



BISHOPS **2017**

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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is a pleasure to introduce the 2017 Bishops Magazine.

This is a very special edition as it is the first magazine in its current format. The magazine is a wonderful record of the school's achievements and activities.

We can look back at a very successful year for Bishops. Under the leadership of Head Boy Christian Rohrer and his Deputies, Michael Burton and Bulelani Ngqukuvana, the Matric group set a wonderful tone for the school. The academic results were exceptional and a culmination of five years of great endeavour by the boys and all the teachers who supported them.

We enjoyed the spectacular performance of our tri-annual *Classic Pops* in the City Hall; a truly special occasion. The cultural life of the school remains very healthy and the annual Eisteddfod provides a unique opportunity for every boy to be involved. The powerful

drama *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was maturely and brilliantly performed, and our musicians excelled individually and collectively.

On the sports fields, Bishops boys continued to perform with pride and passion and a great deal of success. We continued to emphasise that sport is part of the curriculum and needs to be played in the right spirit, not easy in the modern world of competitiveness!

The magazine records a myriad of other activities in which our boys are involved, including community partnership, the Exchange Programme and the Epic.

We will also remember 2017 as a year that brought great personal challenges for members of our community of boys, parents and staff. The school had to deal with several tragic events involving illness and fatality. I thank the Bishops community for its resilience, courage and support in these times.

In closing I would like to thank all those who support and encourage us in our aim to produce 'good men' at Bishops. This includes our Council, Parents' Association, ODs, all parents and staff.

Guy Pearson



ABOVE: Guy Pearson

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COUNCIL NEWS

RIGHT:
Michael Bosman

directors for the school. The Council is responsible for the overall well-being of the school and involves itself with every aspect, especially to the extent that such matters involve the strategy, structure, direction, finances, policies and pace. It has complete oversight over all financial matters and oversight of all aspects of the school relating inter alia to the overall operation of the school, the investments of the school, the risks at the school, diversity at the school, the use of technology, the development of land and buildings, the excellence of facilities and the recruitment and retention of the best teachers, coaches and support staff.

Role and constitution

The College Council is the governing body for the Bishops Pre-Prep School, the Prep School and the College. The reference to 'College' in the name of the governing body refers to the whole school's historic name, the Diocesan College.

The Council comprises 12 men and women and is constituted by an Act of Parliament, No. 11 of 1891, as amended in 1942. In terms of that Act, the school is also incorporated as an Anglican Church school. The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town is known as the Visitor to the school and is entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of Council.

The role of Council is to act effectively as a board of

While the Council manages the school like a business, we do not manage it as a business. Council is responsible for the approval of the operating budgets for the school each year and for the funding of and allocations to capital projects, such as new buildings, science laboratories, libraries, sports fields, etc.

Operationally, the school budgets to break even or make a small surplus each year. Council sets the fees for the school and determines the staff salary increases each year.

By far the biggest responsibility of Council is that of finding, recruiting and retaining a new principal

for Bishops every few years. That process was last undertaken in 2012 when Guy Pearson was selected to be the new principal of Bishops with effect from January 2013. The Principal of the school reports to the Council.

Council does not involve itself at all in the normal operational aspects of the school, nor does it interfere in any way in the day-to-day management of the school. That is the domain of the Principal, Guy Pearson, and his team. Guy also has oversight and responsibility for the Pre-Prep and Prep schools. The Pre-Prep and the Prep schools are extremely well run on a day-to-day basis under the leadership of Sharlene Groom and Greg Brown respectively. With a couple of exceptions, all staff appointments within the school are the responsibility of the Principal and his Executive.

Members of Council serve voluntarily and give freely of their time, effort and experience. Accordingly, they receive no remuneration, compensation or reimbursement of any kind for their contribution to the school as members of Council.

The year in review

Bishops is extremely fortunate to have men and women of a very high calibre, with great experience and from a diversity of backgrounds, serving Bishops on Council and its committees.

The 12 members of Council, the trustees of The Bishops Trust and the members of our four subcommittees continued to work quietly and behind the scenes again this year, for the benefit of the school. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to each of them for volunteering so much time, knowledge and experience to Bishops.



During the year, Mr Pierre van Tonder retired from Council after several years of service and we thank him for his valuable input to the school and to Council.

Mr Thabo Mashalogu retires from Council and as chairman of our buildings and grounds committee at the end of the year. We shall miss his considerable input and we thank him for all that he has done for Bishops.

Mr Simon Peile was elected to Council on 1 April 2017. We congratulate Ms Samantha Petersen on her election to the Council on 13 November 2017.

OD Union

The Council does not involve itself in operational

matters relating to Bishops old boys or to the OD Union, other than to the extent that the reputation of the school may be affected or to the extent that old boys engage directly with the school. Council, the school and I enjoy an exceptionally strong and collaborative relationship with the leadership of the OD Union.

We currently have about 7 800 ODs and about 2 400 members of the Bishops Society, which comprises parents and past parents at Bishops. The activities of the Bishops Society are coordinated by the head of history at Bishops, Dr Paul Murray.

Subcommittees and The Bishops Trust

Council has four subcommittees as follows:

Finance committee – chaired by Mr Andrew Selby
Remuneration and nominations committee – chaired by the Chairman of Council

Building and grounds committee – chaired by Mr Thabo Mashologu

Investment committee – chaired by Prof Geoff Everingham

Membership of the various committees is made up of Council members, independent experts in the relevant area of focus for the committee, parents and members of staff.

All subcommittees make recommendations to Council for its consideration. The chairman of Council is ex officio a member of all subcommittees of Council. Council is also responsible for the efficient functioning of The Bishops Trust.

The Principal and I also usually meet with the Archbishop occasionally, although we will speak to each other more frequently when urgent matters arise.

Elections to Council

In terms of the Act constituting the Diocesan College, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and the Council each elect six members of Council. In practice these days, Council and the Archbishop discuss and agree on all elections to Council.

Members of Council are elected for an initial term in office of five years; said term may be extended at Council's discretion for a further five-year term.

Council meetings

Council meetings are held at least quarterly and are attended by the 12 members of Council. The chairs of the Prep and College Parents' Associations and the chairman of the OD Union attend Council meetings as observers.

In terms of the Act, decisions are to be taken by members of Council only, but in practice all attendees at Council meetings take part in discussions and decision-making. Almost every decision of Council is unanimous.

Parents and others at Council meetings

There are currently ten parents of boys at the school attending Council meetings. Additionally, one past parent of boys at Bishops and six ODs attend Council meetings.

The Principal, the Deputy Principal, the Headmaster of the Prep School (who also represents the Pre-Prep School) and the School Business Manager also attend Council meetings.

Chairman and Principal

In my role as Chairman of Council, I normally meet with the Principal once a week for an hour or two.

Additionally, Guy Pearson and I often discuss matters as they may arise on a daily basis and sometimes we talk to each other several times a day.

It is sometimes said that the Chairman of Council of a school serves as the closest confidant of the Principal as wellbeing his harshest critic in private.

The relationship between a chairman and a principal is a critical relationship in the running of any successful school and I am happy to say that Guy and I have worked exceptionally well together over the past five years that he has been the Principal.

He and I have worked through countless issues together over the past five years and I would like to record my heartfelt personal thanks to him for that, and for his excellent leadership of Bishops.

He is also very fortunate to have Mareé by his side and we thank her too, for all her love and support for Guy and for Bishops.

The Bishops Trust

The Bishops Trust is the body that has from time to time raised major funds for Bishops and is currently leading the Bishops 175 Campaign.

Earlier this year, Ms Samantha Petersen was elected as the Chair of The Bishops Trust. She succeeded Mr Andrew Selby. Mr Selby played a leading role in the launching of the Trust's new 175 Campaign. He also launched and implemented the highly successful Extra Term Initiative and we thank him very much for his outstanding contribution.

Over the past year The Bishops Trust has raised just over R40 million, which is a tremendous start and much

more than we have been able to raise in recent years. But there remains much work to be done to reach our goal of R175 million and build the facilities that the school so badly needs, including more staff housing. In 2018 we will start planning a number of major projects at the College and the long-overdue, complete revamp of the Prep library. We also need to continue to improve and rebuild other existing facilities, fund scholarships and bursaries and build a decent-sized endowment fund that we can be proud of.

New Chairman of the College Council

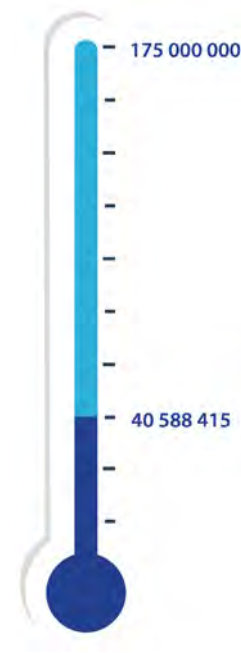
As has been announced, I will be retiring as Chairman of Council at the end of 2017 and my successor will be Mr Simon Peile. Simon is an actuary, an OD and a parent at the College. He is a past member of the OD Union Committee and an adventurer and world traveller of note. I am sure that he will be an outstanding Chairman of Council.

One of his biggest and most important assignments will be to head up the process to select the next principal of Bishops when Mr Pearson retires in two years' time. I wish him everything of the best as he takes up his new role in leading the school in January, and I thank him and his wife, Magda, for their wonderful ongoing support of Bishops.

It has been a privilege for me to serve this great school and I thank you sincerely for the opportunity. I would also like to thank my wife Sabine and my family for their endless patience and support as I attended to matters at Bishops over the past ten years or so.

Michael Bosman

THE BISHOPS TRUST



175 Campaign

The Trustees, together with the Bishops community, have enjoyed a record-breaking year of giving at Bishops. Thank you to the many donors who collectively contributed R40 588 415.15 to The Bishops Trust and the 175 Campaign over the 2016/2017 year.

Bursaries

Bishops is proud of its bursary provision, and 2017 saw 70 boys receiving bursaries ranging from 100% to 10% reduction of school fees. Nine of these boys were funded through The Extra Term Initiative, where the financial assistance came entirely from donations and return on investments.

To this end, The Bishops Trust launched the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, which incorporates both The Extra Term Initiative and the General Bursary Fund. Hamilton Mvelase was a bursary beneficiary and a Bishops hero, who epitomised the Bishops' ethos of 'inspiring individuals' both in life and in death. It is our hope that with the Hamilton Mvelase Fund we raise funds to provide opportunities to talented boys from disadvantaged communities, who would otherwise not be able to afford a Bishops' education.

The Prep Resource Centre and Library

Planning for the first capital project – a resource centre and library at Bishops Prep – will begin in 2018. This much-needed facility is a requirement of modern education and we hope to deliver an appealing media hub that will engage and inspire the boys, in much the same way as the Molteno Library at the College has.



The Multifunctional Centre

Planning for a Multifunctional Centre is also on the agenda for 2018. This will replace the Mallet Centre, which is problematic for many reasons, one of which is that expansion in its current position is not feasible. A new centre is required to accommodate basketball, squash, indoor hockey, fencing, climbing, changing rooms and a dedicated gym, as well as to function as an events venue. It is envisaged that a larger building will be erected in the area currently occupied by the maintenance complex and the shooting range. This, in turn, will create space in the academic precinct for much-needed new science classrooms. Prior to construction of this building, infrastructural requirements must be taken into consideration and 2018 will see the groundwork being laid for this exciting new project.

Thank you to the following generous donors:

The Bishop Gray Circle

Individuals whose gifts to Bishops Trust over a five-year period have amounted to more than R5,000,000

- Raymond and Wendy Ackerman
- Dr Robert and Elaine Frater (Glycar SA)

The Chairman's Club

Individuals whose gifts to Bishops Trust over a five-year period have amounted to between R1,000,000 and R4,999,999

- The Ogilvie Thompson Family – (The Pilanesburg Foundation)
- Simon Peile
- Magda Wierzycka
- Gavin and Tess Joubert
- The Williams Family
- Anthony Gibson

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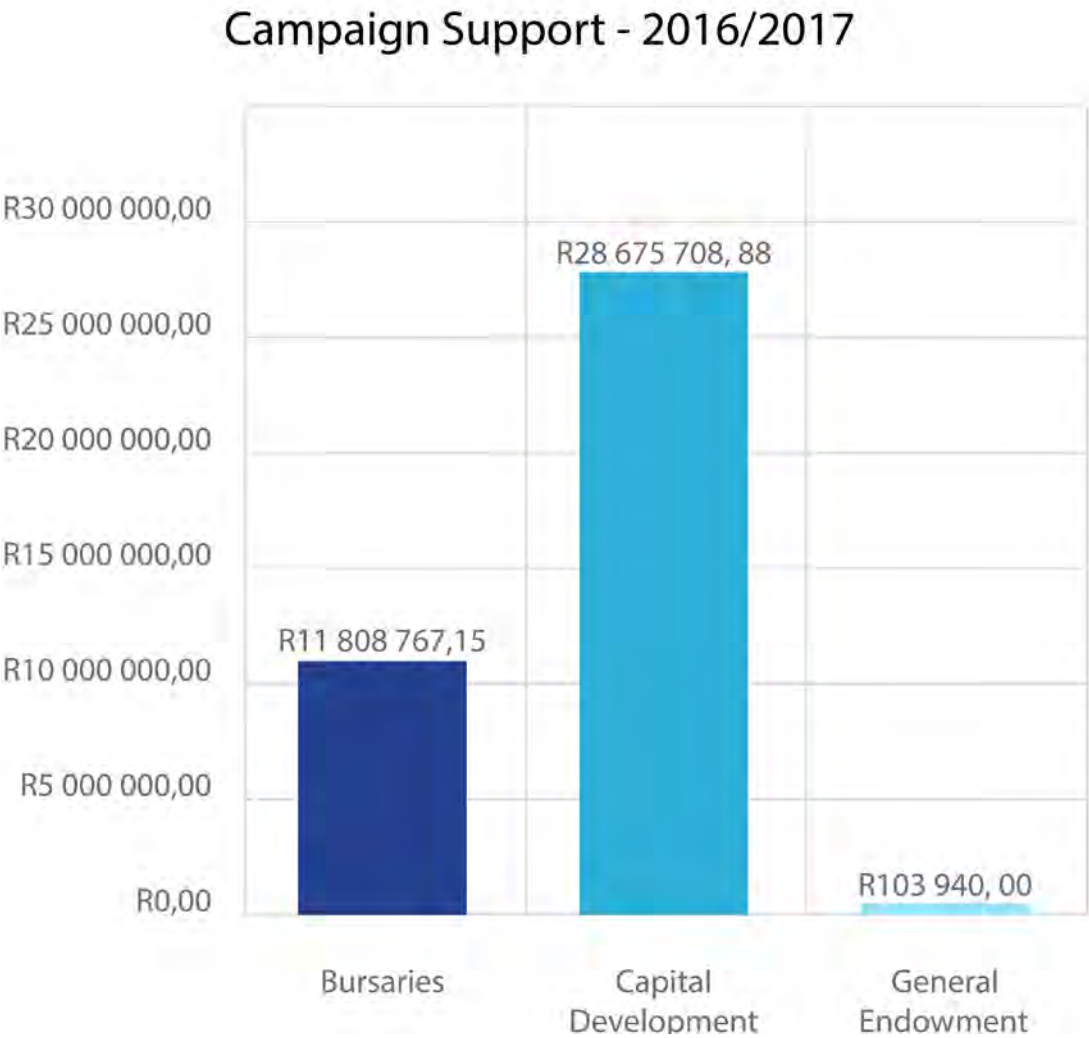
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Campaign Support: 2016/2017



SUSTAINABILITY

Future-Fitting Bishops

'We are in a race against time. The era of consumption without consequences is over. The power to build a better world is in your hands.'

Ban Kimoon, Paris Agreement 2016

There is a pressing need to prepare young minds to be innovative thinkers and leaders in a world that is highly complex and to adapt our current systems and institutions for an ecological, social and economic future that is uncertain. For a while now Bishops has been trying to understand and locate itself within the space of sustainable development but it hasn't been until this year that it has really taken its first meaningful steps towards creating a sustainable organisation, both in its operations and curriculum. This has

largely been achieved through the development of the Future-Fitting policy, which was co-created by a committee comprised of various stakeholders: parents, boys, management and staff. The policy sets out to firstly align Bishops within the social fabric of our current environment and move the 'sustainability' talk away from being perceived as a wholly 'green' initiative, and more towards the perception of one that is about making economic and social sense as well. Most importantly, the policy uses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were formally adopted by 193 countries at a UN summit in September 2015, as its framework. We asked ourselves the question: what school do we want to be in 2030? And then we backcasted from 2030 to 2021 and then 2018, highlighting eight policy objectives with their own set of goals that need to be achieved by these set times to keep Bishops resilient and leading the way.

In one year alone we've already seen significant developments that will make us a relevant and thriving organism by 2030. We've installed smart energy meters throughout the entire campus and are in the process of allowing the boys to mostly take the lead in making behavioural changes to reduce our consumption of energy. This has been coupled with investment in energy-efficient and sustainable technologies.

RIGHT | Standing (Left to Right):
Thomas Barty, David Cuthbert, Gerry Noel, Logan Tait, Campbell Reyburn, Patrick Bowman, Aedan Foulkes and Nic Vine-Morris

Kneeling (Front):
Anton van Wyngaarden

Kneeling (Back):
Alex Jankovich-Besan

BELOW | Standing (Left to Right)
David Cuthbert, Patrick Bowman, Anton van Wyngaarden, Thomas Coombe, Alex Jankovich-Besan, Thomas Barty, Aedan Foulkes
Kneeling:
Campbell Reyburn

Like many within the city of Cape Town, we are adapting to the new norm of water scarcity. Our first port of call has been to reduce our water consumption within the school through a variety of behavioural changes; catching grey water in the shower using buckets has become a way of life for the present. Recently, Cape Point GIS has used neogeography techniques to map the campus' underground water pipeline system, uncovering water consumption 'hot spots'. The school has also embarked on an ambitious programme to move off grid from municipal water, looking at a plurality of water system changes as holistically as possible. While aquifer supply may become the dominant



water source from next year, we acknowledge that this is also a precious and limited resource in itself and so are committed to simultaneously redesigning our campus to enhance aquifer recharge, water capture and storage. In doing so we look towards supplementing our aquifer water usage with grey-water recycling and, potentially, rainwater harvesting.

One of the most exciting projects this year has been the designing and implementation of a vegetable garden on campus to address the growing need for food security within our broader community and to educate those who are not food secure on the ease and benefits of growing your own vegetables. This was a GIN (Global Issues Network) initiative started by a group of passionate boys who call themselves SAS (Sustainable Agriculture Society). Food harvested from this garden is distributed to the support staff as a thank-you for all the work they do in maintaining and managing our beautiful campus.

From next year, a sustainability Matric leadership portfolio will take effect so that boys can become the change that they want to see in the future of Bishops. In this way, we hope to marry top-level policy changes and decision-making with grassroots bottom-up knowledge and energy. It is said that the next generation will look to their grandparents (most of us adults now) and think that they were crazy in using potable water to flush toilets. We aim to take the lead in this, paving the way for a thriving and resilient Bishops for many more years to come.

For more information on the Future-Fitting policy and sustainable-development initiatives at Bishops, please visit <http://college.bishops.org.za/FutureFitting/>



RIGHT:

Alex Jankovich-Besan

BELOW | Turf Works (Left to Right):

Johnson Qondo, Asiwe Majoni, Ntosh Gonya, Nicholas James, David Mto, Shaun Abrahams

FACING:

The new Bishops vegetable garden



STAFF NEWS

LEFT:

Richard Morris (OD) and Bev Kemball

RIGHT:

Marion and Rob Gardner

BOTTOM:

Dean Sudding, Lara Sudding Chapman,
Tim Chapman and Hilary Sudding

School House; Mr Barry Emms: Assistant House
Director Founders House.

The following new responsibility appointments
were made: Mr Jarryd Bradley: TIC tennis; Mr Trevor
Pasquallie: TIC rock climbing; Mr Richard Smith: TIC
conditioning; Ms Nella Freund: Head of Library and
Resource Centre.

Ruan and Anandi Ellis welcomed Sophia into the world
on 19 May. Kelly, wife of Brad Smith, gave birth to
Alexis Harper on 25 May. Donovan and Philippa Abrey
welcomed a baby boy, Jordan Michael, on 31 May.
Angie Vula and her husband Malibongwe celebrated
the birth of their second son, Likuye. Ziyaad Fataar and
his wife Thania welcomed Aishah, their second baby
girl. Wesley Cupido and his wife Stefanie are the proud
first-time parents to a little boy, Liam.

After Gerry Noel's return from long leave in South
America, he clearly caught some exotic cerebral
infection as he bent his knee in a cave up on Table
Mountain and asked Megan Schumann to marry him.
Eleanor Hendricks and Daniel Smith, who met at
Bishops five years ago, were engaged on
25 December at High Noon, Villiersdorp. Fiona Mallett
got engaged to her long-term boyfriend Pavo Viotti on
9 December.

**We welcomed the following new staff members in
2017:** Dr Stephen Sproule: Deputy Head Academics;
Mr Bradley Smith: life orientation and TIC of rowing;
Mr Caleb Nel: English; and Mr Ruan Ellis: Afrikaans.

Mr Yanga Guwa (maths and science); Mr Samuel
Majaca (maths and science); Ms Jess Elliott (English
and history); Ms Juante Wall (BSU); Ms Kirsty Green
(maths); Ms Jabulile Mazibuko (English) and Mr Chris
Ekron (LO) were selected for the Bishops Intern
Programme. Mr Chris Sexwale (School House); Mr
Daryl Ndjadila (White House); Mr Ayenda Siyephu
(White House) and Mr Matthew Kroon (Founders
House) joined the Boarding Houses as stooges.

The following staff were promoted: Mr Mark Mitchell:
deputy head culture; Mr Leon Glanvill: House Director



After a long-running courtship
including completing four
consecutive Comrades
marathons together, Bev
Kemball married her long-time
love, best friend and partner in
many adventures, Richard Morris
(OD) in an intimate ceremony
at the Elgin Country Club on 7
January. The date was special
as it allowed all of the couple's
children to be present, even
those from as far afield as
Norway.

Students looking at their
timetables might have thought
that Mrs Gardner was a new



member of staff in the maths department. On 30 December Marion Bradley married Rob Gardner. The wedding took place at Morgansvlei Estate, Tulbagh, in the company of family and friends.

Lara Sudding, daughter of Dean and Hilary Sudding, married Tim Chapman on 18 March.

Phil Court became only the second person in Two Oceans Marathon history to achieve the ‘Silver Double’ – ten consecutive silver medals in the ultra-marathon and ten consecutive silver medals in the half-marathon.

Nella Freund, with her sons Paul and Richard (ODs) hiked in Nepal in December, along with Kevin Kruger, Lynne Wright, her daughter Jess and son Michael (OD).

In July, Burgert Maree hiked the Portuguese Caminho from Lisbon to Santiago de Compostela, a 20-day adventure spanning 620kms!

Katherine Spindler presented her third solo exhibition, ‘To Hold Time’, at Barnard Gallery in Newlands. On the occasion of her exhibition, Barnard Gallery launched a beautiful hard-cover limited-edition book on her work. Katherine participated in the AKAA (Also Known As Africa) Art Fair in Paris. Her work was extremely well received and sold out almost immediately after the fair opened.

Wayne Tucker was cast as the Wicked Witch of the West in the G&S production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The production ran for three weeks at the Artscape Opera House and saw Wayne ‘flying’, firing fireballs from broomsticks and scaring many small children – very out of character!

Rosemary Wilke performed in four amdram productions including the G&S production of *Trial by Jury* at The Artscape Theatre Centre, and was follow-spotter for the G&S production of *The Wizard of Oz*. She won the Claremont Dramatic Society’s Best Supporting Actress award for her role in *Unexpected Guest*.

The following academic staff were awarded their long-service certificates – an impressive 215 years in total:

Guy Pearson	5 years
Michael Vamvadelis	5 years
Leanne Hamman	5 years
Heather Fraser	5 years
Thami Siko	5 years
Desire Swanich	5 years
Ronald Jacobs	10 years
Jean Nolte	10 years
Greg Brown	10 years
Bruce Mitchell	10 years
Clayton Turner	10 years
Mervin Walsh	15 years
Geordie Nolte	15 years
Carmen van Zyl	15 years
Glen Gibbon	20 years
Dave Ledwidge	20 years
Olga Peel	20 years
Phil Court	30 years

The annual support staff long-service awards were held on 9 November, celebrating an impressive 190 years of service in total.

SUPPORT STAFF		
NAME	NO OF YEARS	
Catherine Rheeder	5	Pre-Prep after care
Tania Gombard	5	Creditors clerk
Cathy Howard	5	Bookkeeper
Lizzy Merrington	5	Admin assistant
Fiona Pamplin	5	White House dorm staff
Leon Botha	5	Groundsman
Yolanda Raman	10	PA to deputies
Hester Anthonie	10	Founders dorm staff supervisor
Bangiswa Sitofile	10	Founders dorm staff
Angie Vula	10	Central kitchen
Tyrone Adams	10	Driver
Zolile Willem	10	Groundsman
Natalie Petersen	15	Fee/Debtors controller
Beira Arendse	15	Cleaner
Julina Josephs	20	White House dorm staff supervisor
Tony Noon	20	Driver
Doris Lottering	30	School House dorm staff

OBITUARY**MANDY SPREETH**

On 25 May Mandy Spreeth, our payroll administrator, passed away suddenly from a pulmonary embolism. Mandy joined Bishops in 2007 after moving to Cape Town with her husband Graeme. She epitomised sparkle, spunk and determination and cried as much as she laughed. Quite simply, no day was ever dull around Mandy. Everyone always knew exactly where they stood with her. She certainly was not in the front of the queue when they handed out patience and she did not suffer fools gladly.

Mandy was not afraid of conflict, but she never held a grudge. She had the biggest heart, always treated everyone equally and was so kind and helpful to all our staff and pensioners. One of the special things Mandy did was to introduce the Biggest Loser initiative at Bishops – staff lost nearly 300kg over three months. Mandy ran the weekly weigh-in, produced diet sheets and tips and held aerobics classes for the staff at the Oaks – something which proved rather distracting to the young cricketers.

Mandy gave new meaning to the terms perfectionist and attention to detail. If we could have bottled her work ethic it would have been an amazing product. We all knew when it was payroll week – the payroll sign would go up, Mandy would take off all jewellery, sit cross-legged on her chair and nobody dared disturb her if they wanted to get paid that month.

The Bishops admin office will never be the same without Mandy. Her infectious laugh, impromptu ballet-girl dances and colourful presence will be etched in our memories forever.

Cara Cato has bravely taken on the challenge of ensuring that all Bishops staff members are paid and managing all the many other aspects of a very complex job. While we all know Bishops is a lovely place to work, in the first years the learning curve is incredibly steep. Thanks to Gabeeba Burghers, who assisted us in the few months after Mandy's death and to Mukesh Govan, who stepped up and became quite a VIP payroll fundi in a short space of time.

Besides the death of our dear Mandy, 2017 was a very tough year for many of our support staff members who lost loved ones and our thoughts and prayers are with all of them.

FAREWELLS**TERRY WILKE**

Seeing Terry standing at the altar celebrating the Eucharist is the immediate image that will be conjured up for most people when thinking of the Reverend Terry Wilke, but underneath that cassock and surplice, you will discover there is also a Springbok Scout, a South African Naval Officer, a psychologist, a teacher and a professional Father Christmas! A diverse background for someone in the priesthood, but they are all roles that form part of the skill set that empowered Terry as he took on the Chaplaincy here at Bishops.

Both the Scouts movement and the Navy are organisations that require an understanding of community and this is what Terry certainly brought to Bishops during his tenure – especially when it came to extended Bishops Families and ODs. Terry's sense of loyalty to all at Bishops was unquestionable – he supported (often at the expense of his own holidays) ODs and their families during times of bereavement,

his humanness and kindness shining through even after their services. It is this connection between the Chapels, Chaplain and Bishops families that continues to give Bishops its 'depth of soul'.

One of the problems with managing a spiritual journey in a school is that there really is no way of measuring where everyone is on his/her own particular journey. Very often, the spiritual lessons 'taught' in this space are internalised and only later on, in the lives of some of the boys who move through the Chapel, grow into meaning. This is one of the greatest challenges that faces anyone who works with young people, who are usually only beginning their spiritual journey. There are moments, however, when one sees a connection and a sense of trust, sometimes in strange places. One Monday morning as Terry and I were walking down to the tuckshop to have our weekly coffee and chat we encountered an army of Grade Rs walking to the Theatre to rehearse for their musical. As they walked past they all shouted out, 'Hello, Father Wilke!' and immediately all high-fived him! What a cameo moment that was and what a small but intense moment of genuine connection!

So, where was Terry the priest, the psychologist and the teacher and how did he reveal himself? It was during those passing conversations as someone walked past the Chapel or crossed the Common. It was when he reminded us as a staff (often through his talks in Chapel) that we are all connected, that we are all meant to find each other's light, that we can all be the agents of change in each other's lives. Most important of all, he constantly reminded us in his Chapel prayers that we have so much for which to be thankful.

One of the pivotal gifts that the school has is the

Chaplaincy. During times of crisis, the Chaplain offers the school a place of quiet, a place of understanding and a place for the community as a whole to regroup and find its feet. Terry, thank you for nurturing and protecting that space for our community over the past 10 years. Thank you for being there for us all in times of celebration and joy as well as of loss (of friends, partners, colleagues, siblings and parents). You have guided us, clarified for us and given us a space of peace – something we all long for and which we now wish for you.

