



HILTON COLLEGE

View from the Dugout

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Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Hilton

It is fitting that our final summer sport fixture is always played against our friends and arch rivals from Michaelhouse. The matches throughout the sports were fiercely contested and there were many memorable moments. A highlight was undoubtedly seeing the 1st team basketball post yet another historic win in what has been an exceptional season for this team. Mention must also be made of our cricket and water polo clubs, both of which won the bulk of their fixtures; the cricket teams won 9 drew 1 and lost 3 matches whilst water polo won 7 and lost 3 matches.

Our winter sports are underway with rugby and hockey practices taking place throughout the week. On Saturday all boys will be involved in either the hockey warm-up matches or the rugby camp (which includes warm-up matches for the 1st/A teams). We hope that by the end of the weekend our trials will be complete and teams will be ready for practices by Monday.

Undoubtedly, all of us want what is best for our children and I ask parents to help us make your sons high school sporting experience something that he will cherish forever. Together we can do this by remembering these 3 important points:

- 1) A child's value is not contained in the team he plays for - let's remind our boys that they are important no matter what team they play for.
- 2) All boys, at one time or another, will be heartbroken at not being selected or for being dropped from the team - and that's OK. When we allow them to face this hardship we teach our boys that life doesn't always go their way and that hard work and resilience actually does pay off.
- 3) Winning is fun but real sportsmen love the game even when they lose - let's take the pressure to perform off of our boys and then they really perform.

The basketball season ended on a high with the 1st team rounding off a wonderful set of results with a 41 - 36 victory over Michaelhouse. This game was a thrilling encounter with both sides giving their all throughout the game. However, after going into the second quarter 7 - 7, our boys started to dominate and they never looked like they were going to relinquish the lead from then onwards. Although most of our other teams struggled on the day, there were many close matches and the 5th team recorded a memorable 25 - 23 victory.

Congratulations to John Giessing (U18) and Simi Bhembe (U16) on their selection for the KZN basketball teams. A wonderful achievement!

Basketball



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Canoeing

Hilton College hosted the Bushman's River Race on Saturday. The Bushman's River was flowing strongly which made for some exciting paddling for all. Greg Harvey and Reece Valentine did very well to paddle this B-grade river with some big rapids and tricky portages. In the end Greg Harvey finished in 48th position and Reece Valentine finished in 62nd place.

Cricket

It was pleasing to see so many of our cricket teams put in dominant performances on Saturday. In particular, the U16A, U15B and U14B all recorded massive wins and, as mentioned, the club won 9 matches and only lost 3.

A brief synopsis of the matches follows:

1st XI: Unfortunately, one of the matches we lost was the 1st XI game. A poor batting performance (93) put the team on the back foot from the start. Mention must be made, however, of the outstanding 42 runs scored by Gareth Schreuder.

2nd XI: Nick Haynes, with unbelievable figures of 7/20, finished off the game for the victorious second team. He was aided by a solid the batting partnership between Bryce Trodd and Guy Gillham, with Bruce top scoring (43)

3rd XI: The third side ended there unbeaten season winning by 34 runs. A belligerent knock of 58 by Brendan Doyle set up an imposing total of 174/4 in 30 overs. Ross Forder's 6/17, which included a hat trick, took the game away from Michaelhouse (140/8).

4th XI: The Fourth team chased down a competitive Michaelhouse total of 140 runs. Matt Hildebrand and Jordan Twiss combined for an opening stand of 100, allowing a calm run chase.

5th XI: The 5th side won their first game of the season. Kyle Steenberg was the hero with the bat as his unbeaten 40 got his team over the line.

U16A XI: The U16A team played outstanding cricket as our bowlers and in particular, the efforts of Michael Frost and John Turner (4-24), never allowed the opposition any momentum. Joshua Watt's 66 not out completed a dominant team performance.

