until his retirement in about 1994. Although he did not publish research articles, (only because he did not want to be tied up with the hectic schedule that a professorship would have brought), Dad was a devoted and valued teacher, mentor and friend to many of his students and fellow faculty members.

Even though Dad was a night owl and mostly worked or read until the wee hours of the morning, Mom and Dad always ate lunch and supper together at the diningroom table. Last Palm Sunday, Mom brought home a palm cross for Dad. He kept it by his place at the dining table for the rest of his time on earth, even making particular note of it the night before going in to hospital. Dad and Mom were due to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

One of Dad's many strong points was his absolute religious conviction that all we do on this earth is toward the next life; for him doing the right thing was not optional. This I believe was the cornerstone of his guidance to us children. When he began his studies at Wits, he and his mother chose to attend St Mary's Cathedral.

His greatest interest outside of physics and family was wild life. Dad LOVED nature. When he was still a student at Wits, he accompanied the Professor of Physics and visitors, Sir Lawrence and Lady Bragg to the Kruger Park. His holidays there and many other bush destinations continued once he had returned to South Africa with Mom.

I do believe that Dad's consistency of character, devotion to principle, lack of anger, patience, and his always positive outlook on life were the traits that built a wide clear road for all of us.

Dad is survived by Mary Jean (Mom to us), John and his wife Laurel, their boys Kevin and Bruce, myself, Roland and my wife Sharon and our two boys James and Ryan as well as Carol. He will be sorely missed and well remembered.

STAINTON, PAUL
Born 1932, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1946 - 1949

Written by his wife, Winnie

Paul Stainton, who died suddenly in Port Elizabeth on 4 March 2009, came to Michaelhouse from Cordwalles in 1946. He settled into Founders where he acquired the nickname "Stag" and formed many lifelong friendships. His brother David followed him a few years later. After matriculating in 1949, with a first class pass and a distinction in mathematics, Paul returned for Post Matric as Head of House and was made Second Prefect in the second half of the year.

In 1951 he joined Dean and Thresher in Bloemfontein as an articled clerk and enrolled to study accounting at the University of the Free State. He qualified in 1955, gaining a distinction in Income Tax. In 1957 he joined SG Tappin (Pty) Ltd where he built a successful career in automotive spares, tools and industrial equipment, winning contracts to supply heavy machinery for large capital projects such as the Gariep and P K le Roux Dams and the Orange-Fish River Tunnel.

Paul married Winnie (nee Stroud) in 1958 and the couple had two daughters, Lynette, now living in the United Kingdom, and Lorraine, who lives in Canada with her husband John Peirce and their sons, Hayward and Griffin.

Paul served on the Board of the Motor Industries Federation in the Free State and was also OFS Chairman of the National Motor Parts and Equipment Association, as such serving on the OFS Regional Council of the National Industrial Council for the Motor Industry. He was a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The son of missionaries, Paul maintained a very close relationship with the Anglican Church throughout his life, serving in a variety of roles in his home parish, the Cathedral of St Andrew and St Michael. During his tenure on the Parish Council, as treasurer and also as church warden, the community successfully raised funds to build a new church hall and Sunday school building and to reconstruct the bell tower. He also served as treasurer for the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (Nicro) for several years.

Always a keen sportsman, Paul was a member of the Ramblers, Old Greys, Schoeman Park and the Bloemfontein Club.

Paul and Winnie retired to the district of Humansdorp, in the Eastern Cape, in 2001, but moved to Port Elizabeth at the beginning of 2008, because of their deteriorating health. In August 2008, Paul began to suffer from increasingly frequent angina attacks. Despite medical treatment, he weakened and

was admitted to hospital on 4 March, where he died suddenly that evening.

Paul was a most beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Gentle, kind, sympathetic and generous to a fault when friends were in need, he was popular and well liked by everyone who knew him. Apart from his wife, daughters and grandchildren, he is survived by his sister, Margaret Olivier of Pietermaritzburg, and his brother David, of Rosetta, near Mooi River.

STUBBINGS, QUINTIN
Born 1924, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1937 - 1940

Written by his brother, Tony Stubbings

Quintin Stubbings was born in Pietermaritzburg on 12 April 1924 and passed away bravely, but peacefully in Howick on 15 March 2009. He grew up in Pietermaritzburg and attended Glen Lyn and Merchiston Schools before starting in East House at Michaelhouse where he matriculated in 1940. After studying the first year towards a BSc degree at the Natal University College in Pietermaritzburg during 1941, he joined the RNVR and served with distinction as a rating and after being commissioned, as a "Snottie" and subsequently Sub-Lieutenant SANF (v) in RN cruisers and destroyers mainly with the Mediterranean Fleet.

On demobilisation at the end of 1945 he completed his BSc at NUC which served him well in his technical and subsequent senior managerial roles with the South African Pulp and Paper Industries (SAPPI) at Enstra, Ngodwanana and Mandini. He retired from SAPPI in 1987 after 36 years service and settled in Hilton with his wife, Moira, before moving in 2005 to Amberglen retirement village in Howick, where Moira still resides, but regrettably in poor health.

Quintin and Moira were married at St Saviour's Cathedral, Pietermaritzburg on 30 September 1950 and were blessed with two loving daughters; Jenny (married to Tony Stipcich) now living in the Dargle and Vivien (married to Kevin Stacey) now living in England. These close knit families include four grandchildren and three great grandchildren for Quintin's and Moira's delight and devotion.