Mark Mitchell

LIZ KING

Liz joined Bishops 29 years ago when her husband Michael was appointed to the academic staff. For the past 13 years Liz has been the cornerstone of the Bishops Support Unit (BSU), a unit that she and Michael helped to establish. During this time, she has earned the respect, affection and admiration of generations of boys, parents and staff for the wonderful way in which she supports and cares for others.

Liz and Michael lived on campus for many years and she says that her whole married life has been associated with Bishops. She has a deep love for children and education and her other passions include gardening, reading, pottery, the arts, travel and knitting. Having coffee and a chat with Liz is always interesting and enjoyable. She has a wonderful sense of humour and her enthusiasm is infectious.

The Yiddish word mensch describes a person of integrity, someone to admire and emulate. Liz is such a person. She is fearless in standing up for what's right, but she can also be incredibly understanding and

RIGHT:

Wayne Tucker as
the Wicked Witch

BELOW (Left to Right):

Liz King; Mandy Spreeth; Terry Wilke

compassionate. Never one to seek the limelight, Liz has managed countless administrative tasks efficiently and enthusiastically. Whether it has been calming anxious boys at the BSU, organising endless exam concessions, arranging educational psychology and career assessments, parent courses or just keeping the BSU staff in line, Liz has accomplished it all with love, a good sense of humour and discipline.

To paraphrase the US investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett, there are many boys who are sitting in the shade today because Liz planted a tree a long time ago. Liz not only planted the shrub that was the BSU, but she watered and nurtured it over many years, helping the BSU to grow and take in interns and to become more effective and wide-reaching. We wish Liz and Mike a very happy retirement together with many new adventures and opportunities for growth.

Peter Farlam

YAASIEN KERBELKER

When I think of Yaasien, the following attributes come to mind: He is a respectful man who practices his religion with dignity. He is a quiet, calm person who is

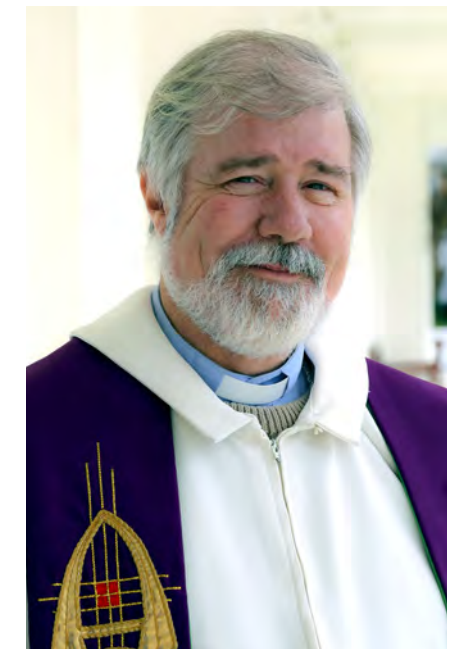
passionate about the boys he teaches. He takes pride in the work he produces and aims to be creative in the new work he designs using technology in his tasks. He was a good and loyal team member who assisted where he could in the biology department and carried out assigned work with pride. He was a tutor in Mallett House and enjoyed both coaching and playing squash.

Olga Peel

HESTER ANTHONIE

Hester Anthonie, dorm staff supervisor at Founders, recently completed 10 years' service and had a great love for all her Founders boys. She was known for her incredible work ethic, but also her ability to stick to her guns. Not only was Hester a worthy winner of the Biggest Loser competition, but through sheer guts and determination she also got her driver's license. A fantastic example to her children and grandchildren.

Di Murray





FAR LEFT:
Burgert Maree



LEFT:
Burgert Maree on the Caminho

BELOW:
Nella Freund, Kevin Kruger
and others in Nepal

FACING:
Hiking in Nepal



ACCOLADES AT A GLANCE

TOP:

Jonty Wright in *Maze Runner*

BOTTOM:

Guy Pearson congratulates Stephane Pienaar



EXTRAORDINARY

STEPHANE PIENAAR

Stephane Pienaar was determined to beat the 24-hour rowing world record of 265km. With the support of his peers, family and coaches, on 25 August 2017, he set a new world record of 267km at the Bishops Heatlie Pavilion! As well as breaking the world record, he managed to raise R1.2 million for the non-profit organisation, Make A Difference Leadership Foundation.

JONTY WRIGHT

Jonty Wright was cast as a 'Breaker Kid' as well as the body double for the lead child actor in the movie *The Dark Tower*, starring Matthew McConaughey

and Idris Elba. While filming, his daily programme consisted of being issued with times and locations and provided with 'sides', the term for the day's script and scenes. By law he had to complete three hours of schoolwork a day. Since minors are only allowed to work a certain number of hours a day, Jonty's role was manifold: he would provide the main actors with context for their parts by acting a scene for them, after which they would be filmed; the scenes would often be set up with him in a practice setting, then the lead would come and do the part; and he would act in background scenes. The greatest part for him was the experience of working with all these amazing people who gave him much encouragement and praise. He has since been given a role in *Maze Runner: The Death Cure*, and gone on to the silver level for the London Academy for Music and Dramatic Art.

ACADEMIC

MATRIC RESULTS

The Matric Class of 2017 achieved exceptional results: 150 boys wrote the exam of whom 148 (98,7%) achieved a Bachelor's pass and two boys a Diploma pass; there were 525 subject distinctions (3,5 per candidate); 15,2% of all subject results were above 90%; 48,6% of all subject results were above 80%; there were 62 A aggregates (41% of the class)

and 14 boys achieved an aggregate of 90% and above; the top student was Christopher Aubin with an aggregate of 96,7%, followed by Kwangbem Ko with 94,7%; nine distinctions were achieved by Christopher Aubin; eight distinctions were achieved by Felix Burt, Nicholas Featherstone, Kwangbem Ko, Stephane Pienaar and Angus Thring; 19 boys achieved seven distinctions; 17 achieved six distinctions, and 12 achieved five distinctions; 36% of the class achieved five distinctions or better; Christopher Aubin and Richard Baikoff scored 100% for history. At the WCED Awards Ceremony, Christopher Aubin was awarded a certificate for being the top English student in the Western Cape. In addition, Christopher Aubin, Kwangbem Ko and Felix Burt were awarded certificates of merit for coming in the top 20 in the Western Cape.

BIOTECH TOUR

Logan Tait won the Cape Town round of the World Biotech Tour that was run in conjunction with science centres around the world. He was awarded a compound light microscope that he donated to Ilingeletu Secondary School in Malmesbury. He ran a short workshop with eight students from Ilingeletu on how to use a microscope and how to make simple microscope slides.

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

Christopher Aubin and Kwangbem Ko placed 63rd and 93rd respectively in the 2017 De Beers English Olympiad – a national examination entered by over 8000 candidates.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DEBATING

Derek Reissenzahn, Nivar Rajoo, Tristan Smith, Ryan Solomons and Karl Stapelberg finished third in the SAASTA National Science Debating Competition.

NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (LIFE SCIENCES)

Stephane Pienaar was placed 20th and Andrew McAdam 29th in the National Science Olympiad (life sciences).

NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (PHYSICAL SCIENCES)

Angus Thring was placed first, for the second year running, in the National Science Olympiad that runs across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries. Kwangbem Ko and Nicholas Bowden were placed 17th and 25th respectively. Andrew Hodgson and Nicholas Featherstone were both placed in the top 50.

NATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Angus Thring won the National Physics Olympiad, which focuses on pure physics, and which is run annually by the South African Institute of Physics (SAIP) for the top performing students in the National Science Olympiad. Stuart Boynton, Nicholas Featherstone and Kwangbem Ko were awarded silver certificates (honourable mention) for placing in the top 50.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE FAIR

Junho Ko represented South Africa at the International Energy, Engineering and Environment Science Fair held in Houston, Texas. He won a bronze medal for his project addressing the insulation of houses with low-cost materials.

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Kwangbem Ko entered a post-Grade-8 music practical diploma examination of the Royal Schools of Music, London. This diploma is a professional qualification and one that people ordinarily would only attempt

when studying music at a University level. He not only passed this examination, but was awarded it with distinction and is also now able to write Dip ABRSM behind his name.

CULTURAL

DEBATING

Giuseppe Guerandi competed at the National Debating Competition. Out of 100 competitors, he was selected for one of four national teams made up of four debaters each. He competed at the Asia World Schools Debating Championships, held in Thailand, and ranked ninth overall.

MUSIC

Jack Belcher was awarded a medal for the best woodwind performer (U18) at the Afrikaans Eisteddfod. He entered the Hugo Lambrechts Concerto Festival and was chosen to play a concerto with the Hugo Lambrechts Orchestra. He also entered the Johan Vos Music Competition, on the flute, and was announced the winner of the senior woodwind section.

John Smith was awarded second place in the junior piano section of the Johan Vos Music Competition. Kwangbem Ko and Drew Burton were finalists in the Pieter Kooij Music Competition on violin and piano respectively.

Michael Wilson-Trollip won the Instrumentalist Category of the Talent Africa Competition. He was also awarded the prizes for best technique of an instrumentalist and best overall instrumentalist. He was selected to represent South Africa at Talent America, in New York. He has also been part of the professional production of *A Handful of Keys* as piano soloist, and performed as keyboardist/pianist in the opening act for Johnny Clegg at Kirstenbosch.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Two boys received their gold awards: Mitesh Valodia and Michael Burton; five their silver awards: Hugo Janssens, Connor Price, Cole Kruger, Wesley Holtmann and Christian Garry; and 14 their bronze awards: James Morritt-Smith, Nicholas Vine-Morris, Christian Garry, Theodore Psillos, Kieraan Meyer, Tom Burton, Joshua Mol, Sheridan Laudien, Almandro Jansen, Warwick Pitman, Ben Cragg, Simon Craig, Maximilian Wolfson and Aadam Abrahams Weltin.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Four of the public speakers, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Mac Cheminais, Gabriel Makin and Nicholas Peile, represented South African at the World Championships, in Sydney. Nikolaos Tapanlis came joint first in persuasive speaking, and Nicholas Peile came joint seventh in interpretative reading. In addition, Nikolaos Tapanlis was ranked third place overall, and second place in persuasive speech in the grand final.

Nicholas Peile, John van Niekerk, Thomas Janisch, Joshua Mol and Rohan Naidoo participated in the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships and were selected to the South African team to participate in the 2018 World Championships to be held at Bishops. Nicholas Peile was crowned National Champion in two events, namely Persuasive Speech and Interpretative Reading (for the third time) and ultimately the National Public Speaking Champion. John van Niekerk was voted National Champion After Dinner Speaker. Joshua Mol ranked second in After Dinner Speech; Thomas Janisch ranked fourth in Debating, and Rohan Naidoo was the second highest-ranking Bishops competitor, at 10th place overall.

Six boys participated in, and delivered, outstanding results at the International Public Speaking and Debating Competition held in Winnipeg, Canada. Of the 110 schools and 163 competitors from 11 countries, Bishops was ranked Best Overseas School. Nicholas Peile was ranked Best Overseas Speaker (14th); Joshua Mol was ranked Second Best Overseas Speaker (15th); and Rohan Naidoo was ranked Third Best Overseas Speaker (22nd). In addition, Joshua was also crowned the After Dinner Speaking Champion.

VISUAL ART

Artwork by Luke Haarburger and Tristan Turner was included, along with the final 83 works selected from a host of entries worldwide, in the 6th International Children and Youth Art Exhibition at the Enrique Urcola Museum in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SPORT

ATHLETICS

At the Western Province Athletics Championships, Elyas Ayyoub and Oliver Stewart competed in the middle distances, both taking home a medal (bronze for Elyas and gold for Oliver). Oliver also represented Western Province Athletics at the Youth and Junior Championships this year.

CLIMBING

David Naudé was a finalist in the Cape Town Schools' Sportsman of the Year. He competed in the World Championships in Innsbruck and Munich, and was selected to represent South Africa at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

CRICKET

Jono Bird and Na'eem Adonis were selected to represent WP U17A and WP U17B respectively.

CROSS COUNTRY

Oliver Stewart ran in the SA Schools Cross Country Championships in Kimberley and finished in fifth place out of 50 athletes. His best 10km performance was at the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon where he ran a personal best of 31:20. At the Don Locke 8km he finished third overall, and was the first junior (U20) with a time of 25:59. He also ran two trail races during the season and won the junior category in both, and was the overall winner in the Spur Winter Trail short course event held in Elgin.

eSPORTS

Shirag Maharaj won the Gauteng Men's Championships in eSports.

FENCING

Alaric McGregor was selected to the Junior South African fencing team and travelled to Bulgaria.

FLY-FISHING

Murray Gordon and Stefan von der Heyden were selected to the national team for fly-fishing and travelled to the 16th Cortland World Youth Fly-Fishing Championship 2017 (FIPS-Mouche) in Prodnik, Slovenia.

HOCKEY

Dayaan Cassiem represented the Proteas Men's team in a triangular competition against the Netherlands and Belgium. He was re-selected to the SA Men's Hockey team and represented the country at the Hockey World League semi-finals. He scored a goal in South Africa's victory over Japan, and was named man of the match on two occasions.

Four hockey players were selected to South African schools' sides: Idrees Abdulla, represented WP U18B

and was selected to the SA U17 high performance team, and Mustapha Cassiem, Caleb Oliphant and Chris Clark represented WP U16A and were selected to the SA U16 high performance team.

INDOOR HOCKEY

Dayaan Cassiem, Mustapha Cassiem and Christian Rohrer were selected to the U18 SA All Stars tournament team, and Idrees Abdulla to the U16 SA All Stars tournament team.

HORSE POLO

Marek Kanigowski received personal coaching from the South African Polo Association, and was invited to play in a tournament in England.

KARATE

Kai de Klerk excelled and represented South Africa in the International Karate Arena. Adam Sulieman earned a place in the Karate World Championships in Sweden in 2018.

RUGBY

William Rose was selected to captain the SA U17 7s. Ghaalieb Kenny, David Courie and Justin Muller were selected for the WP B team. Justin Muller captained the side at Craven Week. Bishops 7s A team won the Villagers 7s trophy for the first time since 2009. Victor Allan and Jordan Meyer were selected for the WP U17 7s squad and played in an international tournament. Luca Liebenberg was invited to join the SARU Elite U16 squad.

SAILING

Cameron Clark was selected to represent South Africa at the 2017 RS Tera World Championships at Carnac Yacht Club in Brittany, France. He came 35th out of 110 boats.

SQUASH

Glenn Yates was selected to the U18 Springbok squash team and performed well at the World Squash Championships held in New Zealand. Glenn played several tough matches and ended up achieving the best world ranking of all the South African players. He was then unbeaten in the international series of matches for the South African team.

SWIMMING

Michael Houlie broke his own SA record for boys age 16 in the 100m and the 50m breaststroke at the WP Swimming Championships. He dominated the breaststroke events for seniors and won the award for the top male swimmer (highest FINA points scorer). At the Africa U20 Youth Games, he was part of a victorious South African swimming team that dominated the medals. In his individual capacity he won four gold medals – a remarkable achievement because Michael was the youngest male swimmer to win a medal.

He was selected to participate in the 6th FINA Junior World Swimming Championships held in Indianapolis, USA, and was selected as part of the South African swimming team to participate in the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. He won the 50m breaststroke, setting a new Championship record. He also won a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke, and a silver in the 200m breaststroke. He set new South African Age Group records in each of the events that he competed in.

At the SA Short Course Championships, he won no fewer than five gold medals (50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke and two relays). He set a new Gala Championships standard in the 100m breaststroke (under 60 seconds).

He has qualified for the Commonwealth Games to be held on the Gold Coast, Australia, in early April 2018, and was awarded full Junior Springbok Colours.

Irshad Abrahams participated at the Junior African Swimming Championships held in Cairo, Egypt, and achieved a bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke and a fourth place in the 100m breaststroke.

WATER POLO

Brandon Burke and James Morritt-Smith received their century tie for playing over 100 games for the Bishops 1st team. Bingo Ivanisevic, Tom Lee and David Nivison were selected to the South African U17 Water Polo side and participated in the EU Nations Water Polo Cup in Prague, Czech Republic.

At the 2017 Maccabiah Games, David Nivison and Ryan Solomons were selected to play for the South African Junior Water Polo team. It is the third-largest sporting event in the world, with 10 000 athletes competing on behalf of 85 countries, in 45 sports. The competition was of a very high standard and after some close losses, the team ended fifth overall.

JERSEYS

ACADEMIC

Grade 12: Nicholas Featherstone, Andrew Hodgson, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Julian Mort, Laurence Mort, Brendan Naude, Luca Powell, Ivan Stassen, Callum Wehmeyer, Richard Wellington
Grade 11: Finn Geldenhuys, Francesco Guerrini, Thomas Janisch, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Solomons, Karl Stapelberg
Grade 10: Liam Foxcroft, Euan Musselwhite
Grade 9: Robert Dugmore, Andrew Low

TIES

DISTINCTION

Liam Foxcroft (climbing)
David Naude (climbing)
Alaric McGregor (fencing)
Mustapha Cassiem (indoor hockey)
Christian Rohrer (indoor hockey)
Michael Wilson-Trollip (music)
Angus Thring (National Science Olympiad)
Mac Cheminais (public speaking)
Gabriel Makin (public speaking)
Nicholas Peile (public speaking)
Nikolaos Tapanlis (public speaking)
William Rose (rugby)
Junho Ko (Science Fair)
Bingo Ivanisevic (water polo)
Tom Lee (water polo)
David Nivison (water polo)

13 YEAR

Firaaz Bagus, Richard Baikoff, Nicholas Bowden, Stuart Boynton, Trent Braga, Kimon Buhler, Brandon Burke, Felix Burt, Michael Burton, Mac Cheminais, Benedict Chetwin, Arthur Fisher, Nicholas Featherstone, Shaylin Foflonker, Ryan Good, Ross Goodwin, James Gordon, James Hamilton-Russell, Matthew Hanssen, Max Harrison, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Ibrahim Kerbelker, Marco Lanfranchi, Rayleigh Le Fleur, Luke Leach-Lewis, Robert Lennett, Sisa Liwani, Nathan Maimba, Cayden Marquis, James Morritt-Smith, Julian Mort, Laurence Mort, Nqoyi Mputa, Aidan Neill, Benjamin Nel, Lindani Ngcokoto, Liam Pargiter, Mogamad Rawoot, Christian Rohrer, Calvin Sides, George Spencer, Ivan Stassen, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Andile Themba, Ameer Tyer, Timothy Tzemis, Mitesh Valodia, Robert van Biljon, Francois van der Merwe, David Wesson, Dylan Wingfield

ACADEMIC

Grade 12: Richard Baikoff, Brandon Burke, Michael De Kock, James Gordon, Marco Lanfranchi, Joshua Passmore

Grade 11: Thomas Barty, Michael Beckurts, Mark Bergh, Liam Gordon-Turner, Daniel Le Jeune, Jayden Rossouw, Tristan Smith, John van Niekerk

Grade 10: Caleb Anderson-De Waal, William Hamilton-Russell, Mikhail Lovric, Luke Richardson, Rushay Shiba, Oliver Stewart, Ross Tudhope

Grade 9: Jono Bateman, Luke Beachy Head, Jock Buchanan, Ben Cheminais, Anton Coutts-Trotter, Christopher Dicey, Neil du Toit, Michael Ford, Niccolo Guerrini, Oliver Kane-Smith, Joe Kirsten, Andrew Low, Jonathan Mopp, Gerard Murray-Cooke, Rohan Naidoo, Alex Saurma-Jeltsch, Ian Sherwood, Stuart Stevens, Daniel van Nimwegen, Oliver Werner, Maximillian Wolfson

ACCELERATED ART PROGRAMME

Peter Thacker

AFRICAN RELATIONS SOCIETY

Alizwa Ngcwangu, Sihle Kahla, Andrew Knight

ALL ROUNDERS

Zola Baird, Tio Bakre, Michael Beckurts, Dominic Beaumont, Francois Breytenbach, Drew Burton, Stefano Fernandes, Max Froelicher, Wesley Holtmann, Thomas Janisch, Matthew Leong, Angus Longmore, Ciaran Manca, Joshua Mol, Julian Mort, Justin Muller, Nicholas Peile, James Price, Karl Prins, Nivar Rajoo, Karl Stapelberg, Peter Thacker, Ross Tudhope

DEBATING

Liam Gordon-Turner, Thomas Janisch, Nicholas Peile, Derek Reissenzahn

ENSEMBLE

Mac Cheminais, Liam Dicker, Oliver Innes, Angus Kennedy-Smith, James Morritt-Smith, Ivan Stassen, Jody Williams, Cameron Braun, William Bromley, James Caro, Stefano Fernandes, Finn Geldenhuys, Liam Gordon-Turner, James Halle, Mike Houlie, Thomas Janisch, Hugo Janssens, Scott Jeffery, Terry Kim, Junho Ko, Christopher Kotze, Angus Longmore, Jeff Malherbe, Okuhle Minyi, Joshua Mol, Nicholas Peile, Jonathan Pletts, Connor Price, Karl Prins, Theo Psillos, Nivar Rajoo, Alex Rodinis, Kamal Sacranie, Julian Steyn, Peter Thacker, John van Niekerk, Matt van Westenbrugge, Matthew von Bulow, Michael Wilson-Trollip

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Michael Beckurts, Finn Geldenhuys, Max Godfrey, Junho Ko, Chris Kotze, Michael Mondry, Warwick Pitman, James Price, Derek Reissenzahn, Logan Tait, Michael van den Heever

INTERACT

Ryan Acton, Brandon Burke, Luca Powell, James Aron, Ryan Lawson, Matthew Hanssen, Ross Tucker, Theodore Psillos, Michael Beckurts, Thomas Barty

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Victor Allen Tom Barty, Thomas Coombe, Finn Geldenhuys, Liam Gordon-Turner, Dean Jacobs, Alex Jankovich, Hugo Janssens, Terry Kim, Andrew Knight, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Labberté, Jeff Malherbe, Okuhle Minyi, Harry Newman, Nicholas Peile, Jonathan Pletts, Theodore Psillos, Connor Price, Nivar Rajoo, Kamal Sacranie, Tim Sharples, Calvin-Ziegler

Smith, Michael Steytler, Logan Tait, John van Niekerk, Nic Vine-Morris

SERVICE

AV: Cameron Braun, Hamish Mckenzie, Dominic Beaumont, Thomas Kingdom

Chapel: John Grieve, Connor Price, David Cuthbert, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Slade Marquis, Justin Muller

Debating: Nikolaos Tapanlis, Mac Cheminais, Giuseppe Guerandi

Hockey: Benjamin Hartman, James Caro, Scott Jeffery, Chris Kotze, Okuhle Minye, Jayden Rossouw, John van Niekerk

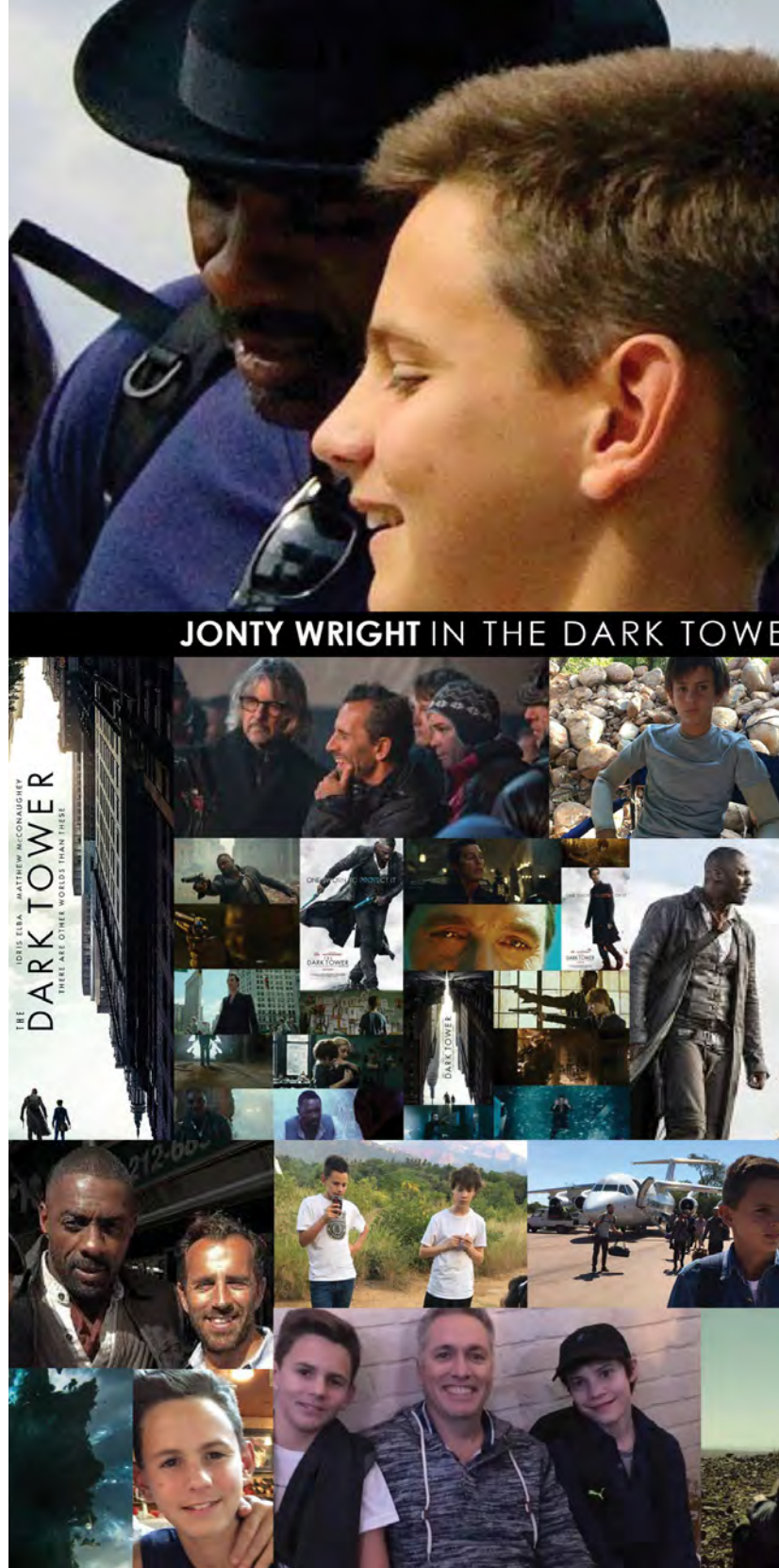
Molteno Library: Nicholas Peile and Angus Longmore

Referee Society: Wesley Holtmann

Water polo: Matthew van Westenbrugge, Liam Gordon-Turner, Matt Klingenberg, Robert Young, Tom Lee, Alex Jankovich, Will Linley, Nic Cattell, Tom Liefeldt, Matt Smith, Sam Elliott, Ryan Sneddon

RIGHT:

Jonty Wright in *The Dark Tower*



ABOVE:

Michael Houlie

HOMAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2017

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BELOW RIGHT:
Matrics 2017

FOLLOWING:
Valedictory Service and Matric Dance 2017







SPIRITUAL



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

The new boys of 2017 were invested into the school at a special New Boy Service, held in the Memorial Chapel. They were encouraged by Guy Pearson to promise to support and to uphold the traditions of the school. He then presented each boy with a certificate of welcome. Mr Pearson's charge read as follows:

*I charge you to strive in your power:
to uphold the values and traditions of our
College, Bishops,
to honour and enhance the spirit of its
founding Fathers,
and to be found worthy of this privilege
entrusted to you.*

Will you be faithful to this charge?

RESPONSE: *With God's help, I will.*

I admit you to Bishops and welcome you and your family into this community.

Repairs to the Brooke Chapel continued. Sadly, the long-term damage to the floors and foundations was even more apparent with the floors of the sanctuary area sinking. The damp problem in the Vestry was arrested. The team of landscapers determined that the

level of the Chapel gardens needed to be lowered and that better drainage be installed. The area in front of Founders underwent a change as the tar was lifted and replaced with cobblestone.

We celebrated the opening and blessing of the new Grade N classroom facilities, and the arrival of new boys and staff members at all levels of the school. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent were soon upon us and we looked forward to the promise of the Resurrection at Easter.

A number of exciting events took place in the Chapels with the celebration of the marriages of Chris Raubenheimer to Corinna Kaltenbacher; Jamie Faull to Kelly Hunt and the very special nuptials of Richard Morris (OD) to Bev Kemball (staff). We also welcomed a number of children into the faith with the baptism of Mason Campbell, the Trail twins (Andrew and Oliver), Lula McVitty, Amelie Arenhold, Jack Lister, Daniel Bruce and Marius Cornellisson. Sadly, we have had occasion to take our leave of a number of prominent Bishops staff, ODs, and parents including: Russel Morse, Giovan Portuesi, Basil Bey, Gary Leach, Gerhard (Morkel) Morkel-Brink, Caroline Pekeur (staff), Maureen Clapperton, John (Dion) Wright, Humphrey Worthington-Smith and William (Bill) Dallas. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

PREVIOUS:

Head Sacristan, Justin Muller



ABOVE: Brooke Chapel and Rev Terry Wilke

Much of the Easter term was disrupted by public holidays, cricket festivals and boys travelling to competitions all over the country. School finally settled down to a routine and was soon challenged with mid-year exams and the like. In between these times, we were able to pray for the winter school sports programme and to give thanks for healthy hearts, minds and bodies. We continued to keep Christian Roher in our thoughts and prayers.

