

“Standing Firm in God’s Promises”

Dear Bishops Prep Families,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that the holidays provided time for rest, laughter, and meaningful moments together as families. There is always something special about the beginning of a new term. It brings fresh energy, new opportunities, and a renewed sense of purpose for our boys and our community.

As we begin this term, I shared with the boys in chapel this week that our focus for Term 2 will be **God’s Promises**. A theme that will shape our chapel talks, our Divinity lessons, and our reflections together over the coming weeks.

In a world where things change quickly, where boys experience pressure, uncertainty, and growth, it is deeply reassuring to be reminded of something that never changes — **God’s promises**.

We reflected on the words from Scripture: *"God is not like people. He does not lie. He does not change His mind. When He makes a promise, He keeps it."* (**Numbers 23:19**)

This is a powerful message for our boys. People sometimes break promises. Friends may let us down. Plans change. Circumstances shift. But we are reminded that **God remains faithful** and this gives our boys a strong foundation as they grow into young men of character and integrity.

Throughout this term, we will explore God’s promises together, promises that remind us:

- We are never alone
- We are loved
- We are guided
- We are strengthened
- We are forgiven
- We are called to live with courage and kindness

These are not just lessons for chapel, these are values that shape the boys we are raising.

At Bishops, our mission is to **raise good men**. This happens not only through academics and sport, but through the shaping of character, faith, and values. When boys understand that they are supported, encouraged, and grounded in something bigger than themselves, they grow in confidence, compassion, and courage.

A Fresh Start for a New Term

The beginning of Term 2 also brings a sense of fresh beginnings. We spoke about how a new term gives us all an opportunity to reset, to set new goals, to approach challenges with renewed determination, and to grow in ways that matter.

This term also marks an exciting moment in the life of our school as we warmly welcome **Mr Lala** to Bishops Preparatory School. New leadership brings fresh vision and renewed energy, and we look forward to journeying together as a community as we continue to strengthen what makes Bishops such a special place.

As a school, we remain deeply committed to ensuring that every boy:

- Feels known and valued
- Experiences belonging
- Is encouraged to grow
- Learns to care for others
- Develops resilience and character

When boys feel safe and supported, they flourish and this remains at the heart of everything we do.

A Message to Our Boys

Boys, welcome back. This is your opportunity to begin again.

This term, we encourage you to:

- Be kind in your friendships
- Be brave when things feel difficult
- Work hard in your learning
- Show respect to everyone around you
- Try again when things don't go your way

Remember, you are not walking this journey alone. God's promises remind us that we are supported, guided, and loved. As Bishops boys, we continue to grow into young men who show compassion, courage, and integrity.

A Message to Our Staff

To our dedicated staff, thank you for the care, patience, and commitment you bring to our boys every day. The relationships you build, the encouragement you offer, and the example you set shape our boys in lasting ways.

As we begin this new term, may we continue to create spaces where boys feel safe, inspired, and encouraged to grow. Together, we continue to build a community where boys thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

A Message to Parents

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. Raising good men is a shared journey between school and home. We value your support and the role you play in nurturing kindness, responsibility, and resilience in your sons.

At Bishops Prep, we are committed to ensuring that your boys are in a place where they are cared for, challenged, and encouraged. We strive to create an environment where boys not only achieve, but where they feel they belong.

As we journey through Term 2, our focus remains clear:

- Strengthening character
- Building belonging
- Encouraging courage
- Nurturing kindness
- Raising good men

May this term be one where our boys grow in confidence, compassion, and courage grounded in the knowledge that **God always keeps His promises.**

Warm regards,

The Revd Khwezi **Bengani**