As a family man, Quintin instilled in his children and theirs, among other virtues, an appreciation of the beauty and uses of the rich flora of our country. Alas, however, much to the dismay of his Silviculturist younger brother locked into systematic nomenclature, Quintin's practical and more business orientated, tongue-in-cheek approach was that "There are only two types of tree. They either make pulp or they do not. The rest is pure forestry snobbery!"

His appreciation of the solace that music can bring, instilled by his parents and supported by Moira, has been richly inherited and put to good use by their children and grandchildren. In his younger days, in addition to being a boy soprano in St Saviour's Cathedral and Michaelhouse Choirs, Quintin took piano and violin lessons, then later became something of a flautist.

Quintin's choice of a chemical career started early when he earned pocket money as an assistant in the dispensary of a friendly pharmacy. This developed readily into the more complicated business of pulp and paper making. But as long as they worked as they should, the finer details of things mechanical escaped him. This became evident during long trips in his little aged Renault, when something dropped off, as it often did, and it was carefully retrieved and then put in the boot, "Just in case it might be useful".

Among many committees in which he was involved during his managerial stints at the pulp and paper mills, were the open Public Relations ones, commonly known in-house as the "Smells Committee", concerned with limiting our air pollution. He usually was elected as, or had the ear of the Chairman of these committees, not only because of his close liaison with the makers of the "smells" and the reasons therefore, as well as his innate tact in appeasing irate neighbours, but also, it is rumoured, because of his selective sense of smell!

He did not excel at sport but enjoyed playing in team sports especially cricket and was a staunch member of the Zingari NUC and Ngodwanan Cricket Clubs. For eight years from 1989 - 1996/7 Quintin was Honorary Secretary, and until his move to Howick, a shrewd skip of the Hilton Bowling Club at which he was elected Honorary Life Member.

The lasting friendships made whilst at Michaelhouse and the strong family links with the school, especially East House where Quintin was instrumental in instituting the Stubbings-Dyson Special Prize for the most promising mathematician in C Block, a small token of the appreciation of the families and relations for what Michaelhouse has given and continues to offer them.

On the occasion of Quintin's 80th birthday held at "Culamanzi" elder daughter Jenny's home, this praise poem to Quintin by younger daughter Vivien was presented and fittingly also at his funeral service:

Baba, Esimhloniphayo
Father, we want to honour you
This day, a day for honouring.
Please accept it.
Father we thank you.
You are our rock

We leaned against you
And you did not shift
We pushed against you
And still you remained firm.

Father, we thank you
You are our tree
Your height lifted our eyes
Your width gathered us in
Your roots grounded us
And your fruit still is sweet.

Father, we thank you
You are the river
You know your source
Your bank is side and safe
You help us flow downstream
And your mouth shows us the sea

Father, we have honoured you
This day, a day for honouring.
Please accept it.
Baba. Siyabonga kakhulu.

SULIN, JOHN CLIFFORD
Born 1921, Died 2008
Michaelhouse 1934 - 1938

Written by Marta Sulin and Sue Thomas

John was born and grew up in Durban when the city of today was then hardly more than a village. He was a man who always looked for the good in people and was known for his hearty laugh and unconditional love for life. We all hold fond memories of his regaling his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with exquisite and humorous stories of his experiences and escapades during those early days of growing up in Natal.

He was educated at Durban Prep and was then at Michaelhouse from 1934 to 1938, before going on to study accountancy.

With the outbreak of WWII, he joined the 42nd/44th Infantry Battalion of the South African Defence Forces and saw action in both Egypt and at the infamous battle of Monte Cassino in Italy. After being wounded in Italy he was invalided out to Algiers and then onto Alexandria in Egypt, where in 1945 he met and married Marta, his beloved wife, who was serving there in the WRNS. At the end of the war they returned to South Africa and settled in Durban where John became a highly respected and successful businessman; with both he and Marta, travelling extensively all over the world.
It was his family that brought him the most joy - a conversation seldom passed without him talking with humble pride of his three daughters, Patricia, Wendy and Sue, and son Ian, and their families. And if his children made him proud, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him true joy. John and Marta retired to Howick, and in a way, with the wheel of life coming full cycle, our dear John returned to the Midlands, close to his old school and his beloved Berg and some glorious days of fly fishing, that he loved. He was a loyal Michaelhouse Old Boy and enjoyed attending functions at his alma mater, and especially took great pride in participating at the annual Remembrance Day services where he enjoyed catching up with his school chums. He now rests peacefully in the Michaelhouse Cemetery.

Larger than life, a loyal friend; a loving husband; a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather but always a true gentleman, and gentleman.

It was a privilege to have had him in our lives for as long as we did. May we always hold true the values he upheld and pass on his memory to those yet to come. "Safe rest you in God's keeping."

WHITTON, RONALD JAMES
Born 1966, Died 2009
Michaelhouse 1979 - 1981

Written by his family

1966 Born Glasgow, Scotland
1972 Virginia Primary, Durban
1974 Cordwalles Preparatory School, Pietermaritzburg
1979 Michaelhouse, Balgowan
1982 Durban High School
1984 SA Navy, Saldanha Bay and Durban
1986 Equestrian Handler, Greyville Race Course, Durban
1988 Operations Manager, Grovewalk Group Holdings, Durban
1993 Lived and worked in England and France
1994 Operations Manager, Mitchells Brewery, Durban
1995 Marriage to Camille de Rauville
2000 Birth of son, Samuel
2002 Birth of daughter, Anna
2005 Building Operations Manager, The Rising Tides Property Trust, Durban
2008 Died December 10

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