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba preached on the Thursday closest to Robert Gray day. He spoke of the gift of education that Bishops has to offer others and challenged the boys to be good and useful citizens of South Africa. He officiated at the combined Anglican Schools' Confirmation service and was pleased to confirm a number of young people from Bishops, St Cyprian's, Herschel and St George's. This was the first confirmation group of the new Chaplain of St Cyprian's. Rev Andrew Weiss played his part in preparing the classes.

During the year, the Chaplains of the Western Cape also played host to the Independent Schools' Chaplains' Conference. This was held at Somerset College. A range of interesting speakers challenged the schools to think seriously about integration, diversity and the need for inclusive education. Many in-depth discussions continued long into the night. Other discussions included thoughts about the need for sacred spaces and the need to listen to each other's stories as South Africans. 'What is the narrative?', and 'What is your story?' were questions often asked. We look forward to a KwaZulu-Natal-based conference next year.

The Remembrance Day service was an interesting and sombre affair in the Memorial Chapel. Guy

Pearson shared a number of photographs and video clips from his recent travels to the battlefields of the Western Front. He was part of the OD contingent that travelled to Ypres to the Chapel of St George to mark the occasion of the unveiling of the commemorative plaque in memory of the 112 Bishops boys who are remembered in the Memorial Chapel at Bishops.

The *Blessing of the Boots* service ended the school year and the Grade 10s were sent off on Epic.

The Prep hosted two carol services and the Pre-Prep held their nativity play and carols in the Memorial Chapel followed by a picnic on the lawns. Musically we enjoyed an amazing array of guests including the Cape Town Male Voice Choir, John Woodland's VOX group, Patrick Cordry and the True Voices Choral Singers, and Richard Cock and his evergreen Christmas Concert.

The College prayer groups were treated to a year-end function to say thank you for their love and support. It is always a blessing to know that the four prayer groups (Pre-Prep, Prep, College and Men's Group) are there and continue to lift up the school in prayer. We are grateful for those who have prayed and continue to support us and look forward to meeting many new members in the months ahead.

On a personal note, over the past months and years I have struggled with health issues, including the removal of a brain tumour, and cancer cells in the corda equine. I have been placed on medical retirement and I would like to thank all those in the Bishops community for their love, support and prayers, and to wish them well in the future. May God bless you one and all.

Rev Terry Wilke





ACADEMICS

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PREVIOUS:

Matric Dux, Christopher Aubin

the Bishops classroom. Whether it was winning the National Science Olympiad, international debating accomplishments, a perfect score in the final Matric history examination or any of the other numerous achievements evident in this year's magazine.

At the core of Bishops' academic endeavours is a team of motivated and committed teachers – professionals who continue to grow academically in their own right and consequently offer the young men in their charge learning experiences that extend beyond the curriculum and beyond the classroom. In a rapidly changing world, teachers are increasingly required to maintain a balance between a secure and stable space in which to learn, and dynamic, challenging experiences that develop lifelong learners with the competencies for a bright tomorrow.

Stephen Sproule

Deputy Head Academics: Stephen Sproule

Each year the boys of Bishops surprise us with their participation in innovative and unique academic endeavours, both inside and outside the classroom. While we consistently produce superb Matric results, we also embody our motto, *'inspiring individuals'*. Many of the individual accolades achieved in 2017 arose from activities that provided the boys with an opportunity to apply the insightful and conceptual learning espoused in



ABOVE: Stephen Sproule

PRIZE-GIVING



CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL'S ADDRESS

PREVIOUS:

Mareé Pearson and Christian Rohrer

RIGHT:

Michael Bosman

Mallett, the wife of Mr Anthony Mallett, past principal of Bishops from 1964 to 1982. We really appreciate you taking the time to be with us.

Representing our old boys, we extend a very big welcome to the patron of the OD Union, Mr Michael Watermeyer, the president, Mr Raymond Ackerman, as well as our vice-presidents. Also a big welcome to the chairman of the OD Union, Mr Bruce Jack, Mrs Jack, past chairmen Mr Brian Robertson and Mr Les Masterson, as well as the manager of the ODU, Dr WP van Zyl.

As a school community, we were deeply saddened by the passing away at the beginning of last week of Mr John Arenhold, a Rhodes scholar and past president of the OD Union. John was a great friend to Bishops and to many of us, and his family are in our thoughts and prayers. He would have been here with us this morning.

I am very pleased to report that this has again been an incredibly successful year for Bishops. On behalf of Council, the ODs, the parents and the young men of Bishops, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the academic and support staff members for everything they do for us. It is an exceptionally difficult task to prepare the young men of today for the world

that they will be facing in the future. Drawing on a 168-year history, Bishops is unique in a number of ways. It has grown to accommodate 1416 boys, and is situated in one of the world's most spectacular cities in one of the most beautiful countries on the planet. Additionally, the school is supported by committed and passionate parents and past parents, as well as a vibrant and energetic OD Union comprising about 7000 old boys. We are indeed extremely fortunate. Please join me in a big round of applause to thank Mr Pearson and all of the academic and support staff for their outstanding work this year.

The 12 members of Council and the members of our four sub-committees continue to work quietly and behind the scenes for the benefit of the school. So, too, do the chairs and members of the Parents' Association Committees, the members of the OD Union Committee, the trustees of The Bishops Trust and so many parents. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of them for volunteering so much time, knowledge and experience to the school, always

COLLEGE PRIZE-GIVING 13 October 2017

Principal Mr Guy Pearson, Mrs Pearson, parents and friends, present and past members of Council and staff, the chair and trustees of The Bishops Trust, the chairman and members of the PA Committee, ODs and young men of Bishops, good morning to you all.

It is wonderful to be here and to be able to welcome you to our 2017 College prize-giving ceremony.

We also welcome Bishops Preparatory head Mr Greg Brown, Mrs Brown, Pre-Preparatory head Mrs Sharlene Groom, past chairman of Council Prof Geoff Everingham, the chaplains of our schools, and current and past heads. Thank you all for being here this morning.

It is also very special to be able to welcome Mr John Gardener, past principal of Bishops from 1988 to 1992, and his wife Mrs Gardener, as well as Mrs Vivienne



at no cost. During the year, Mr Pierre van Tonder retired from Council and at the end of the year, we will also be saying farewell to Mr Thabo Mashologu, a Council member and chairman of our Buildings and Grounds Committee, who also retires. Both of them have given a great deal to Bishops over several years and we thank them for their contributions to the growth of the school. Ms Samantha Petersen, who is with us here this morning, was elected as chair of The Bishops Trust earlier this year succeeding Mr Andrew Selby, who played a leading role in the launching of The Bishops Trust's new 175 Campaign, as well as the Extra Term Initiative. Thank you very much, Andrew. Over the past year the Trust has raised just over R40 million, which is a tremendous start and much more than we have been able to raise in previous years. But there remains much work to be done to reach our goal of R175 million in order to build the facilities that the school so badly needs, including more staff housing. We also need to revamp existing facilities, fund scholarships and bursaries, and build a decent-sized endowment fund that we can be proud of. I would also like to thank His Grace, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, the Archbishop of Cape Town, for always being a great supporter of the school and for the time he always has for Bishops, the issues we face, and for me personally.

I will be retiring as Chairman of Council at the end of the year and my successor will be Mr Simon Peile. Simon is an actuary, an OD and a parent at the school, a past member of the OD Union Committee and an adventurer and world traveller of note. I am sure that he will be an outstanding chairman of Council. One of his biggest and most important assignments will be to head up the process to select the next principal of Bishops when Mr Pearson retires in two years' time. Simon, I wish you everything of the best as you take up your new role in leading the school in January, and

I thank you and Magda for your wonderful, ongoing support of Bishops.

The professional relationship between the chairman of a school and its principal is a critical one. The chairman of a school often serves as the principal's closest confidant, as well as his or her harshest critic in private. Guy and I have very similar views on many aspects of education and we have enjoyed an excellent working relationship. He and I have worked together through countless issues over the past five years and I would like to record my heartfelt personal thanks to him for that, and for his excellent leadership of Bishops. He is also very fortunate to have Mareé by his side and we thank you too, Mareé, for all your love and support for Guy and for Bishops. It has been a privilege for me to serve this great school and I thank you sincerely for the opportunity. I would also like to take a moment to thank my wife, Sabine, and my family for their endless patience and support as I attended to matters at Bishops over the past 10 years or so.

To each of the prizewinners here this morning, congratulations and very well done! To each and every young man at Bishops, thank you for your contributions to all facets of the school over this past year. Thanks, once again, for making us proud and thanks for upholding the best traditions that we have. Bishops is one of the world's great schools and a large part of that is due to your incredible efforts. Thank you, too, to each of the Matrics for your leadership this year. Please absorb, appreciate and enjoy every minute of your last day of school today. You are closing an important early chapter of your life and I wish you every success with your futures. Good luck, too, with your final exams.

Once you leave Bishops, each of you will be entering an incredibly exciting new world. It will have self-driving cars, robotics, voice-activated cellphone personal assistants, widespread use of face-recognition technologies, drones and big data. The Internet of Things will be everywhere and will completely revolutionise many different industries. Virtual reality will become commonplace in due course. Our lives will become mostly cashless and we expect our mobile phones to become our wallets. We can expect Blockchain to go mainstream within the next five to eight years. The number of users and the volume of social media will continue to explode. New technologies will continue quietly and simply to infiltrate our lives and they will do so at an increasingly quicker pace. Your future will also come with food and water shortages as the world's population continues to explode. The massive problem of poor education for most people, as well as chronic income and wealth inequalities in South Africa and elsewhere around the world, will need to be addressed. Critical to your success in the next 40 to 50 years will be to have well-developed interpersonal skills, high levels of creativity and creative thinking, the ability to build and lead teams and the ability to think differently. Don't shy away from complex problem-solving or learning how to negotiate. It may not be essential to write software yourself, but it will help a great deal if you understand how coding works.

The rapid, ongoing development of artificial intelligence will mean that we can expect computers to have the ability to think with an IQ of about 10000 in the future. Bearing in mind that near-genius and genius IQ measurements are from about 140 or 150, it means that there will be some exceptionally clever technologies out there that you will be able to harness. With artificial intelligence, there is very little chance,

for example, that doctors will ever misdiagnose any condition or ailment, and we can expect surgery to be conducted flawlessly by robotic systems. The importance of each of you maintaining exceptionally high ethical and moral standards in your careers can not be understated, especially if we hope to have any chance of living in a well-structured and responsible society. Amongst other things, this is because as you harness new technologies you will be required to balance the advantages that artificial intelligence and other technologies bring with ethical thinking, compassion, a real concern for the environment and a strong value system. A perfect example of this can already be seen with scientists and engineers balancing the rights, safety and benefits of passengers in self-driving cars with those of pedestrians and neighbourhoods in the vicinity of those vehicles.

Please always try to do the right thing, regardless of how much courage it takes and always try to see problems and challenges in perspective. Elon Musk, the South African-born head of SpaceX, the company that has successfully demonstrated propulsive landings, where rockets returning from space hover down to the ground in a powered landing, has announced that he plans to use the same technologies for international air travel. So, if he is successful, a 12000km flight from Johannesburg to New York, which currently takes about 15 to 16 hours, will be undertaken in about 39 minutes. We are really living in amazing times and I urge you to get out there, work hard, have fun and make a difference to the world.

In conclusion, I wish you all a wonderful holiday at the end of the term and a great Christmas. Thank you very much.

Michael Bosman

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

RIGHT:
Guy Pearson

Western Cape to the flooding in KwaZulu-Natal. It has also been a difficult year for Independent Schools. Who could ever have gazed into the crystal ball at the start of the year and imagined the issues and crises that many of our schools and heads would have to face: from the much-publicised St John's College incident to the devastating fires at Woodridge College and, most recently, the catastrophic bus accident at Michaelhouse.

Mr and Mrs Bosman, honoured guests, parents and friends, members of staff and young men of Bishops.

'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.'

These famous words from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens could easily describe the events of the past year. 2017 has been a tough year for the country and its economy with ongoing revelations of corruption and state capture, and the severe and extreme weather conditions – from drought in the

I am reminded at times like these of the story of a mother who wakes up her son for school. 'I am not going to school this morning or ever!' he tells her. 'Are you sick?' she asks. 'No, I'm not sick, but I don't like school. The teachers hate me, the pupils mock me, and I'm not going!' Pulling the duvet off him, his mother says, 'You've got to go, even if everyone hates you. You're 40 years old and, besides, you're the headmaster.'

At Bishops we have not been immune to challenges. The start of 2017 brought the devastating news that our head boy, Christian Rohrer, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma of the fibula. Subsequent to that we have had to deal with the deaths of two of our mothers, Kate Jeffrey and Baraneez Francis, and three of our fathers, Mike Beachy-Head, Darren Braga and Allie Shaboodien, while our payroll administrator,

Mandy Spreeth died in May. In June our 1st XV rugby coach, Richard Smith, was seriously injured during a home invasion and suffered severe brain trauma. Our chaplain, Terry Wilke, has been recovering from cancer and our life sciences teacher Cheryl Douglas was diagnosed with lymphoma.

It is in times of crisis and tragedy that the true colours of a school community emerge. This has been so true of the Bishops community this year. The support, encouragement and prayers for each and every one of these incidents and the people involved have been fantastic; I thank you all for that.

Of course, from difficulty and hardship also come inspiration and strength. Our head boy has been an amazing example of courage, determination and optimism throughout his treatment and recovery. He has continued to be our leader despite the many days away from school and the debilitating chemo regime. He has been with his peers in body and spirit throughout the year. We can celebrate the fact that after his last treatment in early September, Christian received



the wonderful news that his scans were all clear and that he has made a full recovery. It is a sign of his resolve and positive attitude that he always maintained he would be ready to write his final exams with his peers this year. Christian, we salute you!

I would like to make special mention of the support Christian has had this year, particularly from his deputies, Bulelani Ngukuvana and Michael Burton, and head of the SRF, Ivan Stassen. They have been an amazing support and have stood in for Christian on many occasions. In fact, the whole Matric group is to be commended on their support for Christian.

Richard Smith has also been an inspiration with his incredible recovery. His sheer determination to get well has been remarkable, and he is already planning for next year's rugby season!

I always like to remind people that at Bishops the 90/10 principle applies: 90% of what happens is fantastic and 10% is not that great. Unfortunately, we sometimes get bogged down by the 10% that is negative. I always take an optimistic view and we certainly have much to be grateful for and to celebrate at Bishops.

2017 started with news of another excellent set of results from the class of 2016. The stats speak for themselves: 100% pass rate, 98,7% Bachelor's pass, 513 subject distinctions with 15% of all subject results above 90%. Our dux was Daniel Tate, and Nicholas Janisch the proxime accessit.

The class of 2017 is strong academically and we expect great results from them. The academic highlight this year was the performance of Angus Thring who won the National Science and National Physics Olympiads,

and this from a cohort of 40000 entrants. Truly fantastic! Angus has been nominated for the Mary Gray Scholarship to study as an undergraduate at Cambridge next year, which is a brilliant achievement.

While we celebrate these results, we need to take cognisance of the fact that the world around us is changing rapidly. In his speech, the chairman gave us wonderful examples of how automation and artificial intelligence are reshaping the world of work. We need to focus on 21st-century skills of collaboration and teamwork, creativity and imagination, critical thinking and problem-solving. This year we had our first Matric group doing dramatic arts as a subject. I must commend Wayne Tucker and the boys who bravely chose this subject. I was privileged to see their practical Matric exams and they were absolutely brilliant. Ladies and gentleman and young men of Bishops, we need to look more favourably on subjects such as drama, art, the humanities and IT to develop the 21st-century skills of the future. I would suggest that the most favoured 'Bishops Science' is not necessarily the way to go in providing the skills needed.

I believe that many 21st-century skills are learnt outside the classroom in events such as the annual Eisteddfods, the Epic, in community service projects, leadership programmes, and much more.

It has been a stellar year on the cultural front: from the outstanding drama production, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, to the Eisteddfod and, finally, the superb *Classic Pops*, we have been royally entertained. Who will ever forget KB Ko's performance of Mendelssohn's violin concerto? We also congratulate Nicholas Peile who is the SA Schools National Public Speaking Champion for 2017.

On the sports fields, Bishops remains competitive while continuing to emphasise that sport is an important part of educating the whole man. There have been some wonderful individual and team performances: the stand-out team this year is undoubtedly the 1st XI hockey, which showed the true meaning of the saying 'There is no "I" in team!' I must pay tribute to Warren Wallace who steps down as first-team coach after 12 years, a time during which Bishops hockey has flourished under his expert and motivational leadership. While there were many great individual performances, the courage, tenacity and determination displayed by Stephane Pienaar in setting a new world record by rowing 267km in 24 hours on an erg was truly special.

There are so many other activities and opportunities – too numerous to mention – that are part of the Bishops' experience, suffice it to say that there are opportunities for every single boy to find his niche and passion. The assembly notices that are published every fortnight are a wonderful record of the fantastic achievements of our boys in all areas of school life.

I reported at last year's prize-giving that we were committed to a process of engaging boys, staff, parents and ODs on matters regarding the future sustainability of Bishops. This involves the 'future fitting' of Bishops for a sustainable future. Our vision is to address global issues, including the sustainability of the environment, economy and society, both as part of the curriculum and as demonstrated in school operations. My sincere thanks to Cheryl Douglas and Gerry Noel who have developed a policy to guide us into the future. The severe drought that we are experiencing in the Western Cape has shown how important it is to have plans in place to ensure that Bishops survives in the face of challenges such as

this. We have been able to react positively and by the end of March next year we hope to be self-sufficient by investing in a chlorinated water process of our borehole water to ensure that it is fully potable. This is a substantial investment, but the payback period is three-and-a-half years.

We have started conversations with various interest groups consisting of boys and staff regarding the fundamental question of whether Bishops is a welcoming environment for all our learners and staff, irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. These conversations have already been useful in exposing subliminal bias in the Bishops environment and will be extended to include parents and ODs in due course. Transformation and diversity at Bishops is vital to ensure that we are relevant in the future. I want to make it clear that racism, either by staff or pupils, has no place at Bishops. We need to be particularly careful about 'casual racism' which manifests itself in so-called 'boys' banter' in conversations and on social media.

Bishops is fortunate to enjoy fantastic human resources to support the boys in their endeavours. We are grateful to all our staff – academic, administrative and support – for all their efforts. At Bishops we work very hard at developing positive relationships between learners and teachers. Research and experience tell us that pupils learn and respond best when there is a positive relationship between them and their teachers. This is nurtured not only in the classroom, but also in a myriad of extramural activities.

At the end of this year we say farewell to two long-serving members of staff. Liz King has worked at Bishops for the past 12 years as the administrator of the Bishops Support Unit (BSU). During that time

Liz has earned the respect, affection and admiration of generations of boys, parents and staff for the wonderful way in which she supports and cares for others. Never one to seek the limelight, Liz has managed countless administrative tasks efficiently and enthusiastically. Whether it has been calming anxious boys at the BSU, organising endless exam concessions, arranging educational psychology and career assessments, parent courses, or just keeping the BSU staff in line, Liz has accomplished all this with love, a good sense of humour and discipline. Liz, we thank you for everything you have done over many years to make the BSU run smoothly and we wish you and Michael a very happy retirement.

At the end of the year Yassien Kerbelker leaves Bishops after 13 years. Yassien has made his mark in his own quiet way. Like all good teachers he has had an excellent relationship with the boys inside and outside the classroom. He has been a calm and creative member of the life sciences department using technology in the development of new work. He has been described by colleagues as a good and loyal team member who has made a positive contribution in the classroom, as a tutor in the House and next to the squash courts. We thank him and wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

I would like to thank the School Executive consisting of Business Manager Sean King, Deputy Principal Peter Westwood and Head of the Prep School Greg Brown for their leadership and support this year. The College Executive of Peter Westwood, Stephen Sproule, Warren Wallace and Mark Mitchell has also been a pillar of strength, and my sincere appreciation goes to them.

I am also aware that it requires a great commitment

from parents whose sons are at Bishops; this is not limited to paying school fees, but extends to support in the very busy life of a Bishops boy. I thank you most sincerely for your support and encouragement. Our parents are well represented by the Parents' Association under the leadership of Malcolm Gray, and I thank them for their terrific efforts during a very busy year, which included *Classic Pops* among other events.

Raymond Ackerman continues to be an inspiration, not only to me but to the entire Bishops community in his role as president of the OD Union. He is one of our most distinguished old boys and it was entirely appropriate that the Woodlands precinct was renamed the Raymond Ackerman Centre earlier this year in recognition of his tremendous contribution to Bishops. The OD Union has enjoyed a year of great energy and rejuvenation under the leadership of chairman Bruce Jack and executive manager WP van Zyl, and we thank them for the positive relationship that the school currently enjoys with the OD Union.

We live in a world where the corporate governance of institutions is critically important. We are fortunate to have a well-balanced and committed Council at Bishops. The Council has been led again this year by Mike Bosman who has served for nine years, seven of those as chairman. This is the maximum tenure allowed and at the end of the year he steps down. Mr Bosman has been an outstanding chairman. His twin degrees in law and chartered accounting have served him well in this position. His attention to detail is exceptional and his diligence as chairman exemplary. An example of his commitment is that for the past five years while I have been Principal, he has driven first from Franschhoek and then Gordon's Bay every Tuesday afternoon for a weekly meeting with me.

He has always been prepared to make the tough decisions, always in the best interests of Bishops. While he and I have enjoyed a very special working relationship, he has always challenged me to think bigger, his favourite question being, 'Guy, how can we do things better?' He has given selflessly of his time and expertise to Bishops. Mike, on behalf of the Bishops community I would like to thank you for your exceptional service to Bishops and congratulate you on a job well done! While acknowledging Mike, I would like to also thank his wife, Sabine, for her tremendous support, patience and understanding. Coming from a German background, Sabine has not really understood this boys' school thing about sport and old boys and the like, but she has nonetheless been very patient and supportive of Mike and indeed of Mareé and me. Thank you, Sabine.

I would like to congratulate Simon Peile on his appointment as the new chairman and look forward to working with him for the rest of my tenure.

My final thank you is to my wife, Mareé, for her love and support and to my new PA, Caroline Berry, who has taken to her position like a duck to water.

In closing, while we recognise those who have won prizes today, I would like to recognise each and every boy here for his contribution, no matter how big or small. I speak for your parents and teachers when I say that all we really want is for you to be the very best person you can be and that you always try your very best. I would like to thank the Matric class of 2017 for their contribution and leadership and wish them all the very best for the final stretch!

Guy Pearson

RIGHT: Mareé Pearson and Angus Thring



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S ADDRESS

Good morning Mr and Mrs Pearson, Mr Bosman, honourable guests, members of staff, family and young men of Bishops.

It feels surreal to be standing here in front of you all once again. In a long year filled with uncertainty, I feel extremely honoured to have this opportunity to address you all one last time.

2017 has been a year like no other: it has seen some truly tremendous highs and a number of rock-bottom lows. Despite the endless challenges the school has faced, as a community we have always managed to group together and come out on top. Although certain challenges may be tough, I like to believe that they also provide the best opportunity to thrive.

Bishops has been a perfect example of this, as not only have we conquered the challenges we have come up against, but we have continued to exceed expectations in all aspects of school life.

While most of the achievements this year have come in the usual sports and academic competitions, there have been a particularly high number of accomplishments in many other facets of the school. We have had South African representatives in debating, swimming, hockey, fly-fishing and squash. Our hockey has had another successful year as the team managed to retain the Regional Knockout Cup and win the HDM Easter Tournament while on tour in Holland. The rugby team endured a long and competitive season and despite losing to Rondebosch the week before, the team was able to win the Villagers 7s in spectacular fashion against Paarl Gim. One of the most impressive achievements was Stephane Pienaar breaking the world record for the furthest distance rowed in 24 hours by an under-19.

On the academic and cultural side, there have been a number of boys who partook in debating and public speaking on the international stage. We were also fortunate enough to witness a magnificent edition of the *Bishops Classic Pops*, which showcased the high quality and variety of musical talent.



ABOVE: Head of School, Christian Rohrer

When accepting the position of head boy this time last year, I had very different expectations of how the year would go. While one could say that my illness took away many opportunities and somewhat ruined what was supposed to be a special year, I have learnt a number of invaluable lessons, many of which would not have been obtained any other way.

When I arrived at the College in Grade 8, it became abundantly clear that I was a very small fish in a large pond. Being somewhat naive at the time, I decided to set myself a rather optimistic goal: to graduate having left a memorable mark on Bishops. For most of my journey through College I thought this goal would be a mere fantasy; however, when receiving my leadership role last year, I truly believed it had been achieved.

After my diagnosis, I found myself thrown into the deep end of life, having to deal with something that no one wishes to go through. In the blink of an eye my perspective on life took on an abrupt restructure, with many aspects that had been of importance disappearing and new priorities arising. One of those aspects being my goal, and the realisation that I had been given the opportunity to leave a far greater mark on the school than I had previously thought. It was at this point that I challenged myself to use my circumstances to set an example for other people dealing with tough situations.

As I mentioned earlier I believe that challenges provide the best opportunity for individuals to thrive. When my situation arose, I came to realise that with every challenge, big or small, there are always two ways to face them. You can either dwell on the negatives and be consumed by the gravity of the challenge in front of you or you can focus purely on the positives and develop a mindset that no challenge is

too big to overcome.

It is sad how it often takes a harsh life experience to force one to see the bigger picture and to realise one's priorities in life; however, in many cases this is the reality one faces. If I can offer one piece of advice to all of you this morning, it would be to spend some time reflecting on and discovering what your priorities are, but most importantly no longer to take them for granted.

To the Matrics, as we edge towards leaving the boundaries of school, don't be afraid to face and deal with the problems and difficulties new environments present. Both our country and the world are in desperate need of people who are willing to take on issues within society, no matter their importance. We are extremely fortunate to have attended a school that has prepared us for what lies ahead. The responsibility is now ours to go out into the world and use the knowledge that we have been given to create positive change by taking on the daunting tasks that others will not.

I can clearly remember how excited we, as the Matric class of 2017, were to take the reins of the school this time last year, so I can imagine how eager you Grade 11s must be to take up your roles as leaders. You will quickly realise that with your newfound leadership comes lots of responsibility. As of today, the future of the school is in your hands. I urge you all to make your decisions with the best interest of the school in mind. When looking into the future, remember those of the past, learn from our mistakes and successes and ultimately strive to take Bishops to new heights.

As you would have noticed already, Bishops is an environment constantly adapting to its surroundings. With this adaptation comes change and although

it may seem foreign and even unwelcome at times, have confidence in your leaders' decisions and understand that they are acting in your best interest. The community support plays a crucial role in allowing the leaders of the school to make important decisions and as you move towards Matric so this becomes more apparent.

For me, personally, this became particularly relevant this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bishops community, Mr Pearson and my fellow Matrics in particular for the tremendous amount of support I received. It played a significant role in helping me get through this year and for that I am extremely grateful to you all. I must make a special mention of both Mikey and Bulelani for stepping in for me and doing an outstanding job in leading the school during my time of absence. I want to thank my mom and dad for being there for me every step of the way, and for being the constant pillar of support that helped me through this fight.