U16B XI: The U16B side played exceptionally well, an excellent partnership between Ruan Wilmans and James Levell, elevated the run rate above 6 runs an over from the start of the match. Wezo Gqiba's outstanding 5 wicket haul then sealed the victory.

U15A XI: Colby Dyer was the star with the ball taking 5/44. The team restricted Michaelhouse to 156 a challenging but achievable target. Unfortunately, a poor batting display (98) scuppered the team's chances of a win.

U15B XI: Akil Ramcharrun batted very well to score an impressive 85 runs in a strong team performance of 181/7. Tight bowling restricted Michaelhouse to 96/9. A comprehensive victory.

U15C XI: The U15C match made a courageous fight back after posting a mere 91 runs. In the end Michaelhouse crossed the line with 3 wickets in hand (92/7).

U14A: The U14A game was a good game of cricket. Matt Boast (4-42) struck early but two missed opportunities allowed Michaelhouse back into the match (128/10). Batting second, we were in control at 63/2 but a middle order collapse made for an exciting game. Craig James and Dillon Van der Merwe took an aggressive approach in an attempt to finish the game but in the end the rain ended play with the team needing 13 to win with 2 wickets in hand.

U14B XI: Our U14B's proved to be far too strong for Michaelhouse on the day. Jack Gilliam was our leading wicket taker (5 wickets) with Michaelhouse scoring 107. Our batsmen were untroubled and Craig Yammin top scored with 60 not out (Hilton 110/0) winning by 10 wickets.

U14C XI: Tight bowling and good fielding held Michaelhouse to 82/7. Letu Dandala then proved to be integral to our victory, scoring his maiden 50 runs as the team surpassed their total to win by 2 wickets.

U14D: The U14D team enjoyed a friendly 6 man match against Michaelhouse.

Golf

Our penultimate Inland league match was played against Maritzburg College at VCC. Our 1st team continued their unbeaten run winning their contest 6 -2. Unfortunately, the 2nd team lost 21/2 - 51/2.

Congratulations to the following boys on being selected for the Inland A and B teams:

Inland A - Team: 1. Chris Woollam
2. Michael Terblanche
3. Michel Makris

Inland B - Team: 1. Vuyo Mondli
2. Sam Nicol
3. Matthew Grieveson



The Plunket twins were, once again, exceptional. These boys won Gold in the U16 Double and followed this up with a Silver medal in the U19 Double on Sunday. This is the first time that a crew from a lower age group has medaled in the U19 division.

Rowing

Some of our elite oarsmen travelled to Johannesburg to compete in the SA Schools Championships. The boys did very well and all of them gained hugely from the experience.

Water Polo

Our 1st team travelled to Johannesburg to compete in the KES Festival. This tournament hosts most of the top teams in the country. In the pool matches the team did well to dispatch Wynberg 16 - 3 in their opening match. They then lost narrowly to SACS (the eventual tournament winners 7 - 10) in a game that could have gone either way. This meant that the team had to beat St. Johns to progress to the Cup playoffs. In this match the team pulled out all of the stops to win 7 - 5 in a historic win against this top team. Unfortunately, two of our players could not play in the quarter final against Grey College (PE) and this proved to be the difference. Grey started well to go 0 - 9 up early in the match, but to our credit we fought back and in the end we lost very narrowly 8 - 10. The remaining playoffs also ended in losses against Clifton and St. Stithian's and our final position was 8th overall. This is the highest position that we have achieved at this tournament but is disappointing in that we certainly could have finished in an even better position.

A magnificent cause for celebration was the selection of two of our players, Nicholas Tillim and Ryan Griesel, for the tournament team. This is an awesome achievement in what was a tournament packed with national level players.

The remaining teams performed very well at Michaelhouse with most teams winning by good margins. The U15A and U14A were particularly dominant winning their matches 15 - 3 and 13 - 4 respectively.

Following a mid-week victory against Clifton College (7 - 2) the U14A completed the 1st term season unbeaten. A wonderful achievement!

