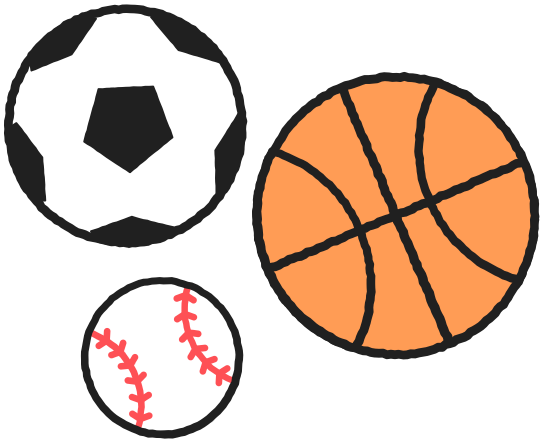
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SCHOOL EVENTS

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DERBY DAY



From the 16-17th of October Michael oak took part in our annual derby day agasint Isct and Aisct. It was amazing to see everyone turn up and support their friends and classmates playing sports. Thank you to everyone who turned up and played sports. Despite losing many games the perseverance and school spirit demonstrated by our high school was admirable.

On friday afternoon there were tense games of chess, Outstanding music performances, and powerful debates. Lets not forget about a play sprung upon a group of unsuspecting students, they pulled to together a hilarious skit in 90 minutes. It was a thouroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Saturday morning started off with a bang, multiple sports being played at once. What a rush! Everyones muscles were aching for days afterwards. There was lots of noise as people loudly encouraged their school. Thank you to everyone who played basketball, football, netball and volleyball, It wasz truly an amazing display of school spirit.



GREEK TRAGEDY

Next week on the 6-7 of November the Greek tragedy...
THE BACCHAE is being performed by the class 10s. We ask you to come and support their hard work, you might be suprised by the gruesome and delightful events. Although a exciting and enjoyable experience it is one, (sadly) only availabe for high school students and up to watch as it includes violent scenes. Please note that Michael oak primary school is restricted from from viewing. Now I encourage you to sit back relax and enjoy the play.
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!!!



CLASS CAMPS



The time everyone waits for in anticipation...
CLASS CAMPS!!!
We all look forward to this from the beginning of the year. Class 8s are going on their first proper high school camp. Good Luck! Class 9's embark on a Farming camp where they work both the land and body. Class 10 already had their Roots, Hearts and Wings camp, I can say no more. They are going on another camp later this year. I wish you all luck in the wilderness!

HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT!!
The spookiest time of the year has come round again. It marks the eve of all hallows day. This holiday traces back 2000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain when people celebrated the harvest and new year. They would disguise themselves and light bonfires to ward off ghosts. It was then changed by Christians to represent Hallows eve (All saints day). Immigrants, specifically from Ireland and Scotland brought these traditions to North America where the holiday was commercialised.





MICHAEL OAK FAIR

This weekend it is the Michael oak fair, so buy your Mickles now!!! The annual fair is taking place again, excitement is in the air. There will be games in the hall, a dunk tank, food on the side court. Crafts are being sold. Enjoy the music from both the main stage and buskers stage in the high school gardens.
If you want a spookier twist to your day you might be fascinated by the ghost house but beware!
The fair is super vibey, come and enjoy the fair!









AMIRAH ABBAS

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

By Ellior Freedman

"I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey." (A review of the Rocky Horror Show)

Camp, sexy, fabulous and funny are some very apt descriptors of the Rocky Horror Show. This Sunday (September 13th) I was lucky enough to go and watch the Rocky Horror Show at Theatre on the Bay in Camps Bay. The Rocky Horror Show was written by Richard O'Brien and first performed in 1973; the movie was released two years later in 1975. It was written as a tribute to B movies, specifically horror films from the 1960s.

The play follows a couple, Brad and Janet, as they get swept into the plans of the frenzied scientist Frank-n-Furter. During a storm they are invited into his castle by a handyman, Riff Raff, and once inside they are greeted by a whole ensemble of servants and guests in the castle. Without spoiling too much, a lot of events and situations happen while they are in the castle and it ends with a dramatic showdown between the characters.

The play is a rock musical with so many catchy and enticing songs such as "Sweet Transvestite," "Touch-a, Touch-a, Touch Me" and "Science Fiction/Double Feature.



Now for my experience of watching it. When I entered the building I saw that lots of the staff working were wearing the colours of the show, which are mainly blacks and reds. There was a photo wall for the show and packs of props for the show that you could buy. In the theatre, which was small enough that even I in the back row could clearly see the stage and the actors on it, there were many of the ensemble standing by the walls in their absolutely amazing outfits, greeting and chatting with the audience.

The show started and it was just amazing. The acting, singing, dancing and choreography were all top tier. The Dr Frank-n-Furter in this production was older than I would have thought, but that had absolutely no effect on how he played his character and I think it may have made the character better. My favourite character in this show has got to be Columbia, with her very expressive and loud reactions to what was happening throughout the show. Overall this was an amazing experience and show, and I would highly recommend you watch it live or online if you ever get a chance.



TEENAGE BRAIN

By Grace Molver



Colours of OCD and teenage angst
Painted in blood across the walls
Gambling hearts on telephone wires
Poker faces never give anything away
The balance between perfect and I don't care screaming in every aspect of every day
Nobody understands me
They all think they can
Standing on skyscrapers wondering if I could hurt anymore by hitting the ground
Or whether I would fly up to the stars wished upon



And snatch them from the sky
Juxtaposing, Rebelling, Reckless risk taking
Breaking social constructs
Toeing the invisible line
Or conforming to the committee



The cry of vultures
Conflicting barriers, A war that never stops
Armies with rifles, bullets tearing skin
Open cuts bandaged
Internal wounds festering
Alternate universes in monotone shades or the brightest colours
Carnival rides and cloudy sugar
Riding a constant high until it drops
Worrying to think that we are the future
We create tomorrow with pictures of acid rain and burning flames
Paintings of camping trips and dreams and hopes
Tenderness hiding in from the games
Gathering momentum ,everlasting pain
A tapestry woven from tears and laughter
lurk in the darkest places of the
TEENAGE BRAIN





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Halloween Jokes ...

1. Why are vampires terrible at cricket?
   Their bats fly away!
2. What's a monster's favourite game?
   Hide and shriek!
3. Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?
   Because he had no-body to go with... and his wife died in the same car crash that took his flesh.
4. I dressed up as an orphan for Halloween.
   When I went trick-or-treating, I told everyone, "I'm just looking for my parents.
5. Why do cemetery walls exist?
   Because people are dying to get in.