For the Matric class of 2017, today we say goodbye to an eventful five-year journey through the College and it is fair to say that society eagerly awaits our arrival. Despite my absence for a large portion of the year it has been a great privilege leading you. As we enter the next stage of our lives I encourage you to remember that our individual success is not measured by the position that we achieve in life, but by the challenges that we overcome through life. *Pro Fide et Patria.*

Christian Rohrer



PRIZE LIST

2017

GRADE 8	
Gus Farara	Grade Prize 1st
	Life Orientation Prize
	Biology Prize
	History Prize
Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger	Economic and Management Sciences Prize
	Grade Prize 2nd
	An OD's Mathematics Prize
	General Good Effort
Daniel Holgate	Grade Prize 3rd
	The Junior English Speech Prize
	General Good Effort
Paul Malherbe	English Prize
	The Mary Clarkson Junior Writing Prize
	Drama Prize
	General Good Effort
James Mason	French Prize
	Geography Prize
	General Good Effort
Bruce Campbell	Technology Prize
	General Good Effort
Liam Harrison	Xhosa Prize
	General Good Effort
John Smith	Music 1

	General Good Effort
Ben Halle	Art Prize
Oliver Kennedy-Smith	Music 2
Peter Myburgh	Afrikaans Prize
Nicholas Pabst	Science Prize
Torben Bergh	General Good Effort
Aidan Burns	General Good Effort
James Elliott	General Good Effort
Ronan King	General Good Effort
Lukas Oelz	General Good Effort
Chris Scheepers	General Good Effort

Special Mentions	
English	James Elliott; Gus Farara; John Smith; Matthew Tripe
French	Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger; Matthew Tripe
Afrikaans	Torben Bergh; Ronan King
Mathematics	James Elliott; Daniel Holgate
Science	Gus Farara; Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger
Biology	Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger; James Elliott; Lukas Oelz
Geography	James Elliott; Gus Farara; John Smith
History	Khelan Dheda; James Mason
Art	Irshad Abrahams; Bruce Campbell
Music	James Elliott; Daniel Holgate; Keanan Walker
Technology	Ben Halle; Nicholas Pabst
EMS	James Elliott; James Mason
Life orientation	James Elliott; Gus Farara; Lukas Oelz

GRADE 9	
Daniel van Nimwegen	Grade Prize 1st
	Xhosa Prize
	The Strakosch Science Award
	Biology Prize
	Life Orientation Prize
	Economic and Management Sciences Prize
	General Good Effort

Robert Dugmore	Grade Prize 2nd
	English Prize
	An OD's Mathematics Prize
	The Strakosch Mathematics Award
	The Bizony Cup for Excellence in Junior Competition
	Mathematics
	Geography Prize
	Music 1
	General Good Effort
Andrew Low	Grade Prize 3rd
	History Prize
	General Good Effort
Anton Coutts-Trotter	The Gladys Manning Memorial Prize
	General Good Effort
Tim Kotze	Technology Prize
	Art Prize
Rohan Naidoo	The Strakosch Biology Award
	General Good Effort
Luke Rissik	Drama Prize
	The Junior Reading Prize
Alexander Saurma-Jeltsch	French Prize
	General Good Effort
Jonathan Mopp	Music 2
Jan Smuts	Afrikaans Prize
Jono Bateman	General Good Effort
Christopher Dicey	General Good Effort
Michael Ford	General Good Effort
Oliver Kane-Smith	General Good Effort

Special Mentions	
English	Neil Du Toit; Rohan Naidoo
French	Niccolo Guerrini
Afrikaans	Harry Gilson

Mathematics	Ben Cheminais; Cameron Clark; Daniel van Nimwegen
Science	Christopher Dicey; Andrew Low
Biology	Robert Dugmore; Andrew Low
Geography	Jono Bateman; Christopher Dicey; Oliver Kane-Smith
History	Christopher Dicey; Robert Dugmore; Jean-Luc Fourie; Niccolo Guerrini; Rohan Naidoo; Daniel van Nimwegen
Art	Andrew Geerds; Gerard Murray-Cooke
Music	Michael Ford; Andrew Low
Drama	Luke Rissik; Jay Sinha
Technology	Andrew Low; Daniel van Nimwegen
EMS	Andrew Low; Jonathan Mopp; Rohan Naidoo
Life orientation	Andrew Low; Alexander Saurma-Jeltsch; Oliver Werner

GRADE 10	
Joshua Elliott	Grade Prize 1st (Archbishop West-Jones)
	English Prize
	The Andrew Henderson Memorial Biology Prize
	The Strakosch Life Sciences Award
	The OD Prize for Afrikaans
	General Good Effort
Liam Foxcroft	Grade Prize 2nd
	The Strakosch Science Award
	The Guy Currie Science Prize
	Information Technology Prize
	Music Prize
	General Good Effort
Murray Gordon	Grade Prize 3rd
	Life Orientation Prize
	Economics Prize
	General Good Effort
Thomas Warner	The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize
	The Strakosch Mathematics Award
	AP Mathematics Prize

	The Pauling French Prize
	General Good Effort
Karl Weinert	The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize
	General Good Effort
Matthew Leong	Geography Prize
Matthew Derman	Visual Arts Prize
Ubaid Francis	Accounting Prize
Matt Marr	Dramatic Arts Prize
Matthew Leong	General Good Effort
Mikhail Lovric	General Good Effort
Rushay Shiba	General Good Effort
Kenau Vith	General Good Effort
GRADE 11	
Derek Reissenzahn	Grade Prize 1st
	The Edna Hodgson Prize for English
	Afrikaans Prize
	The Strakosch Science Award
	Life Sciences Prize
	Economics Prize
	History Prize
	Life Orientation Prize
	General Good Effort
Brandon Snider	Grade Prize 2nd
	Information Technology Prize
	General Good Effort
Ryan Labberté	Grade Prize 3rd (shared)
	General Good Effort
Ryan Solomons	Grade Prize 3rd (shared)
	General Good Effort
Michael Beckurts	Art Prize
	The Pierneef Cup for Art
Finn Geldenhuys	The Strakosch Life Sciences Award

	General Good Effort
Nivar Rajoo	The Strakosch Mathematics Award
	AP Mathematics Prize
John van Niekerk	Dramatic Arts Prize (shared)
	The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Huistaal
Michael Wilson-Trollip	Music Prize
	General Good Effort
Thomas Janisch	The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Addisionele Taal
	Accounting Prize
Thomas Barty	Geography Prize
Ano Mtombeni	Geography Prize
Alizwa Ngcwangu	Xhosa Prize
William Rose	Mathematical Literacy Prize
Tim Sharples	The Pauling French Prize
Logan Tait	Dramatic Arts Prize (shared)
Francesco Guerrini	General Good Effort
Liam Gordon-Turner	General Good Effort
Christopher Kotze	General Good Effort
Daniel Le Jeune	General Good Effort
Theodore Psillos	General Good Effort
Kamal Sacranie	General Good Effort
Brandon Thomas	General Good Effort
GRADE 12	
Christopher Aubin	Grade Prize 1st
	Gorham Mathematics Prize
	Visual Arts Prize
	Rembrandt van Rijn Medal
	Information Technology Prize
	The Solomon Prize for Excellence in Competition Mathematics
	Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research
	General Good Effort

Felix Burt	Grade Prize 2nd
	First Pauling French Prize
	General Good Effort
Kwangbem Ko	Grade Prize 3rd (shared)
	Life Orientation Prize
	Music Prize
	Gray House Old Boys' Prize for AP Maths
	General Good Effort
Richard Wellington	Grade Prize 3rd (shared)
	Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize
	General Good Effort
Nikolaos Tapanlis	Stanley Clarke History Prize
	Economics Prize
	The English Verse Prize
	The HJ Kidd Speech Prize
	The Warham Searle Prize for Southern African History
	General Good Effort
Andrew McAdam	An Old Boys' Prize for Science
	The Thresher Prize for Physics
	Helen Liddell Geography Prize
	Victor Lewis Prize for Biology
	Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science
	General Good Effort
Ivan Stassen	Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize
	Die JSM Viljoen Afrikaanse Skrywersprys
	Accounting Prize
	PriceWaterhouseCoopers Prize for Maths & Accounting
Mac Cheminais	Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History
	General Good Effort
Nicholas Featherstone	Michael Cameron Computer Prize
	General Good Effort
Angus Thring	The Writer's Prize
	General Good Effort

Joshua Barry	Martin Silberbauer Prize for most improved in Geography
Sanele Mayosi	Xhosa Prize
Nayati Moodliar	Dramatic Arts Prize
Andre Sale	Mathematical Literacy Prize
Richard Baikoff	General Good Effort
James Hamilton-Russell	General Good Effort
Andrew Hodgson	General Good Effort
Julian Mort	General Good Effort
Ross Tucker	General Good Effort

OTHER SPECIAL PRIZES	
Giuseppe Guerandi	The Hands Memorial Essay Prize
Gabriel Makin	The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading
Stephane Pienaar	Die Afrikaanse Voordragprys
Luca Powell	Leonardo da Vinci Medal
Jack Graham	The Sam Butler Drawing Prize
Jack Belcher	The John Joubert Cup for Composition
Jack Belcher	Instrumentalist's Prize (shared)
Kwangbem Ko	Instrumentalist's Prize (shared)
Kwangbem Ko	The Piano Prize
Kwangbem Ko	The Brian Guillemard Prize for Contribution to Music in the School (shared)
Andrew Hodgson	The Brian Guillemard Prize for Contribution to Music in the School (shared)
Andrew Hodgson	The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir
Stephane Pienaar	The Prize for the Most Improved Musician
Arthur Fisher	The Graham Coote Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble
Logan Tait	The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies (shared)
Aeden Foulkes	The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies (shared)
Richard Wellington	Rotary Club of Claremont 'Service Above Self' Award
Ivan Stassen	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (F)
Mweya Ruider	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (S)

Stuart Boynton	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (W)
Lloyd Wood	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (G)
Ibrahim Kerbelker	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (O)
Nic da Costa	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (K)
Brandon Burke	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (B)
Nikolaos Tapanlis	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (M)
Robbie Moubray	The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm
Alexander van Hoogstraten	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (F)
Jakob Holm	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (S)
Aadam Abrahams Weltin	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (W) (shared)
Alex Schuyling van Doorn	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (W) (shared)
Drew Burton	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (G)
Matthew Leong	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (O)
Will Linley	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (K)
Aaron Woodman	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (B)
Jack Clayton	Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy (M)
Glenn Yates	The Speciality Prize for Smaller Sports
Dayaan Cassiem	The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport
Michael Burton	The Jamison Prize for Athletics
Aidan Neill	The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport
Ross Tucker	The George Hodgson Prize
Richard Wellington	The Philip Stent Trophy
Christian Rohrer	The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy
Andrew Hodgson	The OD All-Rounder's Prize
Angus Thring	The OD Merit Prize



MOLTENO LIBRARY

Four years after its makeover, the Molteno Library continues to be the most popular hub at Bishops.

Here boys meet at break times to study, enjoy peer-to-peer coaching, complete homework and to socialise. The seminar rooms, divided by glass, are used daily for collaborative work – boys share ideas on the paint walls or project work onto the large TV monitors. The Reading Commons with its large FatSaks provides a quiet area in the afternoons, while the Social and Research Commons is an ideal space for gaming, or playing chess or cards. The different spaces in the library are also used by staff to teach according to their requirements.

The library is often used after hours for various societies and events, which this year included the Accelerated Art Society's art exhibition.

On the academic front, Nella Freund (head of the Molteno Library) and Nikki Gerhardi (ICT facilitator) have focused on teaching boys digital and information literacy skills, including effective research – online and otherwise – and respecting intellectual property rights. In this regard, we have taught the boys how to reference correctly and how to prevent plagiarism. Turnitin (a web-based plagiarism detection software used by all universities in South Africa) is being rolled out across the grades. We are also starting a programme to teach boys research competencies from Grade 8 onwards so that by Matric they will be able to take their critical thinking competencies effectively into tertiary education and the ever-changing work environment.

On a more fun note, we ran a Grade 8 reading programme in Term 3 and 4 in which the boys had to read a book and create a mini-film book review. The winners received tuckshop vouchers.

Nella Freund



ABOVE: Head Library Monitor, Nicholas Peile





CULTURE

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PREVIOUS:
Cultural Heads

Deputy Head Cultural: Mark Mitchell

'Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity, and change.' Brené Brown

One of the greatest challenges of education is to teach people to fail comfortably; to see failure not as the end of a road, but rather the **first attempt in learning**. We often compound the problem in education by tending to focus a huge amount of energy on the evaluation and assessment of the product rather

than the evaluation and assessment of the process. This process is what really allows one to build the confidence to become a more explosive thinker, one who is able to play with the idea of connecting the unconnected and see what the outcome could be. This connecting process primarily requires a multiplicity of diverse experiences to help build up a store from which to work. The cultural programme this year has offered many dramatic, musical, artistic and society experiences, all of which have offered a chance for engagement on many levels, with many people and on many varied topics. In order to have been part of these experiences, however, you would have to have made yourself 'vulnerable' – you would have had, for moments, to leave your engrained thought behind and allowed yourself to be challenged with the new, the innovative and the creative. I know that this has been the case with the Bishops boys who have allowed themselves to experience the vulnerability that goes with cultural exploration.

'The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.' Albert Einstein



ABOVE: Mark Mitchell

DRAMA



ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

I saw the Oscar-winning film version of Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* many years ago (in the late 1970s) and given its style- and content-appropriateness at the time, I approached this stage production with, admittedly, some ambivalence. I was so wrong, and thankfully so!

We were greeted by Nicolas Mayer's austere replication of the white-walled ward in an Oregon mental institution, which was quite disturbing in its authenticity, thanks to a fully functional nurses' station

superbly styled by Erica Griffiths (even the tiniest details were carefully considered, such as tablets in bottles), and a working barred window. And to make this all come to life (kudos to Rhoda Manie and Jabulile Mazibuko), the set was populated by a bunch of authentically costumed 'curables' (those who voluntarily admitted themselves to the institution) engaging in animated 'discussion', such as the 'logical' Dale Harding (Nicholas Peile), the 'delusional' Cheswick (Nick da Costa), the 'skittish' Billy Bibbit (Jack Beare), among others, who were waiting for the 'inept' Dr Spivey (Ross Tucker) to address them, under the watchful eye of the sadistic aides ably led by Menzi Cetywayo. From the opening scene, it was immediately apparent that the audience was in for a theatrical treat punctuated with perfectly timed comic moments so well delivered by these young men. These intended humorous aspects of the play were contrasted with the constant presence of the lobotomised Ruckly (Jack Paine), whose near-catatonic state and very real, constant drool served as a vivid reminder of the poignancy of mental illness and the effects of lobotomy on those deemed 'incurable',

PREVIOUS | (Left):

Head of AV, Nicholas Featherstone

PREVIOUS | (Right):

Logan Tait

along with the constant mind-numbing medication for the others, who eventually resemble the undead – soulless, hollow men desperately clutching at some remote, forgotten vestige of humanness.

Into this melee arrived the larger-than-life, lusty, anarchic Randle Patrick McMurphy (Logan Tait), the protagonist, feigning madness to escape the hard labour of a prison work farm in favour of the 'softer' alternative of an Oregon psychiatric hospital. If one considers that this role was played by the iconic Jack Nicholson in the 1975 film version, and Kirk Douglas in the 1963 stage play – both seasoned and celebrated actors – Logan Tait faced the task of creating a believable McMurphy without compromising his own originality or the directors' vision for the role. He undoubtedly succeeded and indeed, what was lacking in experience and celebrity was more than made



‘An emotional roller-coaster’

up for by a youthfulness and energy that plunged headlong into the character with total abandon. Whether taunting Nurse Ratched dressed only in a towel, being the life and soul of an illegal party on the ward or having his head shaved on stage (an especially poignant gesture in solidarity with our head boy, Christian Rohrer), he was a consummate professional who left his very soul on the stage.

Josi Beare as Nurse Ratched, the demonic, sinister antagonist and representative of corrupt authority and bureaucracy, was utterly believable in the role, personifying a twisted delight in wielding her power with delicious cruelty, culminating in her successful orchestration of McMurphy's eventual demise. Caitlin Dicker, as the ‘perpetually frightened’ Nurse Flinn was an excellent foil.

As originally intended by author Ken Kesey and by Dale Wasserman who did the play adaptation, there were moments of high drama and deep sadness. Much of this was focused on the character of Chief Bromden (Chris Haller), the supposedly mute Native American narrator who eventually forms a close bond with McMurphy. This sense of drama and pathos

were enhanced by the clever lighting effects of Wayne Tucker and Nicholas Featherstone, with the subdued machinery-patterned reds on Chief Bromden during narration and ultimately, the soul-destroying alarm bells during the final scene in which the Chief suffocates McMurphy, ironically to set him free from the lifelong mental prison of lobotomisation.

Congratulations to Wayne Tucker, Carrie Bester and the entire production team for not only putting on a memorable show, but for taking us on an emotional roller-coaster ride; from laughter to anger and finally, tears. However, without the cast of highly talented young men and women none of this would have been possible, so thank you and well done, all! Mention must be made of ODs Freddie Child-Villiers (poster and photographs), Niall Griffin, Kieran Cattell and Stefan Dominicus (technical support), all of whose expertise added the finishing touches to this incredible production. The proceeds from the final night's sold-out show were donated to the Red Cross Oncology Unit as per the wishes of Christian Rohrer.

John Holtman



MUSIC



THE 9TH BISHOPS CLASSIC POPS

PREVIOUS:
Arthur Fisher

After six months of preparation and hundreds of hours of rehearsing, the 9th Bishops Classic Pops took place in the Cape Town City Hall on 1-2 August. This event, which takes place every three years, is one of the highlights of the school calendar and truly an exceptional showcase of the talent and passion within the Bishops music department.

The performance began with the singing of the National Anthem followed by the Irish traditional piece, *Londonderry Air*, arranged by Grant McLachlan (OD) and beautifully played by soloists Jack Belcher (flute) and Jakob Holm (cello), accompanied by the Bishops Orchestra conducted by Joc Wrench. Under the direction of Lucia Scott, the string ensemble

then presented two contrasting and exciting pieces. Starting with a beautiful rendition of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* the ensemble showed its finesse before displaying their flair with the upbeat performance of *Zoosters Breakout*, from the movie *Madagascar*, by well-known film composer Hans Zimmer. The brass ensemble followed under the direction of Stuart Scott, also with two contrasting pieces. First up was an accomplished performance by both ensemble and soloist of the second movement of Joseph Haydn's *Trumpet Concerto in E flat*, with Arthur Fisher as soloist. This was followed by a swashbuckling performance of a medley of tunes from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, by composer Klaus Badelt. The senior members of the wind band conducted by Andrea Rutter followed, playing an arrangement of Eric Whitacre's *Seal Lullaby* – a gentle but sophisticated interpretation of a hauntingly beautiful, powerful piece.

It is important to remember what a privilege it is to be involved in this musical environment, and that not all are as fortunate. A Bishops initiative that aims to spread music to those less fortunate is the string programme run by Bishops teacher Titia Blake, who



ABOVE: The City Hall

teaches violin to 30 pupils from Masiphumelele twice a week. They were next on the programme, performing a rendition of Leonard Cohen's iconic song, *Hallelujah*, arranged by Grant McLachlan (OD) and Richard Brokensha (Bishops music teacher).

The Bishops outreach ensemble was accompanied by a College rock band with lead singer Matt van Westenbrugge, all conducted by Richard Brokensha.

A surge in emotion followed as Tim Dendy Young, Andrew Hodgson and Kamal Sacranie sang the beautiful and lyrical song, *Se*, originally composed by Ennio Morricone for the film *Cinema Paradiso*, and arranged for this performance by Stephen Carletti (OD and Bishops music teacher). The trio of soloists, along with the Orchestra and College and Prep choir (conducted by Joc Wrensch) did a fantastic job and really provided an atmospheric pause from the more serious music presented.

To conclude the first half the orchestra, again under the baton of Joc Wrensch, performed the first movement from Felix Mendelssohn's mighty and awe-inspiring *Violin Concerto in E minor*. Under the magical fingers of soloist Kwangbem Ko the violin merged with the orchestra with great delicacy and provided an opportunity for the audience to experience the product of many years of hard work on the violin come to fruition. The audience certainly showed their appreciation for this gigantic work for soloist and orchestra, with a well-deserved standing ovation on both evenings.

After the interval the energy picked up right away with a clever arrangement by Matthew Dennis (OD) of the famous themes from Beethoven's 5th and 9th symphonies, into what became *Beethoven's*

59th – a clash between the orchestra and jazz band for musical supremacy. This saw the two ensembles' respective conductors, Joc Wrensch and Andrea Rutter, vying for the conductor's podium to lead their ensemble, but ended in them combining forces to play this spectacular music which blended classical, rock and pop styles together. The City Hall was also plunged into darkness for this piece as the music was interpreted in a light show projected onto the City Hall organ, transforming it into a canvas for the amazing lighting effects that complemented Beethoven's memorable melodies. This 'curtain raiser' that kicked off the second half was followed by the full wind band, with more than 60 musicians and conducted by Andrea Rutter, giving a lively performance of *Rocky on Broadway*, a medley of the famous themes from the Rocky movies which began in the 1970s.

The rock band programme is a firm favourite among the boys at Bishops and the senior rock band was next up on the programme, performing a moody and effective rendition of the well-known standard, *Feeling Good*. Bishops' *a cappella* ensemble, Simply Blue, was next, with two high-quality performances – *History* by One Direction followed by *Gambling Man* by The Overtones, both arranged by Stephen Carletti, who together with Marion Bradley trains this popular group at Bishops. The jazz band, conducted by Andrea Rutter, then graced the stage with a foot-tapping rendition of one of the jazz standards from the 1930s, *Sing, Sing, Sing* by Louis Prima.

Another firm favourite at Bishops is marimba playing, from the Prep to the College, and the senior College marimba band was next up, performing the well-known 1980s Michael Jackson hit *Billie Jean* and showing the marimba's versatility across different musical styles. The group was led by their trainer,



Grant Adams. The orchestra, again conducted by Joc Wrensch, followed with *Warrior Legacy* by Soon Newbold. They gave an energetic performance of this contemporary film-styled composition written specifically for youth orchestras.

This set the stage for the traditional finale which this year was an exploration of the music from the 2016 award-winning film, *La La Land*, with music composed by Justin Hurwitz and again arranged by Stephen Carletti. With the help of a wonderful team of lighting professionals, an awesome arrangement of songs from the film and the full forces of the Bishops Prep and College choirs and an expanded orchestra – all conducted by Mark Mitchell – the boys turned the architecturally traditional environment into a sensory extravaganza, with vocal soloists Giuseppe Guerandi, Terry Kim and Kamal Sacranie leading the finale.

Other firm favourites were included in the programme for some audience participation. These were *In Christ Alone*, arranged for the brass ensemble by



Kevin Smuts (OD), and *I Vow to Thee My Country*, also arranged for the brass ensemble by Stuart Scott (Bishops Prep head of music). As always, the evening finished with the singing of *Psalm 150*, arranged for orchestra by Stephen Carletti. Michael Wilson-Trollip was the organist on both evenings and also accompanied all the hymns.

The *Classic Pops* is a three-yearly climax of the music programme at Bishops and most likely the pinnacle of every boy's musical experience while at school. We are grateful for the many hours put in by the individual teachers, from the Pre-Prep to the College, who have shaped each boy's musical experience over the years leading up to this point. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the ensemble directors who put in many hours to perfect the various performances, but most of all to the boys, who undoubtedly pushed their playing to a new level during the *9th Bishops Classic Pops* – we salute you all!

Joc Wrensch

SIMPLY BLUE

Teachers-in-charge:

Marion Gardner and Stephen Carletti

Simply Blue has had an incredibly successful 2017 that started with a live radio performance on Good Hope FM, which really set the tone for the year. The group showed great dedication and always worked hard during practices. We were fortunate to perform at a number of events, including many Bishops functions, a theatre show with Herschel's a cappella group Fusion, and at a number of Rustenburg Girls' High School events. These performances gave us



confidence and allowed us to get used to performing with one another. The highlight of the year was our tour to the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown where we had four performances. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the repertoire that we had been working on for many months. It also gave the group an opportunity to experience the festival and to attend a few of the shows on offer. We were overwhelmed by the support we received from the audiences, and cannot thank Marion Bradley and Stephen Carletti enough for all the work they put into both the tour and the year. Although the year was full of amazing experiences, the most rewarding facet was the way in which our members matured and gained confidence in their singing abilities and in themselves.

Members: Andrew Hodgson (head), Jody Williams, Okuhle Minyi, Terry Kim, Tim Dendy Young, James Aron, Junho Ko, Matthew van Westenbrugge, Giuseppe Guerandi, Joshua Mol, Kamal Sacranie, Dean Jacobs, Jack Belcher, Simmele Mashwama, Adam Stonestreet and Charlie Yates.

Andrew Hodgson



ABOVE: Head of Simply Blue, Andrew Hodgson

FACING: Tim Dendy Young, Guiseppi Guerandi and Andrew Hodgson

VISUAL ART



VISUAL ART

RIGHT:

Art in the Amphitheatre

FOLLOWING:

Artwork by Tommy Rose; Liam van Schalkwyk; Bulelani Ngqkuvana; Hamish McKenzie; Liam Pargiter; Luca Powell & Finbarr Lebona

PREVIOUS:

Study after Rubens by Nicholas Bowden

exhibition 'A Fractured History' at the Rupert Museum in Stellenbosch; and the Grade 12s went to the Rupert Museum twice – once to see work in the permanent collection and on the second occasion, also to view 'A Fractured History', where Marilyn Martin, former director of the SA National Gallery and curator of the exhibition, accompanied the boys on a tour of the works.

The highlight of the year was the November Grade 12 exhibition held in the OD Union premises and Woodlands Pavilion. The exhibition opening was well attended and enjoyed an overwhelmingly positive response from those present.

In addition, the inaugural Sophy Gray Old Diocesan Union Art Prize, intended to recognise the most outstanding works by boys in Grade 12, was awarded at the exhibition opening. This year the recipients were Christopher Aubin (first prize), Luca Powell (second prize) and Harry Wixley (third prize). Commendations were awarded to Bulelani Ngqkuvana, David Laubscher, Nicholas Bowden and Thomas Mudge.

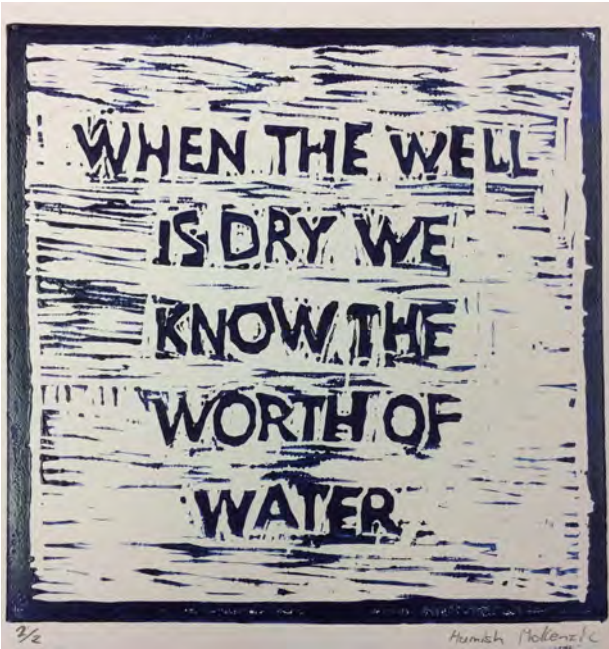
Peter Hyslop

Teacher-in-charge: Peter Hyslop

2017 has been an exciting year for visual arts at Bishops. Driven by a committed and talented Grade 12 group, a consistently high standard of work has become the norm. Working in a wide range of media and techniques, boys in all grades have been able to explore the fundamental processes, techniques and subject matter in a variety of disciplines.

Field trips to view artworks in situ have always been a key feature in the programme. This year the Grade 10 boys visited the Irma Stern Museum in Rosebank; the Grade 11 boys viewed Albert Adams' (1929-2006)





EISTEDDFOD



EISTEDDFOD

'The desire to create is one of the deepest yearnings of the Human Soul' – Dieter Uchtdorf

One of the greatest challenges facing any educator these days is to give pupils a space that allows them to challenge their own thoughts, that gives them the ability to stand in another person's shoes in order to see alternative perspectives. In doing so one becomes a more enlightened being – one who will be able to grow from one's own experiences. It is a huge ask of any person to be able to teach this but I truly believe that something like the Bishops Eisteddfod is a space that starts this learning process in a fun way.

Art usually asks one to project, through a medium, how one (or someone else) is feeling. It asks us to

comment on what we are seeing or what we would like to be seeing and in so doing requires us to take a personal, good hard look at something that we may never have had the chance to see or experience in our lives. It often challenges us to stand in a new space, encouraging us to see another perspective.

This year's Eisteddfod tried to achieve this by presenting topics such as 'Open Society, Open Attitudes' (in the Photography section), while the Film section carried the theme 'Our Last Breath'. The Inter-House plays (which were the best we have ever seen at the Bishops Eisteddfod) had to explore the Peter Drucker quote, 'The most important thing is to hear what isn't being said'. The maturity and sensitivity in the handling of the subject matter was quite extraordinary, with the scriptwriters not shying away from topics such as bullying, sexual preferences, father/son relationships, misogyny and deceit in schools.

The Inter-House Singing 2017 set song was 'Every Breath You Take' by The Police and this, along with the very diverse choices for Own Choice and Ensemble songs, was of an extraordinarily high standard of performance (this was singled out by the adjudicators).



This year we were thrilled to have Grant Thornton South Africa as the official sponsor of the Bishops Eisteddfod. We asked them to give us a definition (from their company's perspective) of the four branding words of the Eisteddfod – Create, Inspire, Perform, Achieve. What was interesting was their interpretation of Achieve, ie action, common sense, hard work, imagination, energy, vision, values and enthusiasm. When I received this, I realised that their definition was exactly what the Eisteddfod is all about: it is about

actioning thoughts and using common sense; it is about hard work and engaging with your imagination; your music must have energy; the vision of the product needs to be in your head; you must comment on whatever you do through a value-based system; and, above all, you need to project enthusiasm.

I know that the greatest desire of all the boys and Houses is to win the Eisteddfod but I also hope that it is a time of great learning, a time of great camaraderie,

a time when you look back. I hope that it is a time when boundaries between people are removed and new friendships have room to begin; a time that allows those not always in the limelight to be highlighted and, most of all, to allow us to celebrate the extraordinary talent and diversity that we are blessed with on the Bishops Campus – that we expose the extraordinary of the everyday!

After all was practised and performed, the following were the final results of the 2017 Bishops Eisteddfod

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| • Visual Arts Owl | Birt House |
| • Performance Owl | Founders House |
| • Drama | Founders House |
| • Movement | Ogilvie House |
| • Speech Owl | Gray House |
| • Music Owl | Gray House |
| • Inter-House Singing Owl | Birt House |
| • Prelim Owl | White House |
| • Boarding House Owl | White House |
| • Overall Eisteddfod Owl | Gray House |

Mark Mitchell

A SPECIAL EISTEDDFOD MOMENT

For the Eisteddfod Afrikaans Voordrag section, the boys recite a poem. Normally a poem is chosen that has been written by a well-known Afrikaans poet. As Ivan Stassen felt overwhelmed by what Christian Rohrer had been going through, he decided to write and recite his own poem. He dedicated it to Christian, whom he invited along with his family to the final Voordrag Section of the Eisteddfod. Ivan recited it in a moving and honest way.

Trudy Hoefnagels

Die Dief
Deur Ivan Stassen

Hy kom soos 'n dief in die nag.
Sonder waarskuwing, sonder om te wag.
Stil, klim hy deur die venster tot binne die huis.
Onwelkom maak hy homself tuis,
En verwoes die huis waarin hy nou leef.
Hiervoor weet ek, sal ek hom nooit kan vergeef.
Sy hare is weg? Wie weg? Waar weg? Wat bedoel jy weg?
Dié pyn, dié dief, is aan ons almal se lewens geheg.

Die haat, die vrees, die aanvanklike skrik
Wat die aankondiging van sy teenwoordigheid bring
Is vir altyd aan my hart geruk.
Tyd vervaag die pyn vir die meeste van ons, maar nie vir hom.
Die kind is skaars agtien, die wonderlikste mens wat ek ken
En die dief dink dis reg om hom lewe te ontken.
Sy hare is weg? Wie weg? Waar weg? Wat bedoel jy weg?
Dié pyn, dié dief, is aan ons almal se lewens geheg.

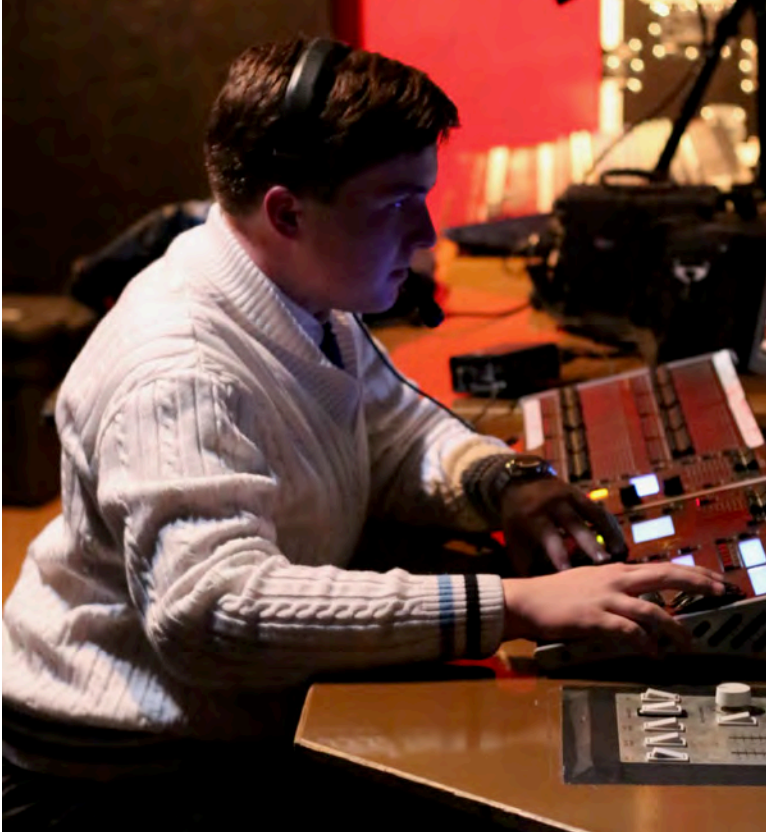
Ek kyk op na die here,
Maar ek glo nie in God.
'n Volstruis sonder sy vere,
Geen hare op sy kop.
Sy glimlag is nog daar, groter as ooit.
Probeer dit van hom wegvat, ek weet jy sal nooit.
Sy hare is weg? Wie weg? Waar weg? Wat bedoel jy weg?
Dié pyn, dié dief, is aan ons almal se lewens geheg.

Daar is baie emosies wat ek het, maar kan nie voel.
Al is daar mense daar om te help, voel ek alleen, vol vrees.
Hulle sê ek moet sterk wees. Is dit wat hulle bedoel?
Ek hoop dat jy nie my pyn op my gesig kan lees.
Maar my vroeging is niks in vergelyking met jou.
Mag ek oor myself dink? Of eerder vra: 'Het ek genoeg
gedoen om jou op te bou?'
Sy hare is weg? Wie weg? Waar weg? Wat bedoel jy weg?

Dié pyn, dié dief, is aan ons almal se lewens geheg.

Ek probeer my bes om altyd daar te wees.
My lewe voel besig, so besig, so onbelangrik besig.
Dat ek nie genoeg daar is vir jou, is my grootste vrees.
Ek het jou nodig, my vriend. Ek benodig daardie gesig.
Jy is sterk, ek is nie, ek benodig jou hulp!
Ek is die mango en jy is my pulp.
Sy hare is weg? Wie weg? Waar weg? Wat bedoel jy weg?
Dié pyn, dié dief, is aan ons almal se lewens geheg.

Hy het gekom soos 'n dief in die nag.
Sonder waarskuwing, sonder om te wag.
Stil, het hy deur die venster geklim tot binne die huis.
Onwelkom maak hy homself tuis,
Maar dié huis gaan jy nie breek of steel;
Sy mure is te sterk, sy fundamente te veel.
Sy hare is weg, al lankal uitgeval. Ja, dit is weg,
Maar sy vegtersinstink is vir altyd aan ons almal se lewens geheg.



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ACCELERATED ART

The Accelerated Art Programme (AAP) is run as a series of Friday afternoon sessions that are designed to develop the technical skills and knowledge of those showing exceptional talent and/or commitment to the visual arts. The classes are open to students across all grades in the College, whether or not they take art as a subject. This year the programme has thrived and grown under the passionate leadership of a dynamic trio. David Laubscher, Thomas Mudge and Luca Powell have worked with a deep sense of commitment and

enthusiasm to initiate a variety of projects that have included drawing, wall-painting and stencilling, linocut, drypoint and animation. In addition to these term projects, AAP members visited several exhibitions at the Stevenson and Goodman galleries in Woodstock, and thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating talk by artist John Pace (winner of the Sanlam Portrait Award 2015), who inspired the boys with humorous stories and insights into his painting process and career journey.

Katherine Spindler



ABOVE: Luca Powell

AFRICAN RELATIONS

RIGHT:

African Relations Chairperson, Alizwa Ngcwangu

Sharing, celebrating, understanding unity and Ubuntu are what the African Relations Society stands for and promotes. The society's mission is to engage with current affairs concerning Africa as a whole and in relation to the rest of the world. These discussions take place fortnightly on a Thursday during open period. The society occasionally hosts events as well as guest speakers who are passionate about Africa. The aim of the guest speaker is to educate members about many African cultural practices, traditions and beliefs – essentially, cultural diversity in South Africa.

Earlier this year, the society was fortunate enough to host Mr Richard Khontyo, a former grounds supervisor at Bishops who retired in March 2017 after 33 years of service to the school. Mr Khontyo spoke about traditional healers and herbalists, briefly touching on their similarities and how they consult members of most rural communities. He also spoke specifically about what awaits a young Xhosa boy as he approaches early adulthood. 'Ukoluka' is the cultural practice of coming of age, when a young man goes through traditional circumcision and is sent to the bush or the mountains for three to four weeks. This cultural practice indicates the transition into one's adulthood and the leaving behind of one's childhood. Mr Khontyo's lecture was an eye-opening experience!

A cultural event was hosted in the Memorial Theatre in September. This event was facilitated by Drumming SA and members were given the opportunity to learn about vibrant African djembe drumming rhythms, interlocking rhythms, drum solos and African dancing.

The society is in the process of partnering with Relate – a non-profit organisation that shares our values of Ubuntu – in a campaign to promote Ubuntu within our school community and South Africa.

2017 has seen the society grow and excel. Twenty-five new members joined during the course of the year. Ties for commitment shown to the society for more than two years have been awarded to Andrew Knight, Sihle Kahla and Alizwa Ngcwangu. The leadership committee for 2018 is Alizwa Ngcwangu (chairperson), Sihle Kahla (deputy) and Sanele Mayosi (executive member).

Alizwa Ngcwangu



BEE KEEPING

This small group of boys looks after two hives on the school property. They are gaining confidence and increasing their knowledge as hives are inspected and honey is occasionally spun. Bulelani Ngqukuvana, Lindani Ngcokoto, Logan Tait and Anton van Wyngaarden have been regular members.

Kevin Kruger

CHESS

Bishops competed in the Cape Peninsula Chess B League. The team finished third in Terms 1 and 2, and fifth in Term 3. The chess captain, Shirag Maharaj, led the team on board one and was integral in keeping the younger members motivated. Team participation was consistent and with two Grade 8 boys joining the club we look forward to sustaining an upward trajectory.

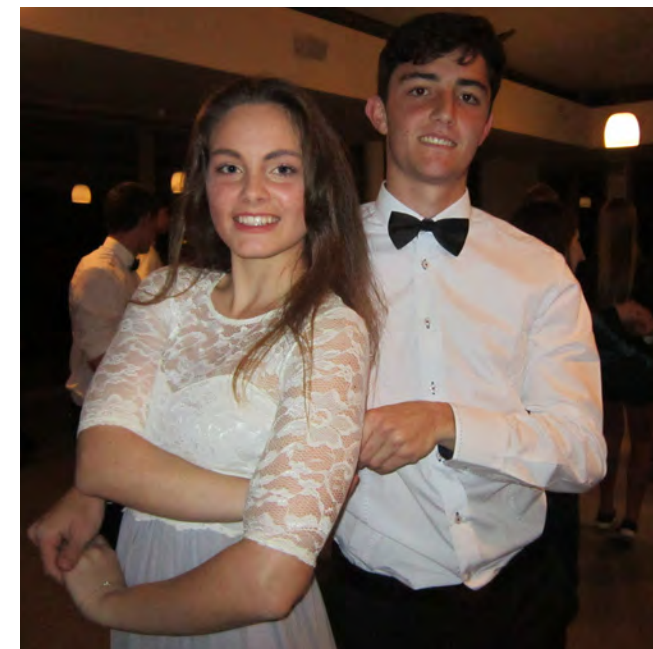
Stephen Sproule

DANCE

The Dance society continued to thrive with 20 Matric boys meeting up with 20 Grade 11 Herschel girls to learn the steps to various dances – waltz, cha-cha, rock n' roll, jive, foxtrot, quickstep and rumba. We met nine times during the year, alternating between schools and finished off the 'dance year' with a formal dance. It was a black-tie affair with dance cards, dimmed lights, candles and various competitions and prizes. Many thanks to my wife, Kari, who teaches the girls their dance steps.

Phil Court

BOTTOM RIGHT:
David Wesson and partner



DEBATING

This successful society taught boys how to structure and speak in debates, and improved their public speaking, analytical and argumentative skills. A number of society members did well at various events. The junior team not only made the finals at Provs (UCT) but they won the Rotary League. The senior team echoed this success, especially individually. Giuseppe Guerandi was selected for the provincial debating team at the end of last year and competed at the National Debating Competition in Limpopo. Out of 100 competitors, he was selected for one of four national teams made up of four debaters each. He went on to compete in Bangkok and ranked eighth overall. Thomas Janisch and Nicholas Peile had success in Pretoria at the National Individual Independent Schools Debating and Public Speaking competition when they ranked fourth and 10th respectively in the country for the debating category.

Aneen Kritzinger

DEMOCRITUS

This strong and vibrant society has a number of very enthusiastic younger science students as members. There was a change in leadership during the course of this year when chairperson David Straughan left Bishops to study for A-levels at home and Andrew Geerds took over the reins. Andrew has brought his own eagerness and intensity to the society. Our meetings this year involved planning around a number of projects. We planned to complete the hovercraft that was started some two years ago, but we wanted to get it finalised in order to show it off when we get the opportunity. We looked at the possibility of acquiring a drone of some sort, even if it meant repairing a damaged one or something similar. By far the most ambitious and exciting project, though, is the study which was begun by the society to take the science block off the grid. We have had Nick Bestbier (OD) come and chat to us about this possibility and he is currently setting up a possible installation and quoting on potential costs – exciting things in the pipeline!

David Ledwidge

DRAMA



The Drama Society members were involved in the major first-term production of the American classic, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. The roles of Randle Patrick McMurphy, Chief Bromden and Billy Bibbit were played by society members Logan Tait, Christopher Haller and Jack Beare respectively. Members of the society were involved in positions in the sound and lighting box, as production and backstage assistants and in props. With many exciting productions on offer in the greater Cape Town area, society members were treated to *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, *Hemelruim* (after which we were invited to meet Paul du Toit (OD) and Tinarie van Wyk Loots who shared their passion, stage techniques and wisdom with us), *King Kong*, *The Play that Goes Wrong* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Members were also treated to five animated and dynamic workshops. We thank Sunette Strydom and Alastair Kingon (vice-principal and teacher at the Helen O' Grady Drama Academy respectively) for facilitating three of these workshops and sharing their energy, expertise and passion for their craft with the boys. Theatre sports, improvisation, vocal techniques, monologues and characterisation formed the core of these workshops. We also thank Mitchell Christy (OD), for sharing his immense talent and words of wisdom in two energetic theatre sport workshops.

Once again, both the Eisteddfod drama and movement sections were of a high standard. Both events had the Memorial Theatre bursting at the seams. The topic for the 2017 drama category was



based on the words of management consultant Peter Drucker: ‘The most important thing is to hear what isn’t being said’. The drama was adjudicated by Duncan Rice, Gavin Pollock and Sunette Strydom – all extremely well versed in the nuances of performance and the dramatic arts. The directors were given a comprehensive list of dos and don’ts by the adjudicators before the event, and this certainly helped the quality of the final product. The movement section was adjudicated by Anni Goedhals and Alexa le Chat. We were indeed very privileged to have adjudicators of such high quality again this year.

Founders won the drama section and Ogilvie won the movement section. The overall Performance Owl



winner for 2017 was Founders. Peter Myburgh (School) was named Best Actor and John van Niekerk (Gray) was awarded Best Director. The Best Script award was won by Angus Thring (Founders). Another excellent year for drama at Bishops!

Drama Full Colours: Nick da Costa, Nicholas Peile, Logan Tait, Ross Tucker, Nicholas Featherstone (technical), Karl Stapelberg (technical); Half Colours: Will Linley, Matt Marr, John van Niekerk, Dominic Beaumont (technical), Hamish McKenzie (technical), Matt Tate (technical).

Wayne Tucker

ECONOMICS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL

Sameer Shaboodien did well in a recent entrepreneurial challenge that the Grade 9s took part in as part of the EMS syllabus. He was placed in the top 20 in the country. He wrote, ‘The top 21 competitors in the Allan Gray Entrepreneurship Challenge met at the Palms Lifestyle Centre in Cape Town. The Black Ties, a famous South African group, entertained the guests. The competitors were awarded wooden plaques and the top three won an all-expenses-paid trip to San Francisco. We enjoyed the networking opportunities and met famous entrepreneurs like the CEO of Allan Gray. I learned that working for someone and even going to university is not all there is; you can risk it all and be a successful entrepreneur without either of those. You should persevere no matter the challenges or how impossible the obstacles ahead seem. Risks are needed to keep your business successful.’

Campbell Smith

FIELD AND STREAM

Phinda Private Game Reserve’s conservation manager Simon Naylor inspired society members to continue to raise funds and awareness about the plight of the rhino. The dehorning programme in Phinda is helping to reduce poaching. A number of youngsters from the Phinda community flew to Cape Town to take part in their first Cape Town Cycle Tour and were hosted by Bishops. Bishops also entered a team and the boys raised a sizeable sum of money for Cycle for Life. The talented Luke Baker, who has represented South Africa competitively, addressed the group on fly-fishing, while Murray Gordon fascinated the boys with anecdotes from his overseas travels and the fly-fishing competitions he has participated in. Grade 8 learner Stefan von

der Heyden, a talented fisherman himself, was most inspired by the talk. The group also enjoyed a presentation by the Wilderness Leadership School on the requirements needed to become a field guide.

Bishops had the opportunity to take three groups on The White Rhino Trail in the Imfolozi Game Reserve. The trail offers the perfect opportunity to experience wildlife – with limited resources and trappings – alongside the animals that roam the hills and rivers in KwaZulu-Natal. We were blessed to receive donations from parents for one of our bursary students who was able to join the group. We also hosted two lads from the LEAP school (Xhantolomizi Speelman and Lihle Pokolo). The groups consisted of tour leaders Leon Glanvill, Nella Freund and Tyrone Adams, and trailists Kit Bell, Campbell Bowker, Ryan Labberté, Ciaran Manca, Lindani Ngcokoto, Harry Newman, Connor Price, Theo Psillos, Scott Jeffery, George Jones, Daniel Stehlik, André Truter and John van Niekerk. There were excellent sightings of rhino, elephant, buffalo, kudu and a variety of small animals. The group had only one regret. We saw a total of three rhino carcasses (animals that had been poached under the full moon). Next to one of the carcasses were the horns of a fourth rhino. The poaching of rhino in state-run reserves is out of control. Lack of funding and corruption have hampered the good work done by rangers and field guides – it was a true eye-opener for all on the trail. This trail is under increasing threat from mining operations that are creeping ever closer to the boundary of the park. It is vital that every Bishops boy be made aware of the fragile world we live in. Our last night was spent at the Amakhosi Game Reserve. Here we followed a male lion on our night drive, after which we had the chance to regroup before heading back home.

At Bishops the Ranger Course is offered to Grade 9 boys and their mothers and is a unique outdoor experience where space is given for important relationship building. Four exchange students were included in this year's group. Conservation biology and an understanding of the fauna and flora of South Africa is absent from the Bishops syllabus. Yet, as the environment becomes increasingly vulnerable to the activities of humans, it is vital that awareness is raised. Bishops is blessed to have access to a venue like Phinda Game Reserve and the opportunity to work with professionals. As a school, we have been directly involved in the dehorning of seven rhino and the ringing of over 300 birds. This work and the scientific data that has been collected are hugely important to conservation in South Africa. We netted and tagged over 130 birds in July alone. Of these birds, there were 36 species, five of which were endemic to the area, and one that could not be identified (possibly an unrecorded colour morph of an existing species). Three rhino were dehorned as part of the Bishops Rhino Project. A wide range of other community and conservation projects were completed over the seven days. The group was also able to examine fossil beds that are more than 75 million years old and to understand the impact of climate on sand forest regeneration. Bishops continues to make an important impact on both the communities around Phinda as well as conservation. A new fundraising initiative will take place next year in the lead-up to the 2018 Ranger Course.

Leon Glanvill

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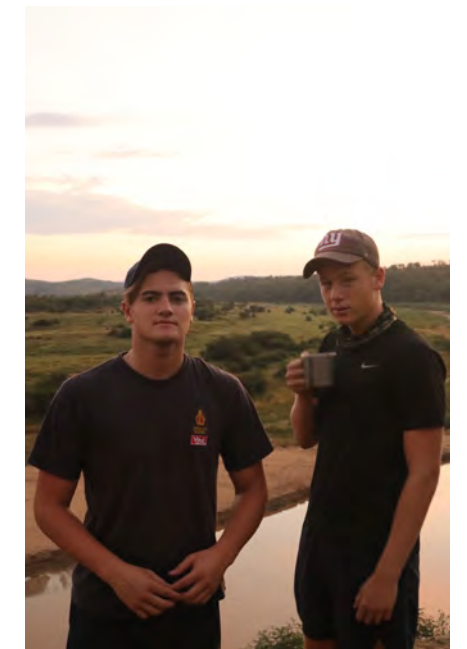
A final kit check

BOTTOM LEFT:

Adre Heese and Neil du Toit with a dehorned rhino

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Daniel Stehlik and Ryan Labberté at the end of a long day



FORUM

The first presentation of the year was by Zola Baird who put several moral questions to the floor that were hotly contested. The second was by Dr Penelope Andrews of the Faculty of Law at UCT. She elaborated on her career, explaining that Law as a profession is an exciting choice. The third meeting was a joint effort with several other societies. Dr Greg Mills (OD) addressed the gathering about his book, *Making Africa Work*, and singer-songwriter Robin Auld performed live. The final talk was by Professor Mike Bruton on his recent study of one of Bishops' greatest sons, ichthyologist Professor JLB Smith, the scientist who identified the coelocanth, long thought extinct, in 1938.

Paul Murray

GIN

The Global Issues Network has enjoyed an exciting and productive year under the leadership of Jamie Diggle and the GIN committee. The society has been involved in tackling a range of diverse projects, with the aim to make a difference in both local and global issues. Members reaped the rewards of their endeavours with some members being chosen to represent the Western Cape and South Africa in different facets of environmental competitions. Projects have ranged from the development and implementation of a sustainable permaculture farm on campus and tackling the campus' issues around environmental sustainability, to researching and presenting an indepth discovery on the human microbiome and biotechnology. The society looks forward to 2018 with ambition and eagerness as we await the return of Mrs Douglas, whom we have sorely missed.

For more information on the last year's GIN activities, please visit <http://college.bishops.org.za/FutureFitting/GinActivities.aspx>

Logan Tait

IMPACT

Impact has continued to meet every week to discuss living out our Christian faith in a practical and relevant way. The Reading Commons in the Molteno Library has seen very engaging, honest and thought-provoking discussions this year – always helped along by simply heavenly biscuits and hot chocolate. I have been impressed by the sincerity and depth of thought that characterises many of our boys' faith as we delved into some very challenging topics, including 'Evidence for faith in a scientific age?', 'How does a loving God allow suffering?' and 'What does the Bible actually say?'. These sessions have also been punctuated by the occasional sandwich-making, Impact Café or sport sessions. Schools United evening meetings saw Christian Unions from neighbouring schools get together once a term. We finished the year with a few weeks of watching the film *Hacksaw Ridge*. It was significantly inspirational, as was hearing from Mrs Jessica Elliot as she recounted the year she spent doing voluntary work in Pollsmoor prison. We are in a building phase again, having lost many of our seniors – but there are encouraging signs for the future and boys have begun discussing a mission trip for 2018.

Keith Warne

INTERACT

This year the Bishops Interact Society was fortunate to have a group of motivated leaders in the form of Richard Wellington (president), Laurence Mort (vice-president) and committee members Brandon Burke, Luca Powell, Tim Sharples and Ross Tucker. All in all, we had a committed team of 39 boys serving the broader Cape Town community.

Our very involved member of staff Dr Anne Stevens made a significant contribution to Bishops Interact by encouraging the boys to commit to the Rotary motto of 'Service Before Self'. Dr Stevens has run a weekly sandwich-making project in support of a St Thomas Rondebosch outreach programme. This project has been successful week after week with Dr Stevens ensuring the boys attend and perform their duties diligently.

In Term 1, Interact hosted the annual Fun Frenzy and entertained underprivileged children with a range of activities in conjunction with its sponsor club, The Rotary Club of Claremont, and other interact clubs associated with Rotary Claremont.

In Term 3, our members took part in the One-to-One event for mentally-challenged people that took place in the underground parking area of the Cape Town Stadium. The Interact stall was a popular attraction.

Interact was also involved in other regular service projects. For example, one Thursday afternoon per month, along with the St Thomas’ Church Fikelela Task Team, a group of members helped to pack food parcels for child-headed families. We also met once a term on a Sunday morning to clean up Kalk Bay beach as part of our environmental awareness campaign.

In Terms 3 and 4, one of our major initiatives was the Femme Kit Project. Our aim was to provide underprivileged school girls with sanitary wear. Statistics show that girl children in underprivileged communities miss a significant number of school days due to the lack of access to sanitary wear. We thank the Bishops community for their generous response to this drive. Bishops Interact is also very grateful for the continued support from the Bishops community for our Civvies Day collections, and as a result we have been able to raise money for a number of worthy causes including The Sunflower Fund.

Thomas Barty, Ben Rubin, Matthew Leong and Ryan Lawson are the Interact Society leaders for 2018.

Peter Hyslop

INTERNATIONAL

Photojournalist and adventurer Scott Ramsay (OD) – who gave up his office job to explore, photograph, and write – gave an amazing presentation on Africa’s national parks. He has recently published a beautiful coffee-table book called *South Africa’s Wildest Places* and he showed us many of the photos and told some of the stories that are recorded in it. His talk inspired us to go out and explore more of what South Africa, the third most biodiverse country on Earth, has to offer.

Warwick Richter (staff) regaled us with stories and photographs of his history tour of France in 2016. The tour focused on the First World War battlefields, and on our own country’s involvement. They attended the centennial commemorations of the Battle of Delville Wood. In addition, they toured several WWII sites, such as the D-Day beaches, and spent time in Belgium visiting cemeteries and museums dedicated to this period of conflict. Warwick’s wife Stephany shared her experiences of spending 46 days walking 950km along the Camino de Santiago – a very special personal quest.

Gerry Noel (staff) and fiancée Megan Schumann spent four months travelling through South America and shared

their experiences – from hiking in Cerro Castillo in southern Chile to Machu Picchu in Peru.

Oliver Steynor (OD) took part in the 2017 Cape 2 Rio yacht race on *Sophie B* (Swan 411) and told us about life at sea and the intricacies of ocean sailing and racing.

Johnny Frost (OD) told us about his recent hike across the northern part of Corsica – the GR 20 – a challenging hike with contrasting landscapes and temperatures; Sharief Peterson (staff) travelled to Portugal and France and shared some of the highlights of his travels, and Burgert Maree (staff) walked the Camino Portugues (from Lisbon to Santiago) – an impressive 616km in just 20 days!

Our final speaker of the year, Lynne Wright, told us all about three exotic destinations she had visited over the past six months: Antarctica on a tourist cruise ship, Bhutan on a guided tour and Rwanda and Uganda to visit the gorillas.

Phil Court

LINGUA FRANCA

Chairperson: *Gabriel Makin*

The first presentation of the year was by UCT academic Professor John Higgins, on the importance of studying the Humanities as a career. The second was by Gabriel Makin on the topic of mass-surveillance projects and the erosion of privacy in the global culture. The third meeting was a joint one with several other societies. Dr Greg Mills (OD) addressed the gathering explaining his book, *Making Africa Work*, accompanied by live music with songwriter Robin Auld. The final presentation was by Dr Paul Murray, who explained a recent visit to the Battlefields of France and Belgium with a PowerPoint presentation.

Paul Murray

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2017 has been a very successful year. Society meetings in the evenings have seen around 30 to 40 boys at each event, with members delivering prepared speeches and readings on a voluntary basis in each gathering. The number of volunteers has increased dramatically since this kind of active participation has become one of the criteria for Colours, with boys eager to display their talents. This also serves as auditions for selection to Bishops teams for competitions such as the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition (NIDPSC), held annually at different venues in the various provinces across the country. The boys stand a chance

to be selected to the South African team to participate at the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC), also an annual event held at various venues in a different country each year. Incidentally, WIDPSC 2018 is being hosted at Bishops.

With regard to competitions, Bishops participated in three during this year:

WIDPSC 2017 – This was held in Sydney, Australia, in April, where we had Nik Tapanlis, Mac Cheminais, Gabriel Makin and Nick Peile as part of the South African team. Nik Tapanlis was placed third overall.

NIDPSC 2017 – This was held at St Alban's College in Pretoria, in August/September, where Nick Peile, Joshua Mol, John van Niekerk, Thomas Janisch and

RIGHT:
Public Speaking Chairperson, Nikolaos Tapanlis

Rohan Naidoo represented Bishops. For the first time ever, we had a National Champion (Nick Peile), who also placed first in Interpretive Reading for the third year in a row, a Grade 9 boy (Rohan Naidoo) ranking in the top 10, and all five boys being selected to the South African team to participate in the World Championships at Bishops next year.

INTERNATIONALS (IISPSC 2017) – This was held in Winnipeg, Canada, in October, where we had six boys (Nick Peile, Josh Mol, John van Niekerk, Thomas Janisch, Rohan Naidoo and John Smith) represent Bishops. Once again, Bishops was extremely successful – we were the Top Overseas School, Nicholas Peile the Top Overseas Speaker and Josh Mol the Top After Dinner Speaker. In the combined results, Bishops was placed ninth overall, which is a significant achievement indeed. To provide some perspective, there were 11 countries and 168 competitors from 56 schools, so we are very proud of our boys' achievements!

John Holtman



SCIENCE CAFÉ

The Science Café continued to bring the world of science and innovation to the boys within a laid-back discursive forum. The group was privileged to hear a talk by Dr Michael Whitfield from Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, who spoke about the innovative work being done in biomedical sciences and tuberculosis research. The extraordinary Dr Holly Nel from Rhodes University also shared her research on microplastic pollution along the South African coastline. Dr Nel is currently employed by the Sustainable Seas Trust to develop a strategy to mitigate marine waste in Africa, and what she showed the group made us think twice about using plastic products.

Gerry Noel

TEN CLUB

President: Peter Westwood

Secretary: Kwangbem Ko

Ten Club has connotations of elitism and secrecy, with its sought-after red tie with Roman X numerals. However, there is more to it than that. Ten Club members are asked to research a topic of their choice and to present their findings. It is an attempt at generating interest in a skill that has become less appreciated in the 21st century – academic curiosity.

Our first meeting took place in January and Nicholas Bowden showed us his passion for animation. He also discussed stop-motion imagery and the use of music to support visual media. Kwangbem Ko presented on 'the truth about coincidences' and explored the mathematical and philosophical concepts associated with coincidences.

In February, Brendan Naudé presented on 'the digital revolution' and expressed his somewhat cynical views on



ABOVE | Back Row (Left to Right): Felix Burt, Christopher Aubin, Andrew Hodgson, Angus Thring, Nicholas Bowden, Mac Cheminais
Front Row (Left to Right): Jamie Diggle, Kwangbem Ko, Stephen Sproule, Brendan Naudé, Nikolaos Tapanlis

the future of humanity by discussing the future of coding, the influence of social media and the redundancy of manual labour. And who can forget Angus Thring’s presentation on ‘the future of spacecraft propulsion’? Word has it that he is still discussing whether nuclear bombs are the best resources to launch a rocket into space.

At our third meeting, Jamie Diggle discussed PC and the counter-culture, which prompted a heavy discussion (rant) on liberal universities. The evening concluded with Felix Burt blowing our minds with his ‘introduction to big history’. In less than 20 minutes, he had covered the entire history of the universe!

In the penultimate meeting, Chris Aubin posed the question ‘do we live in a simulation?’, which led many to contemplate their existence and consider the real implications if our world were, indeed, a simulation. Andrew Hodgson presented on one of his passions, photography, and showed us the various complex components involved in taking a simple yet effective photograph.

The two avid debaters/public speakers, Nikolaos Tapanlis and Mac Cheminai, decided to save their speaking skills for the final meeting. Nikolaos spoke about architecture and seriously addressed his concerns with the modern cultural movement. Mac concluded the evening by discussing film. Mac has watched more than 600 movies in his lifetime and thus his findings and opinions on film were insightful and enjoyable.

I would like to thank Mr Westwood for providing us consistently with Butler’s pizza and agreeing to postpone a Ten Club meeting twice due to an economics test. We all thoroughly enjoyed researching our topics and engaging in very stimulating conversations. There is no doubt that we will remember these meetings when reflecting on our time at Bishops.

Kwangbem Ko

THE HISTORICAL BENCH

Chairperson: Ryan Acton
Teacher-in-charge: Paul Murray
The first presentation of the year was a discussion led by Ryan Acton on Donald Trump’s involvement in Russia. The discussion broke out into a heated debate as it focussed on how Trump’s morals and decisions would influence the country. The third meeting was a joint endeavour with several other societies. Dr Greg Mills (OD) addressed the gathering about his book *Making Africa Work*, after which singer/songwriter Robin Auld was given the floor. The final meeting was led by Dr Paul Murray who examined the question ‘Was World War I morally justified?’ A vote was taken, and the answer was a unanimous ‘No’, as the loss of life – which amounted to nearly 20 million civilians and soldiers – could never be justified.

Paul Murray

WOODTURNING

The society meets every Thursday during open period. This past year has been our busiest ever with 15 boys feverishly turning away to their hearts’ content. Boys who enjoy the thrill of giving shape (literally) to their ideas find expression when practising woodturning. It develops hand-eye coordination and boys develop an appreciation for the responsible use of resources. Boys typically use wood from old furniture, branches from trees on the property that have been trimmed or wood from trees that have been blown over in a storm. All Grade 9 boys turn a wooden pen as part of their technology course (processing) while members of the society attempt more challenging pieces such as bowls, honey-dippers (not that challenging), lidded bowls, finial boxes and yo-yos. There are four lathes in the technology room for boys to use as well as a wonderful array of woodturning chisels of all shapes and sizes to help create works of art. Members of the society are encouraged to come along to the Western Cape Woodturners Association (WCWA) meetings held every third Wednesday evening of the month at the Pinelands Hobbies Club.

Mervin Walsh



PASTORAL

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PREVIOUS:

Head of School, Christian Rohrer and
Grade 8, Jonathan Roche

Deputy Principal and Pastoral Head:

Peter Westwood

‘Pastoral care is essentially fostering a school environment that enables each individual boy to be happy, engaged, productive, inspired and recognised.’ (Diocesan College Website)

At Bishops, the House system is core to the pastoral care of boys and the fact that Houses are actual buildings, as well as representative of the people in them, nurtures an increased sense of belonging. And once a boy feels he belongs, that is half the battle won. The House staff in all Houses are experienced in looking after boys. They understand the general trends in the behaviour of boys as they move through their teens and yet realise that there are as many variations to this general trend as there are boys in their House. Within the Houses the tutor groups create mini-families with a few boys from each grade.

The Bishops Support Unit, with its counselling and

educational psychologists, provides both a helpful space for boys who are finding various aspects of life difficult as well as guidance for boys, parents, teachers and caregivers through the assessments that are done. Bishops is also fortunate to have a chaplain who gives both spiritual direction and support in times of crisis.

While activities in the academic, sporting and cultural spheres of College life enable the growth of the individual through the various challenges he meets, the Epic in Grade 10 is probably the biggest life-changing event for many boys. Seen as something of a rite of passage, it brings about a visible change in attitude and approach from most boys going into their Grade 11 year.

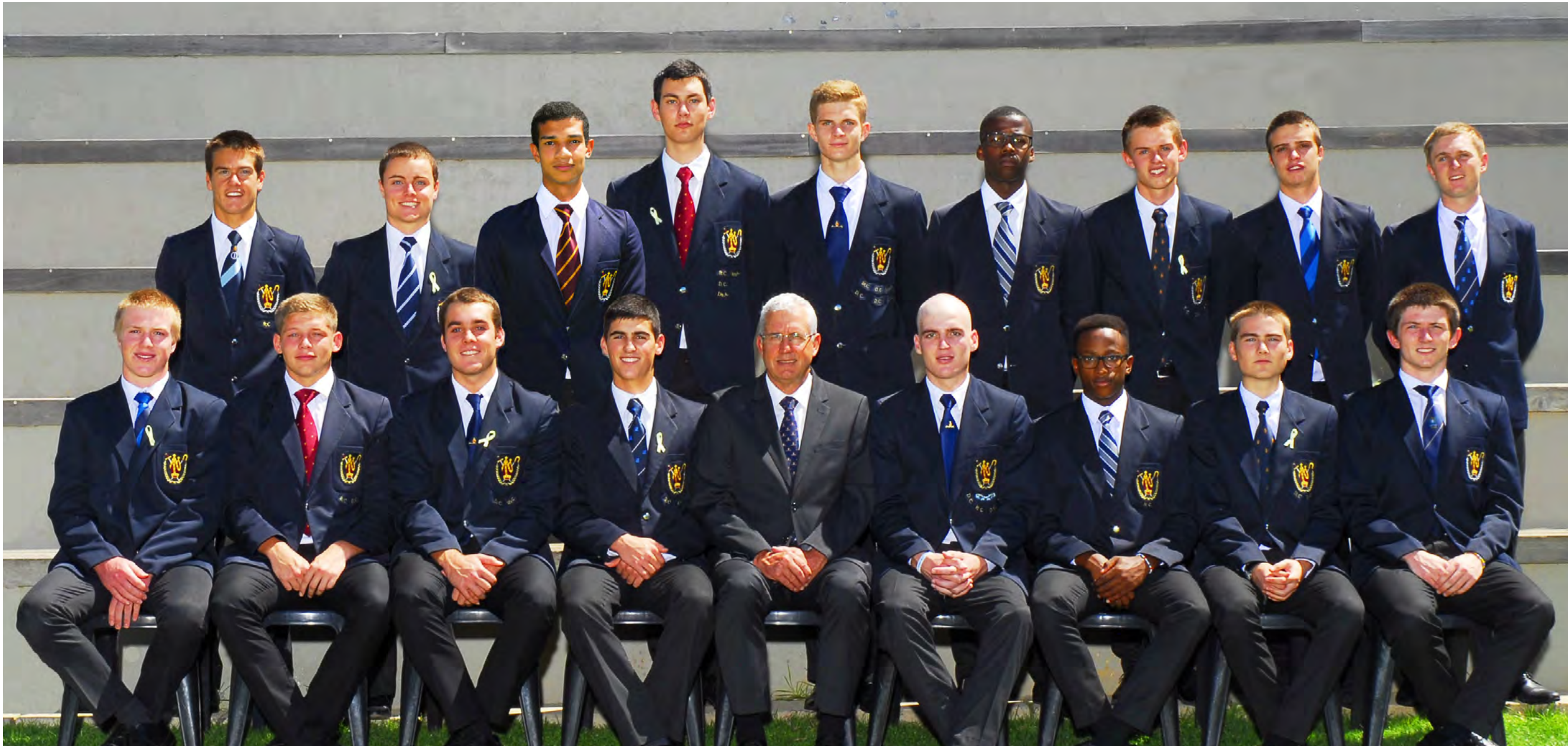
Each year we say to the Matrics that they have a great responsibility to set the tone for the year in which they are in charge. 2017 had its challenges, as all years do, but the Matric group under the leadership of Christian Rohrer, Michael Burton and Bulelani Ngqukvana is to be congratulated on creating a largely happy environment that was conducive to the growth of boys towards becoming young men.

Peter Westwood



ABOVE: Peter Westwood

HOUSE REPORTS



FOUNDERS HOUSE

House Director: Dave Mallett

Assistant House Director: Barry Emms

House Mother: Lorraine Chateau

Tutors: Bev Kemball, Dave Ledwidge, Paul Murray, Richard Smith

Head of House: Ivan Stassen

Deputy Head of House: Samuel Kuhn

It is satisfying to look back on a year of accomplishments by the House as a whole, as well as its individual members. Founders boys have involved themselves in all that the school has to offer, and I believe our success has been as a direct result of the Matric group of 2017, who were instrumental in organising and motivating the boys. Under the leadership of Ivan Stassen and Sam Kuhn, all the members did their duties to the best of their abilities and this was reflected in our many achievements. Barry Emms joined the staff leadership in 2017 and his influence can already be felt.

Founders House has built a reputation of always participating in the sporting aspect of school life and this year was no different. The year started with

Founders dominating the Inter-House water polo yet again. There was also a very strong showing at Inter-House rugby across the age groups, specifically the U16 and U19 competitions where Founders placed first and second respectively – this enabled us to win the cup for rugby overall. Outside of Inter-House competitions, Founders boys have been a strong force in Bishops sport this year, with two 1st XI hockey players, seven rugby players with 1st XV caps, five 1st water polo players, and countless others representing A teams in their age groups across many different sports. Certain boys in the House must be congratulated on representing Western Province in their sports, with Ghaalieb Kenny representing the WP U18 Academy Week rugby team, and Victor Allen playing for the U17 7s team at the Assupol Sevens tournament. Keegan Blackenberg must also be commended on making the WP U15 High Performance squad. Provincial representation was also seen in water polo with Sam Aitken making the U14B team, Jake Stewart the U15B team, Sam Elliott and Matthew Smith making the U16A team, and Matthew Klingenberg and Thomas Lee making the U18B team. Thomas also represented South Africa in the U17 team in the EU

PREVIOUS:

The Principal, Head of School, Heads and Deputy Heads of Houses

PAGE 150 (Clockwise):

Ivan Stassen;
Founders' Clock Tower;
Matrics at Top Table



Nations Cup where they won the tournament. He has also been selected as water polo captain for 2018. A great achievement!

2017 will also go down in history as one of the most successful on the cultural front. The year started with an extremely memorable variety concert where the musical and dramatic talent on display would bring the House success later in the year. Chris Haller played a lead role (Chief Bromden) in the school's production of *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*. However, the pinnacle of the year was the Eisteddfod when the House play, directed by Nayati Moodliar and written by Angus Thring, won the drama category with Angus winning the award for Best Script. This, coupled with a very strong showing in the movement category, meant that Founders won the Performance Owl, the first silverware to be taken from the Eisteddfod in the new millennium! A number of Founders boys also participated in *Classic Pops*.

Founders' achievements were acknowledged at the prize-giving ceremony, with our Matrics doing particularly well. Ivan Stassen won numerous awards for Afrikaans, the accounting prize and a prize for mathematics and accounting combined. Nayati Moodliar won the drama prize, and André Sale the mathematics literacy prize. Aidan Neill won the Doug Todd trophy for his commitment to sport, and Angus Thring had the honour of winning the OD Merit prize for his first place in the National Science Olympiad. This time of year also means a change of the guard with regards to the leadership of Founders, with Jeff Malherbe and Gregory Bolus being elected as Head and Deputy of the House for 2018.

Floreat Founders

Jeff Malherbe



SCHOOL HOUSE

FOLLOWING PAGE:

Luca Guerrini and
Bulelani Ngqukuvana

House Director: Leon Glanvill

Assistant House Director: Mervin Walsh

House Mother: Linda Koegelenberg

Tutors: Trudy Hoefnagels, Kevin Kruger, Keith Warne, Rodney Warwick

Head of House and Deputy Head of School

(boarders): Bulelani Ngqukuvana

Deputy Head of House: Luca Guerrini

The combined efforts of our new House Director Leon Glanvill and the top House Matric class, led by Bulelani Ngqukuvana and Luca Guerrini, ensured that the House enjoyed yet another pleasant year. The highlight was the School House cabaret.

The words of Mahatma Gandhi, 'Find yourself in the service of others,' rang true for us this year. Six Matrics earned Full Colours for leadership: Azariah Alexander, Reece Corbett, Tim Dendy Young, Ryan Good, Luca Guerrini and Bulelani Ngqukuvana. Mweya Ruider received the Lidderdale prize for considerateness and Matric pupil Tom Warren won the School House trophy

for demonstrating integrity, fellowship and leadership in the House. One of the highlights was to view the art portfolios of Bulelani Ngqukuvana, Tom Mudge and Matt du Plessis at the School House Gourmet Dinner. The Matrics presented the House with a beautiful bench that has pride of place in the quad.

The House remained a formidable force in the sporting arena. A number of boys started for the 1st XV rugby: Matt Norton, Matt du Plessis, Aydan Labuschagne, Terrence Pettersson and William Rose. William Rose represented the U17 SA rugby 7s and U17 Western Province rugby. Calvin-Ziegler Smith shone on the squash court and represented the Western Province U17 team. Bulelani Ngqukuvana and Liam Dicker enjoyed a productive season with the 1st XI hockey. Bulelani represented the Western Province U18 hockey team. Cameron Clark represented South Africa in sailing. Top House also made its mark in the 1st XI cricket with Liam Dicker, Aydan Labuschagne and Matt du Plessis, and John Grieve was selected for the 1st VIII rowing.



School House has always been involved in community work. Boys worked together to prepare in excess of 3000 sandwiches this year for Parkfields Primary School, Hanover Park. Azariah Alexander and Reece Corbett collected over 4000 items of clothing and set up a pop-up-shop in Athlone where people in need were invited to 'shop'. Other activities included hosting 42 young children for a day of fun and games, painting a house for one of the Bishops service staff, and collecting a trailer-load of items for Knysna fire victims.

Although the House did not achieve what it had hoped for during the Eisteddfod, it nevertheless proved to be a very constructive event as every boy was involved in some way. Peter Myburgh won the Best Actor award.

We are incredibly grateful to the parents for their generous support and funding of various projects

in the House. Most dormitories will be repainted in different colours as we move to make the space more homely. New shower heads were fitted in two of the bathrooms, and excess water is being collected and repurposed, in accordance with the Bishops sustainability drive.

Congratulations to Calvin-Ziegler Smith and Connor Price – head and deputy for 2018. We look forward to making the 118th year of this House's existence a happy and memorable one next year, as we see record member numbers.

Floreat School House.

Bulelani Ngqukuvana and Luca Guerrini

WHITE HOUSE

PAGE 154:

Jody Williams, Arthur Fisher and Jean-Andre Stroud holding the Eisteddfod Boarders Owl and the Prelim Owl

PAGE 155:

Justin Muller helping White House win Tug o' War on Founders Day
White House Boys

House Director: Jean Nolte

Assistant House Director: Willem Steyn

House Mother: Angela Fordham

Tutors: Jarred Bradley, Phil Court, Annen Kritzingen, John Lanser, Warwick Richter

Head of House: Arthur Fisher

Deputy Head of House: Jody Williams

It has been an amazing year for White House.

As a House, we have managed to build a sense of camaraderie and unity that has allowed us to tackle any adversities head on and bring to fruition the successes that we had hoped to achieve.

Led by a very capable Matric group, White House was able to nab the Heats Week trophy, which took immense organisational skills from our leaders, and great drive and determination from the rest of the boys. We came first, despite being the smallest-in-number House in the school but, unfortunately, we were not successful on Sports Day. In spite of our best efforts, we finished in a less than desirable position. But, as our Matric leader took this on the chin and

came back stronger, so as a House, we followed suit. And we did come back stronger!

We, as White House men, pride ourselves on our strength, as is evident from our many tug-of-war victories in previous years. In a valiant effort from some of the White House men, we managed to secure the Tug-of-War trophy in the junior age group. After this, the seniors decided that they were not going to be outdone by the juniors and made it their goal to get their hands on the senior trophy, and so they did, yet again.

Along with our physical prowess, White House men also display a sense of honed cultural discipline, as is proven by our recent success in this year's Eisteddfod. While not securing a podium finish, White House did manage to take two Owls home – one being the Preliminaries Owl, again despite being the smallest-in-number House. The other was the Boarders' Owl. This year, we had a great feeling of accomplishment after Eisteddfod; a somewhat foreign feeling to White House men in recent years.

At Inter-House sports, White House won the junior soccer.

Even though we pride ourselves on being a team and celebrate the victories we achieve as a House, there are some individuals who have achieved extraordinary things on their own. Dayaan Cassiem played for the South African men's hockey side. Justin Muller and David Courie played provincial rugby, with Justin captaining the Western Province Academy Week side.

Finally, David Nivison has played water polo at an international level. All of these achievements are not to be taken lightly and only add to the value of an already great House.

We, as the boys, will focus on doing our best in whatever we do – for the sake of progress, for the sake of White House!

Dean Jacobs and Logan Tait



GRAY HOUSE

House Director: Joc Wrench
Assistant House Directors: John Holtman and John Knight
Tutors: Donovan Abrey, Cheryl Gammon, Rhoda Manie, Caleb Nel, Wayne Tucker
Head of House: Felix Burt
Deputy Head of House: Lloyd Wood

As yet another year in this House’s long history draws to a close, it is time to look back at some of the highlights that saw the House reach new heights. With Eisteddfod victories and many other achievements under our belt, we have enjoyed a year busier than any other. While the hype of such victories was enjoyed, the boys still managed to maintain the special atmosphere that is enjoyed by all.

The year began on a high note as we placed an uncharacteristic second on Sports Day. This effort was largely due to both the organisational and physical endeavour shown by athletics captains Richard Wellington and Ross Goodwin. The highlight of the day for Gray was undoubtedly the win by the 4x100m U19 relay team, with three of the members taking first

place in individual races too – Murray Bruce for the 100m and long jump, Richard Wellington for the 200m, and Ross Goodwin for the 400m (Felix Burt completed the relay quartet). These three boys were also awarded Full Colours for athletics. The group narrowly missed breaking the longstanding record by just 0.1 seconds.

Rowing has also traditionally been strong in Gray with numerous boys representing the House at various regattas in different boats, all ably led by Oliver Innes as captain of rowing, who earned his Full Colours this year.

Term 1 also saw strong performance of many of our boys in the water polo arena with Gregor John, Joe Kirsten, Jock Buchanan and James Morritt-Smith all representing the school at the annual Mazinta Cup. James earned his century tie for playing more than 100 games for the 1st team. Joe Kirsten, Jock Buchanan, Kieraan Meyer and James Morritt-Smith were all selected for provincial teams later on in the year.

Some notable performances in cricket included two centuries each from Lukhanyo Mntonintshi (2nd XI) and

Jono Bird (1st XI), as well as five-wicket hauls by Tom Bester and Gerard Murray-Cooke (twice). Max Harrison and Rob Moubray went on to win the Inter-House surfing competition, their second win in a row and the fifth year in a row that Gray has won.

Gray House had a large number of leaders in school sport: Oliver Innes (rowing), Jack Belcher (sailing), Max Harrison (surfing for the second year), Richard Wellington and Ross Goodwin (athletics), Lloyd Wood (tennis), James Morritt-Smith (swimming) and Felix Burt (vice-captain of rugby).

The year continued with strong performances within the broader sporting world with more than 10 boys playing for first teams. Some of the highlights included Malachy Barbour and Jock Buchanan being selected for the WP hockey teams; Aidan Burns and Brandon Snider being selected for WP squash teams; Shaun O’Brien and Nic McAdam being awarded WP Colours for rowing; and Ross Goodwin’s iconic performance in the Bishops vs Bosch derby.

Alongside the strong sporting performance, the House was also very well represented in the cultural field with John van Niekerk, Jack Paine and Matt Tate all being involved in the outstanding performance of the school play, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*. The House then carried this through to the ever-popular Eisteddfod later on in the year.

This year’s effort was tirelessly led by the Matric group as a whole, but specifically Lloyd Wood, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Campbell Hennessy and Jack Belcher. The House saw a wide variety of strong results from a multitude of boys ranging from a House full of first-team sportsmen, to our ever-present brass band and flute ensemble, and a young John Smith who

was involved in no fewer than 10 different events. Congratulations also to John van Niekerk who directed the House play and won the Best Director award. All of these efforts culminated in Gray House claiming the Speech Owl, the Music Owl, and the overall Eisteddfod Owl. These results left boys chanting well into the evening.

No fewer than ten boys were also awarded their ensemble ties with notable performances coming from Jack Belcher, Matt van Westenbrugge and Okuhle Minyi of Simply Blue, the school’s a cappella group. Jack Belcher and Matt van Westenbrugge were also awarded Full Colours for music. This year also saw the spectacular *Classic Pops*. As always, there was a strong representation of Gray House boys in ensembles, choirs and orchestras. The concert’s wide range of diversity was clearly shown with the solos of both Matt van Westenbrugge and Jack Belcher, performing Feeling Good and Oh Danny Boy respectively. Jack Belcher and John Smith both went on to participate in the final round of the Johann Vos Music Competition, with Jack winning the senior woodwind section and John placing second in the junior piano section.

The House continued to show its strength in the academic field with ten boys being awarded academic ties. Angus Kennedy-Smith, Richard Wellington and Thomas Janisch all earned their academic jerseys too. The House offered strong performances in debating and public speaking and an unprecedented highlight was the selection of John van Niekerk, Thomas Janisch (chairperson of debating) and John Smith to tour to Canada for the International Independent Debating and Public Speaking Competition. Brandon Snider and Thomas Janisch were selected for Ten Club.

The main theme of the House’s achievements this year was the continuous variety of performances throughout, including in fields outside of Bishops. This was shown in the likes of WP go-karting (Andrew Rackstraw), SA clay pigeon shooting (Zak Cadiz), triathlon (Cameron Parker-Forsyth) and table tennis and tennis (Luke Dawson at the International Transplant Games). The year also saw four boys achieve their service ties by providing service to the school in hockey and rugby umpiring.

As the year draws to a close we bid farewell to our current Matrics. This diverse group of 23 boys was ably led by Felix Burt (Head of House) and Lloyd Wood (Deputy Head), and nine of them spent the full 13 years at Bishops from Grade R in 2005 to Matric this year. The year 2017 has been a triumphant one and has set the bar high for the men of Gray House.

Okuhle Minyi and Matt van Westenbrugge



ABOVE CLOCKWISE:
Gray Matrics with Owls; Leadership team for 2018; Eisteddfod Play

RIGHT:
Friday Braai Day; Winning 4x100m Relay Team



OGILVIE HOUSE

House Director: Glen Gibbon

Assistant House Directors: Graham Robertson, Burgert Maree

Tutors: Caroline Bester, Olga Peel, Dave Russell, Jacky Withers, Mike Withers

Head of House: Jamie Diggie

Deputy Head of House: Stephane Pienaar

The start of 2017 saw Ogilvie hit the ground running as they managed to regain the Sports Day trophy. In addition to the continued tradition of success on Sports Day, the House achieved a new success in the form of the Relay Sports trophy. Special mention must go to Elyas Ayyoub, Samuel Rudston and Finley Knight who won their events. Ogilvie athletes' success on Sports Day resulted in many being chosen to represent Bishops in the Triangular. One must single out the individual efforts of Tom Barty and Elyas Ayyoub who were placed first in their respective middle-distance events. Finley Knight won his field event too. In light of an excellent athletics season, Tom was awarded Half Colours for athletics.

With the success of Term 1, Ogilvie was determined to amend the result of the previous year in the Bishops

TOP:
Jamie Diggie and Stephane Pienaar at Sports Day

BOTTOM:
Ogilvie Senior Tug o' War

Eisteddfod. We entered the event with high hopes and great enthusiasm. However, the outcome resulted in Ogilvie being placed second, missing out on first place by a mere four points. Despite this, every boy gave of his very best, either through participation or constant support. Particular achievements include first place in movement (choreographed by Stephane Pienaar) and a strong representation in the piano, clarinet and strings categories, with Theodore Psillos and Kwangbem Ko winning gold diplomas in these respective events.

Other cultural achievements include the awarding of ensemble ties to James Halle, Junho Ko, Christopher Kotze, Angus Longmore, Theodore Psillos, Nivar Rajoo and Peter Thacker. Half Colours for music were awarded to Nicholas Gleeson and Francois Breytenbach, while Theodore Psillos was awarded Full Colours. Peter Thacker received Half Colours for visual arts. In the recent Pieter Kooi Music Competition, Kwangbem Ko was named a finalist on violin. Rory Schram must be congratulated on achieving two distinctions (a mark above 90%) for his Grade 2 and 3 Trinity School Drum Exams, and Robert Dugmore achieved a distinction in his ABRSM (Associated

Board of the Royal Schools of Music) Grade 5 theory exam. Tristan Turner's artwork was included in the final 83 works selected worldwide for the 6th International Children and Youth Art Exhibition in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Kwangbem Ko amazed us by entering a post-Grade 8 music practical examination, the Diploma examination of the Royal Schools of Music, London. This diploma is a professional qualification and one that people ordinarily would only attempt when studying music at university level. Kwangbem not only passed this examination, but did so with distinction – a phenomenal achievement!

Ogilvie was well represented in the academic and cultural aspects of school life after the mid-year exams. At the first assembly of Term 3, academic jerseys were awarded to Nicholas Featherstone, Robert Dugmore, Lawrence Mort and Julian Mort, and academic ties to Richard Baikoff, Tom Barty and Ross Tudhope. In the recent National Olympiads, Ogilvie had many boys who performed exceptionally well, with Stephane Pienaar placing 20th in the country for the National



Science Olympiad (life sciences) and Kwangbem Ko ranking in the top 100 of both the English Olympiad and the National Science Olympiad. In the SAASTA National Science Debating competition, Nivar Rajoo, Tristan Smith and Karl Stapelberg, made up the Bishops team that entered, and they managed to reach the provincial finals where they finished in third place.

The following boys received an All Rounder's tie: Ciaran Manca, Francois Breytenbach, Julian Mort, Ross Tudhope, Peter Thacker, Angus Longmore and Nivar Rajoo. Nivar must also be congratulated on being accepted into the Ten Club for 2018. Tristan Turner was elected as secretary of SRF and Chris Kotzeas deputy head of GIN. Ogilvie also showed its colours at the annual prize-giving with many Ogilvie boys making an appearance on the awards list. Special mention must go to Ben Halle (Grade 8) who won the art prize; Robert Dugmore (Grade 9) who achieved second-in-grade and won numerous subject prizes; Tim Kotze (Grade 9) for winning the technology and art prizes; Murray Gordon (Grade 10) who placed third-in-grade and won the economics prize; Matt Marr (Grade 10) who won the drama prize; Nivar Rajoo (Grade 11) who won both the mathematics and AP mathematics prizes; Tom Barty (Grade 11) for winning the accounting prize; Kwangbem Ko (Grade 12) for achieving third-in-grade and numerous subject prizes; Nicholas Featherstone (Grade 12) who won the Michael Cameron computer prize; Kwangbem Ko also won the piano prize, the instrumentalist prize and the Brian Guillemard prize for contribution to music in the school; and Stephane Pienaar (Grade 12) for winning the prize for most improved musician.

On the sporting front, there have been many notable successes throughout the year. Ogilvie continued its success in the fencing by beating Mallett in

the Inter-House final. Alaric McGregor won Best Swordsman (foil) and Jamie Diggle was presented with the service cup. In light of the recent victories in fencing, Jamie Diggle was awarded Half Colours, whilst Nicholas Featherstone achieved a service tie for his contribution. Alaric McGregor and Angus Longmore continued the success in the FWC Eden competition where they both achieved a bronze in the U20 foil division. Ogilvie grasped the Inter-House rowing trophy for the first time. Stephane Pienaar again amazed the school with his external rowing achievements. Honourable mentions must go to Daniel Nelson who was awarded his Half Colours for hockey and Chris Clark who was chosen to represent the U16A Western Province hockey side. Gregor Bell and Richard Biakoff must be noted on their season for the 1st XI cricket – both were outstanding contributors and special mention must go to Gregor Bell for scoring a hundred in a T20 match. Murray Gordon was selected to represent the South African national fly-fishing team that participated in the 16th Cortland World Youth Fly Fishing Championships in Slovenia. The following boys are to be congratulated for being chosen to represent their province in squash: Ibrahim Kerbelker (U19), Nick Gleeson (U16), Matthew Reid (U14) and Aidan Burns (U14). In light of this Nick Gleeson was awarded Half Colours, and Ibrahim Kerbelker achieved Full Colours. Matthew Reid played at Number 1 for the WP U14s and is to be congratulated on being selected as one of the top seven SA players in his age group. Congratulations to Siya Sonja and Reece Meyer for being part of the winning Villagers Sevens team that beat Paarl Gim in the final. Siya made a try-saving tackle, or rather a trophy-saving tackle, in the dying minutes of the final.

Although these performances listed above are fantastic, there were a few boys who stood out in particular for their outstanding achievements. Junho



ABOVE: Ross Tudhope clears the bar at Sports Day

Ko was awarded a distinction tie for representing South Africa in the International Science Expo held in Texas, USA, where he was awarded a bronze medal for his efforts. Alaric McGregor was selected to represent South Africa in the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships in Bulgaria in April, for which he was awarded a distinction tie. Kwangbem Ko was the soloist in the *Bishops Classic Pops* this year. After hard work, he absolutely nailed Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor. Another impressive achievement was that of Stephane Pienaar. Stephane was determined to beat the 24-hour world rowing record of 265km. With the support of his peers, family and coaches, on 25 August 2017, he managed to set a new world record of 267 km at the Bishops Heatlie Pavilion! As well as breaking the world record,

Stephane managed to raise R1.2 million for the Make A Difference Leadership Foundation, a non-profit organisation that aims to provide academically talented scholars with leadership development opportunities.

With the victories and success of Ogilvie, one must pay tribute to the enthusiasm and passion of the whole group, supported by the dedication of our great tutors and Alfred. It has been a phenomenal last year for Ogilvie House Director Glen Gibbon.

Theodore Psillos and Tom Barty

KIDD HOUSE

House Director: Graeme Klerck

Assistant House Directors: Alex van Selm and Gerry Noel

Tutors: Stephen Carletti, Cheryl Douglas, Ruan Ellis, Fiona Mallett, Dean Sudding

Head of School: Christian Rohrer

Head of House and Deputy Head of School

(dayboys): Michael Burton

Deputy Head: Ross Tucker

From the sports field to the stage, Kidd House has blossomed under the leadership of one of our finest Matric groups. Full leadership Colours were awarded to Christian Rohrer, Michael Burton, Ross Tucker and Mitesh Valodia.

‘What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.’

Throughout the course of 2017, the truth of the late Nelson Mandela’s words forged a place in all our minds and hearts. The unexpected diagnoses of

TOP:
Relay Sports Victors: Imad Khan, Luke Parker, Ben Forsyth and Ilyaz Arnold

BOTTOM:
Grade 9 Dinner

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Christian Rohrer and Mrs Douglas were a shock to us all, and shifted our priorities to what really matters. The strength and positivity displayed by Christian and Mrs Douglas remind us to live each day with courage, and to lead a life of significance.

Our fine young men who were acknowledged for this ethos at prize-giving were Will Linley for good fellowship and integrity, Nicholas da Costa for considerateness, Ross Tucker for integrity and Christian Rohrer for compassion, sensitivity and friendliness.

New Student Representative Forum Leaders, in order of respective grades, will be Paul Malherbe, Jono Bateman, Kieran Seggie, and Andrew Knight. We thank the Grade 11s who served on the Public Relations Group: Thomas Coombe, Andrew Knight, Nicholas Peile and Nicholas Vine-Morris.

As the year draws to a close and we pay tribute, saying thanks and farewell to the Matrics of 2017, it’s worth noting that the most expensive tie on campus – the 13-year tie – was awarded to: Nicholas Bowden, Kimon

Buhler, Michael Burton, Marco Lanfranchi, Cayden Marquis, Nqoyi Mputa, Christian Rohrer, Andile Themba, Mitesh Valodia, David Wesson and Dylan Wingfield.

Reflecting back to the start of the year, our Grade 8s brought with them much energy and have certainly not disappointed. Winning the junior Inter-House hockey and placing first in the medley relay at Relay Sports, there was definitely sporting promise shown by Ben Forsyth, Luke Parker, Jody Whittaker and Donald Wilkin in athletics; Christian Morris, Luca Nicholson and Daniel Nelson in rowing; Imad Kahn in hockey and Gus Forara and Max Rebe in cricket. Special mention must go to Kai de Klerk who has excelled in and represented South Africa in the international karate arena.

Energy, commitment and spectacular skill on the sporting front led to some distinguished results: The Kidd senior Inter-House squash team was led to victory by Glenn Yates, who was selected as captain of squash, re-awarded Full Colours for squash, received the Speciality prize for smaller sports, and was rated as the highest-ranking



SA squash player in his age group. Michael Burton was the vice-captain of the 1st XI hockey and received Full Colours in addition to being awarded Hockey Sportsman of the Year and the athletics prize. David Naudé was announced captain of climbing and was a finalist in the Cape Town Schools' Sportsman of the Year. He competed in The World Championships in Innsbruck and Munich, and was selected to represent South Africa at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires – a true 'rock' star! Aiden Murphy was awarded the swimming Victor Ludorum. Christian Garry lunged his way to a victorious Gold Badge and fencing Colours. Adam Suliaman earned a place in the Karate World Champs in Sweden 2018. Nic Bowden won the Fellowship cup for sportsmanship in rowing, and William Bromley was appointed vice captain of rowing and won a bronze medal in the SA Rowing Championships. Tom Burton was appointed captain of the 1st XI cricket. Stefano Fernandes is the next captain of canoeing. Andile Themba received Half Colours for rowing, Charlie Yates received Half Colours for squash, and Marco Lanfranchi was awarded Half Colours for hockey.

The following boys must also be commended on their sporting prowess: Christian Rohrer in indoor hockey, David Allardice in tennis, Greg Medcalf in squash, Michael Wesson in athletics and cricket, Rob Young in water polo and Ian Sherwood and Brandon Thomas in cricket. Just to prove that Kidd House really does have a niche for everyone, we must commend Shirag Maharaj, who won the Gauteng Men's Championships in eSports.

In recognition of outstanding academic success, we congratulate Angus Thring (now in Founders), who led the charge by winning the prestigious OD Merit and Writer's prize, flanked by Gabriel Makin for

English reading, and Aedan Foulkes for environmental studies. Liam Foxcroft placed second in Grade 10, and received the prize for science and IT. Andrew Low placed third in Grade 9 as well as winning the history prize. Gus Farara placed first in Grade 8 and received the prize for LO, EMS, biology and history. Gabriel Dyszell-Hofinger placed second in Grade 8 and won the maths prize.

The following boys must also be commended on their academic success: our English scholarship recipient, Paul Malherbe, won the English prize, Thomas Warner (maths and French), William Vine-Morris (maths), Nicholas Bowden (science), and Ross Tucker and Brandon Thomas (general good effort). Michael de Kock, Marco Lanfranchi, Jono Bateman, Andrew Low and Ian Sherwood received their academic ties, and Christian Rohrer received his academic jersey.

To celebrate the exemplary cultural performances displayed in Kidd House, the Performance of the Year award was given to Nicholas Peile, for placing first in Persuasive Speech at Nationals, and winning Top Overseas Speaker in Canada. Joshua Mol won the International After-Dinner Speaking category and was placed second-best International Speaker in Canada, and was also selected to represent South Africa at Championships in 2018. Ross Tucker was awarded the Senior Kidd cup and Jonty Wright the Junior Kidd cup for acting – our very own Hollywood sensation! Gabriel Makin received his distinction tie for public speaking as well as Full Colours and a service tie for debating. The school play, *One Flew over The Cuckoo's Nest*, was a huge success and featured Nic da Costa, William Linley, Nicholas Peile and Ross Tucker.

We enjoyed a magnificent display of talent at this year's Eisteddfod and came in as runner-up for the



Preliminary, Drama, Singing, and Overall Performance Owls. Joshua Mol was announced Head of Simply Blue for 2018, and Charlie Yates, William Linley and Nicholas Peile were selected to be part of the group. Musical applause goes to Liam Foxcroft, Adam Motala and William Linley, who received music Half Colours. Ensemble ties were awarded to Cameron Braune, Joshua Mol, Stefano Fernandes, Alex Rodinis, and William Bromley.

Holding the Kidd House name up high were Liam Foxcroft, Josh Jacobs, William Linley and Charlie Yates, who were proudly sent off to their respective exchange schools.

Reaching out to the community is a vital component of the wellbeing of Kidd House. Special thanks go to the 21 Kidd boys who hosted the Sisanda Connect Day this year at the Science Centre, investing their time in the lives of underprivileged children. In the name of teamwork and goodwill, Thomas Coombe, Aedan Foulkes and James Shuttleworth took part in the Unogwaja ten-day cycle for charity. James Shuttleworth is a true activist who made a significant difference raising funds for the Hout Bay fire disaster,

using his droning skills to wage war against rhino poaching, and was chosen for the Dragon Leadership initiative trekking the Himalayas. In addition, the Kidd young men who have attained the President's Award, showing a willingness to take up a challenge and persevere, are Mitesh Valodia and Michael Burton who received their gold awards, and Christian Garry, Joshua Mol, and Nicholas Vine-Morris who received their bronze awards.

At Kidd we endeavor to create an environment where a mix of talent, passion and hard work can be rewarded in a diverse array of interests. Our compliments go to Nic Bowden and David Laubser who received Full Colours for visual arts; Cameron Braun who received a tie for services to AV; Slaide Marquis for service to chapel; Nicholas Peile for service to library; and Andrew Knight for his loyalty and contribution to the African Relations society.

The Head of House for 2018 is Joshua Mol and the Deputy Head of House is Aedan Foulkes.

Joshua Mol

BIRT HOUSE

House Director: Trevor Pasquallie

Assistant House Directors: Ronald Jacobs and Campbell Smith

Tutors: Gloria Bassett, Peter Hyslop, Andrea Rutter, Anne Stevens and James Swift

Head of House: Brandon Burke

Deputy Head of House: Joshua Passmore

Birt was privileged to have a very successful year on the Inter-House sporting stage. This success spread into the academic and cultural spheres too. As a House, we were awarded Best Academic Performance, and we had the Best Academic Performing Grade, the Grade 11s. At prize-giving Birt House boys received three first-in-grade positions, as well as two third-in-grade, and the OD All Rounder's prize. Two of our Matrics won first and second prize at the awarding of the inaugural ODU Sophy Gray prize. The new boys of 2017 also managed to reclaim the Frank Reid Shield for the heritage test. A great performance at Eisteddfod this year saw us come first in the Inter-House singing and second in the movement. Birt took first place for the Visual Arts Owl, as well as third for both the Speech and Music Owls.

TOP:
Matrics enjoying pizzas at the Birt Safari

BOTTOM:
Grade 8 winners of the Heritage Test shield, seen here with Brandon Burke and Ryan Acton

On the sporting front, the senior basketball and golf teams won their Inter-House competitions, while Birt placed third in the water polo and swimming competitions. Our swimmers broke six records on the day. Sports Day saw Birt House coming fourth in a tightly contested day of athletics. This year Birt House has also produced Captains of College Sport in rugby, water polo and rowing.

We also celebrated many individual successes this past year, with boys shining on the international stages in public speaking, debating, science fairs, swimming, rowing and music.

From these results, it is clear that Birt House possesses strength across the board and this leaves us with an aura of excitement for what 2018 has in store for the House.

Floreat Birt!

Ryan Labberté



MALLETT HOUSE

House Director: Marion Gardner

Assistant House Directors: Sean Henchie, Jenny Campbell

Tutors: Angus Firth, Yaasien Kerbelker, Sue McPetrie, Sharief Petersen, Michael Vamvadelis

Head of House: Sanele Myosi

Deputy Head of House: Nikolaos Tapanlis

Success is often measured by what you achieve!

We were keen to continue the House's tradition of success, but we wanted to be remembered not just for what we did, but for the men we were as we did it. Whether we failed or succeeded, we wanted to be judged by how we treated others at the highest and lowest points.

The Matrics led the House in a spirited and laudable manner, and Mallett was an intimate and supportive

environment for all the boys. We focused on establishing and achieving our goals in a committed and enthusiastic manner. We produced a remarkable Inter-House singing performance, swam to victory at the Inter-House gala and won the Inter-House hockey. We achieved podium placements in water polo, fencing, soccer and on Sports Day.

Under the leadership of Nikolaos Tapanlis, Gunther Cloete and Benedict Chetwin we attempted to incorporate every member of the House in the Eisteddfod process and achieved record numbers of Eisteddfod preliminary entries.

Ma force d'en haut.

Sanele Mayosi

RIGHT:
Mallett House arrives at Sports Day



EPIC et al



EPIC

The Bishops Epic is an annual College event that is organised for Grade 10 boys. It takes them through a series of activities and bases in the Cederberg, which tests them both physically and mentally, and which allows them to appreciate the landscape as well as the people and history of the area.

Epic is a whole-school experience in that the Grade 10s are fully supported on their journey, especially so by staff, who have each – at one point or another – also participated in Epic. We also acknowledge the

fantastic back-up we receive from all quarters of our broader school community and the hard work that so many individuals put in to ensure that Epic runs smoothly.

There were a number of issues that made planning the 2017 event considerably more challenging than in previous years. We were not allowed to use the central wilderness area (including the Cracks, the Arch, Tafelberg and Crystal Pool) because of the December fires and the lack of rain; there were concerns about water; we had to share the remaining space on the mountains with Wynberg Boys' High and, along with Wynberg, had to reorganise eight of our 10 hiking routes; we were apprehensive about the Grade 10 group dynamic; and fewer students were available to help us with hiking and at the bases.

When embarking on Epic, illness and injury are always factors that need to be kept in mind. But this Epic saw us busy with illnesses and injuries every day for the first 13 days – something we've not yet experienced in our 11-year history. Three boys had to leave early

due to mumps, two of whom returned right at the end. And another could not finish due to a combination of glandular fever and tonsillitis. We thank WildMedix, not only for their hard work during Epic, but also for how they helped prepare the boys in the week prior. We were impressed by the manner in which the boys reported any problems, which allowed for a speedy and efficient evacuation of patients.

It was sad to see the dam so empty, but this did not prevent the boys from doing their usual water activities. In fact, in preparation for possibly losing water-skiing, we purchased some stand-up paddle boards – so we added to the activities on offer at Waterbase!

The change to the routes gave us easier access to groups on their solo hikes and this played in our favour due to the lack of students this year. We had quite a few boys who, for various





reasons, were not able to carry their full backpacks and in the past, we would use students to act as 'donkeys' to carry extra for those who were not able to. The fact that routes were close to, or on, gravel roads, particularly on the solo hikes, meant that a number of injured boys could walk with their groups as we had vehicular access in order to collect and drop off bags.

One of the joys of Epic is the work we do at Grootkloof and Elizabethfontein Primary Schools, both situated in the area. A huge effort was made by the moms, under the leadership of Sue Beaumont, with arranging craft activities at the schools, both of which were grateful to the Bishops community for its generous donations. It was also exciting to see the improvements made to the jungle gym at Grootkloof Primary (thanks to

Jeremy Stewart for his donation of the rubber matting) and the work done at Elizabethfontein, which included the construction of a jungle gym donated by the Hooper family, and the paving of an area surrounding an outdoor chess set. Tyrone Adams, a Bishops staff member, did a sterling job of managing our participation at both schools.

We are also very excited that Bishops was able to donate funds to Elizabethfontein Primary that were used towards the building of a new Grade R classroom. The majority of the funds were from the sale of cards painted by Michael Beckurts during the Epic in 2016. Michael's aim is to raise R200 000 and we are a quarter of the way there!



Epic means different things to different people. Some battled with aspects of Epic where others didn't. Some thought they would battle but instead sailed through. The overwhelming sense we got, not just from thanks already expressed, but from seeing the boys, is that Epic works and works well. Once again, I want to compliment the boys on their fantastic Epic. While it might be over, the memories, lessons learnt and friendships made will always remain.

At the breakfast in Citrusdal, I congratulated the group on exceeding our expectations by a country mile! It was wonderful to travel around the Epic and not only interact with positive, happy boys, but to chat to staff and hear from them how impressed they were by the group in their care. In our preparation with

staff, we continually emphasised the importance of remembering that for each of these boys, this was his first Epic and, for this particular group, it was necessary that a number 'found their voices'.

Thanks too to the many parents who were so generous in so many different ways and the fact that all of you entrusted your sons into our care. It is a wonderful responsibility and opportunity.

Graham Robertson
Epic Director

EXCHANGE

Teacher-in-charge: Phil Court

This year 32 Grade 10s were selected to spend a term away at one of our exchange partner schools.

Most of the boys went on exchange in Term 4, and hosted incoming exchange boys throughout the year. Boys selected included:

- Liam Foxcroft – The Hotchkiss School, USA
- Jack Rowand – Wanganui Collegiate, NZ
- James Howard – Pembroke, Australia
- Tristan Turner – St Peter’s College, Australia
- Aadam Abrahams – Virgen de Europa School, Madrid, Spain
- Alex van Hoogstraten – Dean Close, UK
- Alexander Russell – Geelong Grammar School, Australia
- Ben Cragg – Culford, UK
- Euan Musselwhite – Haileybury, UK
- Hamish Mckenzie – Providence Day School, USA
- Jack Beare – Rijnlands Lyceum, Holland
- Jack Clayton – Framlingham College, UK
- Joshua Elliot – The Scots College, Australia
- Joshua Gray – The Lawrence School, India
- Joshua Jacobs – The Lawrence School, India
- Julian Dower – Private Wirtschaftsschule Begemann, Germany
- Kyle Beley – Kent’s Hill, USA

- Luca Liebenberg – Llandoverly College, Wales
- Matt Marr – Lancaster Country Day School, USA
- Max Martin – Gilman School, USA
- Max Tedder – Rijnlands Lyceum, Holland
- Nic Gleeson – Baylor Academy, USA
- Paul David – Orchard College, Chile
- Reece Oellermann – The Doon School, India
- Rory Schram – Belmont Hill, USA
- Ross Tudhope – King’s Bruton, UK
- Rushay Shiba – Schweizerische Alpine Mittelschule, Davos, Switzerland
- Sachin Chagan – Christ Church Grammar, Perth, Australia
- Simon Craig – Colegio Anglo Colombiano, Colombia
- Tom Liefeldt – King William’s College, Isle of Man
- Tom Slaven – Episcopal Academy, USA
- William Linley – Montgomery Bell Academy, USA

Liam Foxcroft had the following to say about his time at The Hotchkiss School:

‘We had an orientation day to get familiar with our surroundings, learn a bit of history about Hotchkiss and to make sure we had all the necessary equipment for school before our first day began. Hotchkiss is situated in Connecticut, close to the border of New York State. It is isolated, with the closest city being a two-hour drive away. The school is surrounded by forests, farmland and other natural landscape as for as one can see, and boasts a nine-hole golf course and Connecticut’s deepest lake on campus. It is a co-ed boarding school and hosts around 600 students from all over the world from Grades 9 to 12. Everyone is prepared to work hard in order to maintain high standards and to earn their spot at one of America’s top universities. Exchange students are treated no differently and we all had to work hard to keep up with the students.

The teaching style was very interactive and there were about 10 students in each class; we all sat around the same table and had a discussion led by the teacher. We always had to read and write essays for homework, and did very few tests. Hotchkiss takes great pride in their humanities programme and I thoroughly enjoyed the work I did in Philosophy, English and History.

Another highlight was playing in the Junior Varsity (2nd) Ultimate Frisbee team. Playing a sport I had never seen or heard of in South Africa in a co-ed environment was definitely a memorable experience, and I had great fun at the practices and games. I was also fortunate enough to watch the New York Yankees play the Miami Marlins in New York.

Being at a boarding school was also a new experience for me. Most students had their own rooms and lived on a floor with eight to 12 other students and one staff member. Every floor had two ‘proctors’ who made sure the students worked during study hall and were in bed before lights out. There were societies, movies, plays, music recitals and so much more to attend throughout the day.

My exchange to Hotchkiss was truly a life-changing experience and no essay could ever do it justice. It has definitely been the highlight of my high-school career thus far and I feel extremely fortunate to have attended such an amazing institution.’

Phil Court

ACTIVITIES WEEK

Once again, the Grade 9s ended their year by taking part in various activities around the Western Cape and one further afield. Owing to much better rainfall up country, we were able to organise the annual Orange River trip, and the 30-plus boys who participated enjoyed four hot days rafting with Gravity Adventures.

As in previous years, Gravity Adventures also ran camps in the Kogelberg Nature Reserve and the West Coast National Park. At Kogelberg the boys abseiled, tubed down the Palmiet River and hiked, while those attending the West Coast camp mountain biked, hiked and kayaked on the Langebaan Lagoon.

Twelve boys accompanied Mr Mallett, Miss Mallett and Mr Noel to Elands Bay for a surf camp. Will Makin

comments: 'Mr Mallett scoured the Grade 9 ranks for the boys with the longest hair and most tanned skin to take on the surfing adventure. These fortunate few headed off on the N7 to the buzzing metropolis of Elands Bay, where, rumour has it, you can find Mr Noel snaking waves from even the locals. The evening sports consisted of cut-throat games of charades and 30 Seconds, which saw the sad losers sporting bikinis and tiaras on our next surfing escapade. The last supper at the Wit Mossel Pot consisted of gourmet fish and chips and cheese burgers and Mr Noel singing "Hotel California".'

A record number of 11 boys signed up for Mr Knight's Knysna mountain-biking trip, where they spent a number of days exploring the trails in and around the forest.

TOP:
Bishops helped fund this operation on the foot of an injured female rhino

BOTTOM:
Surf camp

Two exciting, yet very different, activities were added to this year's line-up. Leon Glanvill took 14 boys to Amakhosi Game Reserve in KZN on a brown hyena research trip, which gave the boys the opportunity to track animals on foot with two highly qualified rangers. The boys were also involved in setting camera traps to assist in further research, as well as a bird-ringing programme.

The second of the new activities was a three-day entrepreneurial workshop, organised by Mr Smith and run by a company called Over The Rainbow. Held at Little Stream Conference Centre & Tea Garden in Constantia, this was not as physically challenging as the other options, but proved to be a fun-filled experience that taught valuable business skills. The workshop guided the boys through the fundamental elements of starting a successful business, and culminated with them pitching their business ideas to a panel of judges on the third and final day.

Barry Emms



OUTREACH PROGRAMME (CIVICS)

All Grade 10 learners are involved in the Outreach Programme (Civics). Eight educators, three stooges and ten facilitators make up the staff complement. Once a week, for an hour (or two hours in some cases), the learners are linked with various organisations in a bid to bridge the cultural and economic divide, and to introduce them to youngsters from all walks of life. The organisations that benefit from the Outreach Programme have unlimited use of the Bishops recreational, educational and sporting facilities.

- The following organisations benefit from Bishops Outreach:
- Vera School for Autistic Children (Rondebosch East): A group of Bishops boys visits the school every week to liaise, facilitate and engage with the children.
 - Little Explorers (crèche in Wynberg) and Spine Road Educare Centre (Mitchell’s Plain): Little Explorers and Spine Road are impoverished crèches that cater for children under the age of six. The Grade 10s are involved in many activities ranging from playing sport to reading and painting.
 - St Paul’s Primary School (Schotsche Kloof, Cape Town) experiences a unique dilemma. The children are left idle from the end of the school day to the

- time they are picked up by their parents. The chess coaching teaches valuable skills and keeps the children occupied for at least one afternoon in the week.
- Masiphumelele Primary School: The SMILE Programme works in conjunction with The Rotary Foundation, and 75 children from Masiphumelele Primary visit Bishops every week to receive English Literacy tuition conducted by trained facilitators. Bishops boys are used to strengthen the concepts taught through role play, recitation, song and dance.
- LEAP School (Science and Mathematics School in Pinelands): 130 learners from LEAP, ranging from Grades 9 to 11, visit Bishops. They are involved in an array of activities that include life saving and swimming, music lessons (marimba, guitar), first aid/ fire fighting, art, sport, debating, learner licence classes and an array of board games.
- SARDA (South African Riding for the Disabled Association): A group of our boys live out their passion

- by assisting the facilitators of SARDA every week in the pursuit of providing therapeutic and recreational horse riding for people with disabilities.
- A number of other primary schools, as well as groups of patients at Red Cross Hospital, are visited every week. Sandwiches, juice and something sweet are handed out to people in need. Boys prepare the sandwiches on a Thursday for distribution on a Friday. We also liaise at times during the year with the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme.
- The Outreach group has also joined hands with Save Our Seas and is involved in beach cleaning around the Peninsula.
- These activities are all truly worthwhile and I hope that the exposure the Grade 10 boys receive will make an everlasting difference in their lives.
- Ronald Jacobs*



SPORT

SPORT

PREVIOUS:

Winter and Summer Sports

Deputy Headmaster Sport: Warren Wallace

Sport at Bishops provides boys with an opportunity to find a balance in their lives away from the core business of academics. It is for this reason that Bishops offers a variety of sports and a well-structured experience for boys of all abilities, the recreational, aspiring, as well as the elite sportsman. Through the sports programme boys have the opportunity to learn about themselves, while learning to work together with team mates and learning to respect the opposition.

Our sports programme aims to integrate aspects of the academic discipline through learning skills and tactical knowledge; generates positive life skills, and exposes the boys to the broader community beyond the walls of Bishops. We encourage the attitude of involvement as a school, while we accommodate

and support the elite athlete in his aspirations, but remain flexible enough to address the aspirations of individuals.

Our conditioning programme aims to prepare the boys physically for any challenge, sporting or otherwise. The school has its own biokineticist, supported by an onsite physiotherapist, who consults with injured players and organises rehabilitation programmes, thereby looking after the boys' general well-being.

At Bishops, sport continues to be important and we are constantly looking for ways to remain competitive, while maintaining the proper balance with the academic and cultural programmes.

National representation continues to accrue across a range of sport, as our boys aspire to, and achieve, excellence. Our sportsmen work tirelessly to remain competitive as they aim to reach their full potential. They have made their mark on 2017, while setting a standard that encourages self-discipline, hands-on leadership and well-rounded individuals.

Warren Wallace



ABOVE: Warren Wallace

ATHLETICS

TOP:
Matt Lennett

MIDDLE:
Captains of Athletics, Ross Goodwin
and Richard Wellington

BOTTOM:
Sports Day 200m U19

his athletes into the correct events, balancing these restrictions with the strength of the individual athletes.

It was evident that Ogilvie was returning to the athletics track with vigour when they confidently took home the Relay Sports trophy, with Mallett and Founders enjoying podium finishes. Heats Week was as unpredictable as ever. The boarding school Houses have set a trend in taking home the Heats Week trophy, a significant achievement as they have a limited number of athletes and they often struggle to fill events when an injury occurs. The top three positions were filled by two of the three boarding school Houses, with School beating Founders and White to take ‘top’ spot for the first time in six years. Hearty congratulations!

From early on, Ogilvie, Gray and Mallett set the pace for Sports Day. Two records were smashed, one by Oliver Stewart in the U16 1500m, and another by Suleiman Hartzenberg, who jumped a staggering 1.69m in the U14 high jump. Ogilvie took home the Sports Day trophy for the fifth time in the past six years.

Teacher-in-charge: Burgert Maree

Every athletics season comes with its own challenges and upsets. Each year Houses compete to return one of the three podium trophies to their cabinets and this year was no exception.

In an attempt to streamline the athletics programme, seniors had the opportunity to do high-jump and long-jump trials in their own time during the first two weeks of Term 1 and enter their results into a scoring system. This caused less disruption to other summer sports at the beginning of term. A number of restrictions needed to be adhered to when athletes were entered into both the Relay Sports and Heats Week events that traditionally precede Sports Day that took place on 4 February. Winning a Relay Sports or Heats Week trophy depends on the House Captain’s ability to enter

On 22 February Bishops hosted the annual Triangular at the Lutgensvale Sports Fields, which looked impeccable, despite the drought. The white Bishops vest came flying over the crossbar, long-jump board and finish line in first position no fewer than 26 times. More importantly than the wins, however, were the athletes who competed with true sportsmanship, showing again what the annual Triangular is all about: competing as an individual, to the best of your ability, for the team. The Bishops Triangular team did us proud.

Tom Barty and Rob Macdonald were awarded Half Colours, and Full Colours were awarded to Oliver Stewart, Murray Bruce, Ross Goodwin and Richard Wellington.

At the Western Province Athletics Championships, Elyas Ayyoub and Oliver Stewart competed in the middle-distance events, both taking home a medal (bronze for Elyas and gold for Oliver). Oliver also represented Western Province Athletics at the Youth and Junior Championships in Greenpoint.

Burgert Maree



AVENUE MILE

LEFT:

From the Archives

RIGHT:

Rayhaan Ahmed, Keanan Walker and Thomas Newton

BOTTOM:

Daniel Holgate, Liam Harrison, Dylan Davies, Benji Audinwood, Chris Macdonald and Rowan Howard



This year the Avenue Mile celebrated its 30th anniversary – a noteworthy milestone! In the inaugural event in 1998, two Prep boys and seven U14 and U15 runners made up the junior race. There were 22 athletes in the senior race, five of whom broke the five-minute barrier. van Niekerk won the junior race in 5 minutes 17 seconds. Oscroft and Dumbell finished second and third respectively. The senior race was won by McDowall in 4 minutes 46 seconds, followed by Marr and Wepener.

The 2017 Avenue Mile comprised one timed race, in which boys of all age groups raced together, followed by a ‘mob/fancy dress’ race. Ross Goodwin (Gray) set the early pace in the timed race, but before the halfway mark Oliver Stewart (Mallett) had taken the lead and crossed the finish line in a blistering 4 minutes 40 seconds – one of the top times ever run in this race. Stephane Pienaar (Ogilvie), in second place, ran a creditable time of 4 minutes 49 seconds, joining the elite sub-five-minute group. Elyas Ayyoub (Ogilvie), the first junior runner, came third in 5 minutes 1 second. Keanan Walker (Ogilvie) was awarded the prize for the ‘best-dressed’ runner – he ran the race in a chicken suit!

Phil Court

BASKETBALL

LEFT:
Captain of Basketball, Nathan Maimba

RIGHT:
Arthur Fisher

BOTTOM:
Grade 12 basketball players



Teacher-in-charge: Glen Gibbon

After playing basketball for the first time in Grade 8, it became my goal to become captain and to elevate the game at Bishops. Luckily that goal became a reality at the end of 2016. Vice-captain Andrew Hodgson and I aimed to improve the basketball programme and create a sense of brotherhood across the teams.

Despite a number of frustrating games, I believe the first team, which finished the season by playing against Rondebosch and the OD basketball team, has showed

great improvement. I feel Andrew and I did our best, and now it's up to the next guys to push the team to become even more successful.

The U14s had a shaky season, which is to be expected as some of the team members were playing the sport for the first time. However, from what I witnessed when attending various practices, I believe there is great potential that can be realised through hard work. The team finished its first season with two wins and five losses. Many thanks to Sean Tam for coaching them. The U16s had a very good season, finishing off with three wins and two losses. As a result of the addition of some Grade 9s and 10s, there was a greater number of players, which allowed diversity on the court. Through hard work and great coaching, the team did their school proud.

Nathan Maimba

CANOEING

Teacher-in-charge: Kevin Kruger

Canoeing took place twice a week at Sandvlei, using the equipment and facilities of the Peninsula Canoe Club. After many Matrics left last year, the club went through a rebuilding phase and the boys slowly gained confidence in K1 canoes. Members were introduced to canoe polo at the Waterfront

facilities where Don Wewege patiently showed them the intricacies of this canoeing variation. Regular members: James Caro, Cameron Clark, Stefano Fernandes (captain), Sam Hardie, Tristan Sides and Maximillian Wolfson.

Kevin Kruger



ABOVE: Captain of Canoeing, Stefano Fernandes

BELOW: Liam Foxcroft

CLIMBING

Teacher-in-charge: Trevor Pasquallie

In 2017 enrollment for Bishops climbing more than doubled, and in 2018 we will have a dedicated guide for the first time. Up until now we have relied on parents to assist with outings to various crags around the Peninsula. Mr Phil Court has led several Bishops climbing trips to Montagu over the years and this year eight boys signed up for a weekend away at De Bos Guest Farm during the Term 4.

The following boys received awards at the end of the year:

Distinction ties:
David Naudé (captain) – Protea selection three years in a row in bouldering and lead climbing. He represented South Africa at both the Boulder World Cup and the Youth World Championships in Innsbruck and Munich.
Liam Foxcroft – Protea selection at the Youth World Championships in Italy.

Full Colours: David Naudé, Liam Foxcroft

Half Colours: Nicholas Peile, Kit Bell

Trevor Pasquallie



CRICKET

RIGHT:
Captain of Cricket, Michael Burton

International cricket is at a crossroads with attendance at test matches at an all-time low. At Bishops we have not been spared the consequences of this international trend.

At College level, declaration cricket is under pressure and more money and time is being invested in the shorter format of the game. It comes as no surprise that in recent times Bishops has been more successful in the latter format. For a second successive year the Bishops 1st XI advanced to the final of the Western Province T20 challenge.

Although our performances in the declaration format have been less than desirable, our 1st XI has performed admirably in limited-overs cricket (T20, 40-overs and 50-overs games). Wins over Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg have made the 2017 season a more than memorable one. Our junior teams (U14A and U15A) also represented Bishops with passion and pride. Congratulations to Jono Bird and Na'eem Adonis for their respective U17A and U17B Western Province selection.

We played 12 teams over the weekends: seven on Saturdays and five on Friday afternoons.

Results:		Played	Won	Lost	N/R or draw
	1st XI	33	14	16	3
	2nd XI	14	2	12	0
	3rd XI	14	6	6	2
	4th XI	5	0	5	0
	5th XI	5	0	5	0
	U15A	23	12	9	2
	U15B	11	6	4	1
	U15C	10	5	4	1
	U14A	15	4	9	2
	U14B	12	6	6	0
	U14C	9	1	7	1
	U14D	9	2	7	0

For the fifth successive year we hosted the Bishops Cricket Annual Golf Day, with the focus and purpose shifting away from fundraising to enjoying the day together with the Bishops golf fraternity. All profits from the day were ring-fenced in order to help previously disadvantaged players pay for cricket equipment as well as cricket tours.

Willem Steyn

First XI
Our season consisted of two quite different halves this year. A full Term 1 with tours to KwaZulu-Natal, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria came to an abrupt end with a disappointing loss away to archrivals Rondebosch Boys'. Term 4 was a short epilogue (with just three Saturday games) during which five of the seven Matrics decided to opt out of cricket in order to concentrate on their finals. This changed the dynamic of the team greatly and left the two remaining senior players with plenty of responsibility to shoulder. To enjoy 10 wins in Term 1 – with one each over SACS and Rondebosch – was a fine achievement. We tended to



play far better in the shorter format of the game and had a particularly good run in the T20 National Knock Out competition. Once again we lost to Wynberg Boys’ in the WP final.This year we had a thrilling game in which we landed ourselves in a winning position twice, only to lose out to a more experienced team in the end. Other highlights included a fine win in a day/night match against SACS and Richard Baikoff’s century at Woodridge.

Plenty of good cricket was played and Michael Burton’s performance as captain was in the Mike Brearley mould – he led from the front and won respect from Bishops players as well as our opposition. Richard Baikoff stayed the course and was the senior batsman from whom much was expected; he also needed to bowl many overs off miserly off-spin. Richard fulfilled his roles well in Term 1, and the team owed much to his experience. We suffered a major loss in January with the news of Christian Rohrer’s bone cancer diagnosis, which knocked the team sideways when he had to withdraw just as we left on tour. (Nobody who saw his innings against Michaelhouse will forget the ease with which he dealt with the bowling attacks to score 74 off 52 balls!) Aydan Labuschagne played a wonderful innings in the T20 final, bowling a few useful spells as well. Ross Tucker was the most improved seamer in the school as well as our ‘go-to’ bowler. He had the capacity to bowl long spells and took many important top-order wickets. Matt du Plessis possessed the X factor we so often needed and when he came off he could change a game. Liam Dicker fulfilled the dual role of opening batsman and keeper and was sorely missed in Term 4. These boys, along with Lukhanyo Mntonintshi, who played in the Rondebosch game, were our Matrics of 2017.

Of those who are left, Jono Bird scored the most runs and much will be expected of him over the next

two years. He was selected for the WP U17A XI. Tom Burton kept wicket in the T20 team, and Gregor Bell batted at the top of the order, but struggled against top opposition. Tom scored two promising half-centuries early on. Alex Castle and Stephen Fourie bowled their fast-medium pace on the slow wickets of the Western Cape and never gave up, but it was Jayden Rossouw who developed into our most attacking bowler and had an exceptional season – taking 54 wickets in total with his subtle off-spin. James Howard and Matt Schwulst became regulars in the side towards the end of the season and will look to make an impact next year.

First XI award winners

Tissiman trophy for top all-rounder:

Richard Baikoff

Golding trophy for top batsman:

Jono Bird

Harding trophy for best bowler:

Jayden Rossouw

Norton-Smith trophy for best team man:

Richard Baikoff

John Knight

Second XI

The past year has been a difficult one with an often under-strength side competing against tough opposition. There were some standout performances, both in terms of team and individual results, but on the whole, the side struggled to win in the longer declaration format. Lukhanyo Mntonintshi captained the side in Term 1, with Okuhle Minyi captaining in Term 4. The first term included two wins – both rather crushing ones – against Somerset College and Woodridge College, and a very close loss to SACS (by 1 wicket) in an outstanding game of cricket. The remaining results were disappointing losses.

That said, there were some noteworthy individual performances that included Lukhanyo Mntonintshi’s 127 vs Woodridge and 101* vs SACS; Na’eem Adonis’ 58 vs Woodridge and 68 vs SACS, as well as 5/40 vs Woodridge; Ryan Labberte taking two 5-fors (5/11 vs Shenfield and 5/15 vs Somerset College) as well as a 3-wicket haul against SACS; Marek Kanigowski taking 3-wicket hauls on three occasions (Paarl Gim, Wynberg and Paarl Boys); and Matt Schwulst’s 85 vs Grey PE.

Term 4 was particularly tough, with the side losing all four declaration games, despite posting a team score of over 200 three times while chasing. Standout performances this term included Brandon Thomas scoring 108 against Paul Roos, in an innings that included 13 fours and 6 sixes. Matt Lennett was the most consistent batsman, always chipping in and averaging 40 during the four games, including a half-century against Wynberg, while George Jones (8 wickets) and Max Stewart (5 wickets) were the two top wicket takers for the term.

Joc Wrench

Third XI

The year started with an exciting 1-run win vs Paarl Gim in an epic T20 game. In Term 1, the boys managed to win six out of their nine games, including very good three-wicket victories over both SACS and Rondebosch. All three games played during Term 4 were lost. It must be said that the team comprised 4th and 5th team players due to numerous boys on Exchange and most Matrics not playing.

Willem Steyn

Under-15A

The goals for the side were to improve as individuals, to get the process right, and to build a team where players were committed to each other. The challenge was always to make them believe that they were able to achieve if they worked hard. The idea of everyone working together to perform better was bought into from the start of the year. The most noticeable wins Term 1 one were against Paarl Boys’ High (by 40 runs) and Michaelhouse (by 115 runs). The toughest loss was to St Andrew’s College (by 2 runs).

The lads started off the fourth term with a win against Pinelands High School before heading off to Pretoria to play in the Affies Cricket Festival. They had a slow start, losing the first two games, but pulled through and won the second two – the last win against a very strong Grey Bloem side. The rest of the games did not go as planned and although players had become better cricketers, the execution was not always there and this cost us a few matches.

Willem Steyn

Under-15B

The highlight of the first term was undoubtedly the win against Bellville U15A, and the season ended with three wins in a row and a loss to Rondebosch. A memorable individual performance was Gerard Murray-Cooke’s hat-trick against Paarl Gimnasium, which actually included 4 wickets in the over. The fourth term started with a game against Paul Roos, which we lost by 7 wickets, but we went on to win our second game against SACS by 64 runs. We lost to a powerful Wynberg side by 48 runs, but snatched victory from Rondebosch, by 2 wickets with 2 balls to spare, in the final game and finished the season on a high note.

Willem Steyn

Under-14A

The season started with a win over Paarl Gim in an exciting T20 match on the Sahara. This set the tone for what turned out to be a wonderful year of cricket, despite a number of indifferent performances along the way. Six batsmen made very good 50s throughout the fourth term, but unfortunately not more than one or two in the same match. The boys were ably led by Jake Greenberg, Rowan Howard and Ronan King, in their roles as captain and vice-captains respectively. The Charl van Rooyen Cricket Festival hosted by KES proved to be an invaluable tour. Our two best team performances were, however, curtailed by lightning and rain. Greeny and René Greenberg deserve special thanks for their efforts and hard work with regards to organising and orchestrating the many functions that took place on the side of the cricket field. Daniel Holgate was an invaluable member, scorer and a constant source of encouragement too.

Mervin Walsh

Under-14B

Despite regular disruptions to their line-out (through injury and promotion to the As), these young cricketers went from strength to strength as the year progressed, claiming a number of impressive scalps along the way. The squad was well balanced; their enthusiastic approach to the game was commendable and they really fought for one another.

Warwick Richter

Under-14C

It was a challenging year for the team, but they acquitted themselves well and I was impressed with their determination and willingness to learn. We were just not able to put up enough runs to challenge the

opposition. There was an inability to keep looking for runs in building partnerships, and punishing the bad balls effectively, as well as an inability to hit the ball into gaps. It is not always the boundaries that count, but more often the singles and twos. They generally bowled good line and length. We often ended up bowling fewer wides than the opposition. They say catches win matches, and we took some very good ones during the course of the term, but there were also the unnecessary drops. I think particularly of the SACS and Rondebosch matches where this weakness literally cost us wins. It would be unfair to single out individuals, but mention must be made of Chris Macdonald, Alec Rippon (Term 1) and Khaleel Hassan, all of whom had an opportunity to captain the side – never an easy task! Highlights must be the Term 1 match against Rondebosch where we posted a very respectable 200 and then could not defend it, and the match against Wynberg in Term 4 that we won comfortably.

David Russell

Under-14D

The team struggled as numbers diminished and lack of depth led to us playing opposition that were much stronger. They were a happy side and true young gentlemen who played in the spirit of the game. Laine Ridgeway (captain) did well with bat and ball, and led the team with aplomb. The season ended on a high when they defeated a very powerful Rondebosch side.

Willem Steyn



CYCLING

Teacher-in-charge: Donovan Abrey

Bishops cycling took part in a number of events this year. The Cycling Club supported the Unogwaja Challenge where our boys rode from Cape Town city centre to Franschhoek with the Unogwaja team for the first leg of their journey. Our cyclists enjoyed out-rides to the Tygerberg trails in Durbanville, and

rode on the Table Mountain trails. We explored the new Kirstenbosch and Newlands trails through to Constantia – arduous rides and breathtaking scenery. Fitness training continues on the Bishops mountain bike track as a short but challenging circuit.

Donovan Abrey

FENCING

Teacher-in-charge: Jacky Withers

2017 was a consolidation year. Apart from open competitions, ranking competitions and personal bests, the highlight was the Annual Bishops Fencing Championship evening held in August. In general, it's been a busy year with many fencers working on their match temperaments and fencing skills for competition.

Some of the highlights for 2017 include the following:

In Term 3, the Bishops Fencing Championship evening took place, which included the Old Boys and Inter-House finals. It was as much of an occasion as it has been over the last few years. Club certificates went to Max van Veen, Jermaine Lwande, Ubaid Dullah, Uzuko Mnyombolo, Patrick Habiaremye, Ethan Ellis,

Benjamin Fisher, Luke Sproule and Angus Thring. Bronze club badges were awarded to Rayhaan Ahmed, Patrick Habiaremye, Uzuko Mnyombolo, Luke Sproule and Ubaid Dullah. Silver club badges were awarded to Gunther Cloete and Gabriel Makin. Gold club badges were awarded to Christian Garry, Mark Bergh and Mweya Ruider. Re-awards were given to Shirag Maharaj and Angus Longmore.

A service tie was awarded to Nicholas Featherstone, who has become more involved in the refereeing side of fencing over the last two years. He also organises all the audio-visuals (AV) for competitions and events, which involves setting up the equipment the day before and then disassembling it all afterwards. He has always done this willingly, liaising with the head of AV and inviting the younger members of the club to assist. Half Colours in fencing were awarded to Finbarr



BELOW: Captain of Fencing, Jamie Diggle



ABOVE: Captain of Cycling, Grant Leslie

Lebona, Jamie Diggle, Christian Garry, Mark Bergh and Terry Kim (re-award). A re-award of Full Colours was awarded to Alaric McGregor. Alaric received his distinction tie earlier in April for his selection to the South African team for the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships held in Bulgaria.

The Inter-House cup was won by Ogilvie. The Best Swordsman cup in epee was awarded to Terry Kim, and in foil to Alaric McGregor. The Service cup was shared between Jamie Diggle and Finbarr Lebona. The captain for 2017/2018 is Terry Kim and the vice-captain is Mark Bergh.

The OD Challenge was one of the highlights of the evening, but the ODs managed to win for the sixth year in a row, with a final score of 45-30.

Bishops Fencing Club has enjoyed friendly competition against Reddam House Durbanville and UCT in epee and foil on Friday afternoons in the Schools League competition. In Term 4, at the Fencing Western Cape awards evening, Terry Kim (U20 junior men’s mixed epee) and Christian Garry (U17 men’s cadet epee) were worthy winners.

Jacky Withers

GOLF

Teacher-in-charge: Mervin Walsh

2017 proved to be an excellent year as we were blessed with a healthy intake of golfers coming into Grade 8. Our first tour for the year was a junior tour – we took 14 boys to the KeNako Schools Golf Festival in George where our youngsters played some magnificent courses against strong opposition. Our top four golfers participated in the Sun City International Schools Golf Tournament where they

gave a very good account of themselves. Freddie Spencer had two lengthy stints in the US recently where he played tournaments and received top-notch coaching. He won the Bishops Golf Championships held at the Royal Cape Golf Club. Fergus Alexander was appointed as captain for 2018. We wish him well in this role and have every confidence that he will lead with distinction.

Mervin Walsh



ABOVE: Captain of Golf, Finley Knight

HOCKEY

Teacher-in-charge: Sean Henchie

The 2017 season, which started in mid-February, was a long one. Bishops teams played 240 matches; the 1st XI and development squad travelled to the Netherlands for 18 days for a very successful tour; the U16s and U14s played in two festivals each (one of which, the U16 ISHF, was hosted by Bishops); and 14 teams, comprising 213 players and 27 coaches and managers, represented Bishops in 14 weeks of fixtures.

The 1st XI and U16As did exceptionally well in the league. The 1st XI finished tied on points with Wynberg and Rondebosch, but unfortunately handed the League cup over to Wynberg due to an inferior goal difference. The U16As ceded their League cup to Rondebosch, but were placed a creditable 2nd in the league.

The Knock Out cup was a successful endeavour. The U14As competed manfully in the semi-finals losing out to a very good Wynberg side. The 1st XI retained the trophy (for the third year in a row) with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Rondebosch in a repeat of last year's final.

BOTTOM:
Captain of Hockey, Dayaan Cassiem

The 1st XI also won the 1st prize at the HDM Easter Tournament in the Netherlands. See highlights of the tournament at <https://youtu.be/1e28upUiL3g>.

Bishops hockey once again did well in terms of representative selections:

- In the U14 age group, Imaad Khan was selected for both the Western Cape and Disa sides (the Western Cape side losing narrowly to the Eastern Cape in the final).
- In the U16 age group, Chris Clarke, Mustapha Cassiem and Caleb Oliphant were selected to a tournament-winning WP U16A side and a further three U16s played in the Southern Zone Regional Tournament. Both Caleb and Mustapha were selected to the SA U16 High Performance squad.
- In the U18 age group Malachy Barbour, Bulelani Nqukevana and Idrees Abdulla were selected for WP National Tournament sides (there was no U18 Southern Zone Regional Tournament due to the drought). Idrees Abdulla was selected to the SA U17 High Performance Squad.

In an unprecedented selection, the 1st XI captain, Dayaan Cassiem, represented the South African men's side in two international tournaments (alongside one of our coaches, Ryan Julius). He scored a number of goals in both tournaments and was named 'Man of the Match' on two occasions.

Other awards:

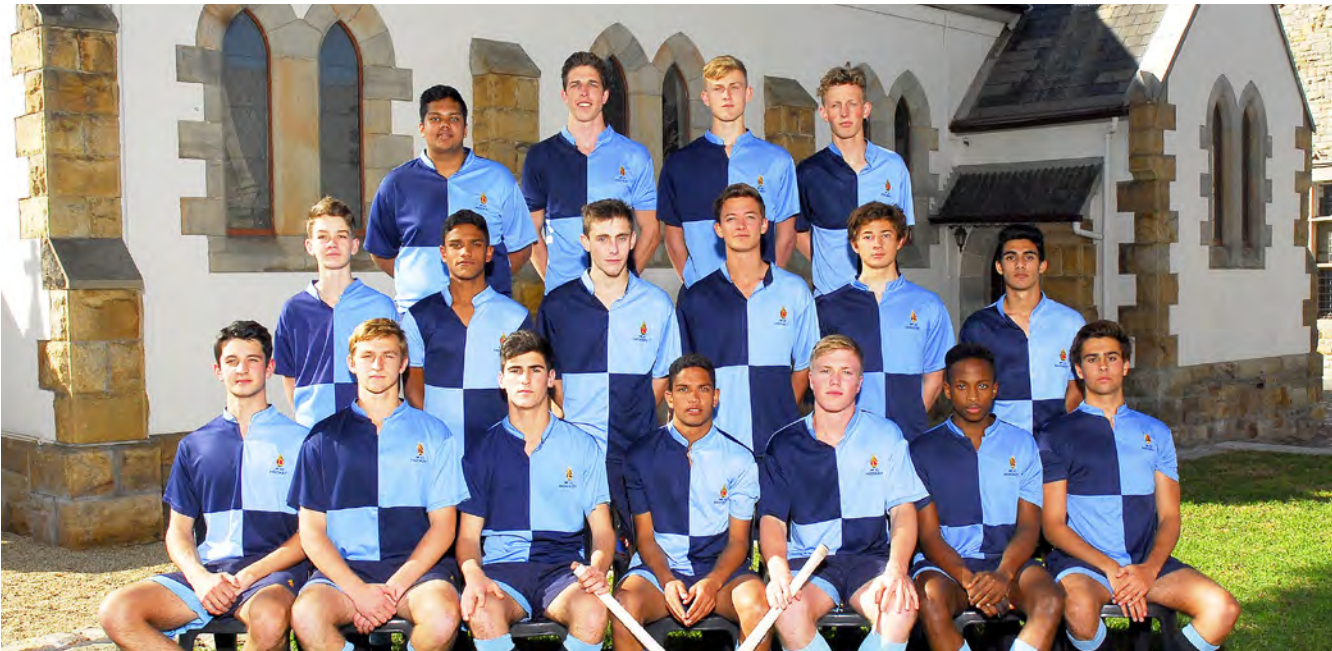
Half Colours
Liam Dicker, Shaylin Foflonker, James Gordon, Andrew Hodgson, Marco Lanfranchi, Luke Leach-Lewis, Daniel Nelson, Jack Newman, Thomas Warren

Full Colours
Idrees Abdulla, Malachy Barbour, Michael Burton, Bulelani Ngqukuvana, Ivan Stassen, Dayaan Cassiem

1st XI awards
Player of the Year: Dayaan Cassiem
Sportsman of the Year: Michael Burton
The Player's Player: Dayaan Cassiem



TOP:
First XI hockey



After two seasons of dedicated umpiring, the following were awarded service ties: Benjamin Hartman, James Caro, Scott Jeffery, Chris Kotze, Okuhle Minye, Jayden Rossouw and John van Niekerk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their wonderful support this year, and in

particular the Hockey Parents’ Committee that worked tirelessly to raise funds for Bishops hockey by providing refreshments at all our home games.

Sean Henchie

Results

Age Level	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Win ratio
1st XI	36	30	2	4	148	40	83.3%
2nd XI	30	16	0	14	70	59	53.3%
3rd XI	13	6	4	3	37	13	46.2%
4th XI	12	9	1	2	43	9	75.0%
5th XI	9	5	0	4	19	19	55.6%
U16A	27	17	6	4	78	18	63.0%
U16B	14	5	3	6	37	16	35.7%
U16C	13	5	1	7	18	23	38.5%
U16D	13	5	1	7	21	28	38.5%
U16E	10	2	0	8	10	44	20.0%
U16F	9	1	1	7	3	41	11.1%
U14A	28	8	5	15	29	64	28.6%
U14B	14	6	2	6	28	26	42.9%
U14C	12	6	0	6	21	32	50.0%
Totals	240	121	26	93	562	432	50.4%

ROAD AND TRAIL RUNNING

Teacher-in-charge: Bev Kemball

The Road and Trail group has established itself as a popular year-round sporting option that provides an opportunity for boys to train for a variety of sports, to gain the benefits of fitness or simply to enjoy the delight of running in some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. The Constantia greenbelt and the Table Mountain range have proved to be our favourite running playgrounds this year. We have runners who train with us throughout the year, as well as seasonal runners. Many student teachers or Grade 10s training for the Epic join us for runs on an ad hoc basis. It is always a pleasure to watch

novices enter the group, very nervous of their ability to keep up, and see them flourish as they move into the ‘express bus’, which runs at the front of the group and leads the way on the routes. This year we have enjoyed the expertise and motivation of Oliver Linley (OD), who has introduced us to some of his favourite routes and shared his tips as an elite runner. The runs on Monday and Thursday are often the highlight of the week and we all look forward to a chance to leave behind the stress of the urban rat race and head into the elemental beauty of the mountains.

Bev Kemball

ROWING

Teacher-in-charge: Brad Smith

The year has been full of great and new experiences. The September Camp, which was held at the Breede River, went exceptionally well, even though we only had 12 Grade 7s, which is below our usual numbers. But, in general, the age groups made fantastic progress.

The annual Knysna Midway Regatta consisted of two racing events – the one a sprint over 1000m and the other a head race covering a windy 5km stretch. The U15s came second in their Octuple, first and fifth in their Quads, first in the Single Scull (Thomas Forbes) and second in their Double. In the head races they dominated their Octuple race, putting about a minute between them and the team following. The U16s saw similar results with a third place in the Eight for

the sprint, a first in the Four, and a win for the Eight in the head race. The Opens were mixed. Shaun O’Brien won his first Sculls event, while the Pairs saw a second place, the Coxless Four a first place, and the Eight narrowly took second place. In the head race they came third.

The Misverstand Challenge held on the Berg River followed a similar format to that of the Knysna Regatta. The U15A Octuple, U16 Eight and Opens Eight won their sprints. The head races saw similar results, with the U15s dominating their race, the U16s having to withdraw due to illness, and the Opens coming in a close second to Rondebosch.

The Gauteng Championships was the final sprint event of the season. The U16s produced the results of the weekend to claim the silver in both the Eight and Coxed Four, while the Coxless crew narrowly missed the bronze.

We acquired three new boats this season – a Junior Octuple (Swift), a First Eight (Filippi) and a First Coxless Four (Filippi).

Brad Smith

RIGHT: Captain of Rowing, Oliver Innes



RUGBY

RIGHT:
Captain of Rugby, Rob Macdonald

RESULTS

Team	Games played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points for	Points against	Points difference
1st	17	8	1	8	417	472	-55
2nd	16	5	2	9	268	314	-46
3rd	16	9	1	6	517	246	271
4th	13	8	0	5	324	174	150
5th	12	7	0	5	261	205	56
6th	8	2	0	6	90	192	-102
7th	6	2	0	4	87	166	-79
U16A	18	3	0	15	284	667	-383
U16B	13	1	1	11	130	388	-258
U16C	13	8	0	5	273	276	-3
U15A	20	16	2	2	569	185	384
U15B	13	4	0	9	171	255	-84
U15C	12	1	0	11	60	416	-356
U14A	19	12	0	7	437	315	122
U14B	13	3	1	9	160	359	-199
U14C	12	4	0	8	180	261	-81
U14D	11	7	0	4	168	132	36
U14E	5	3	0	2	103	108	-5

First XV

Preseason

This season was not for the faint-hearted – while the side played good rugby, many games went right down to the wire. The loss of captain Rob Macdonald for a prolonged period during the season was keenly felt. The pipe opener against Porterville saw the team get off to a positive start, with Bishops being exposed to real platteland pride. Despite a stop-start first half, we enjoyed a handsome win. Then the team travelled to Grahamstown for what turned out to be two nail-biting but victorious matches against very powerful St Andrew’s and Kingswood teams.

Season in a nutshell

The Cape Town games kicked off with the boys facing a formidable Stellenberg XV. With the team down by 20 points at half-time on a blisteringly hot day, all seemed lost. A truly magnificent second half saw Bishops clinch the match by one point after George Spencer crashed down under the posts in the dying seconds of the game. Another last-minute victory occurred against Wynberg, when a break by Felix Burt on



his own 22 in the last minute put Ross Goodwin away for a victorious try.

At the Wynberg Rugby Festival, the team held its own against a powerful KES side, while the game against Durbanville was a try-spree to relieve a bit of the pressure. A memorable draw against SACS followed, with the game turning into a classic Southern Suburbs derby showcasing schoolboy rugby.

The away game against Drostdy did not work out as planned, as Ben Nel and William Rose were both injured during this match. The Paarl giants ‘Boishaaï’ and ‘Gimmies’ were tough opponents to bring down; however, the boys didn’t back down and showed their fighting spirit. The Rondebosch fixture will always be remembered, but for all the wrong reasons – the attack on Richard Smith in his home in the lead-up to the game was still very fresh in our players’ minds. The result said it all, but this is, after all, only a game, and Richard survived against all odds, and this was portrayed in the fighting spirit of his team.

The second half of the season (Term 3) did not start off well as Boland Landbou ran away with the first match – the team just didn’t seem to switch on. However, three great games followed. The team beat Wynberg Boys’ handsomely, and ran out winners against the star-studded SACS XV. The game of the season was against Paul Roos (away). Both sides played enterprising rugby and with the score on 30-all, Paul Roos had to convert from touch. The touch judges deemed it was over which was a travesty of justice. (It is in the book but only those who were there will really know what the actual outcome was.) The season ended on a very low note with Rondebosch Boys’ teaching us a lesson. We were never really in the game, but the team will be remembered for their guts, fighting spirit and humility.

Players

At fullback, James Ipser was Mr Reliable. He had the ability to make incisive runs from the back, he was good under the high ball, and his last line of defence was immaculate. Murray Bruce, on the wing, had the uncanny knack of scoring tries when they counted the most. He was the ultimate team player. Ross Goodwin on the wing and then as scrum half after William Rose was injured had a very good season. His strength on his feet, pace off the mark and ability to score individual tries were his trademarks. We had a great asset in Reece Meyer for his defence skills and reliability; he also scored a few invaluable tries. The second wing, Matt du Plessis, was perhaps the most improved player, especially as we could play him anywhere (loose forward or wing). A man with an X factor who could make things happen! The centres, George Spencer and Rob MacDonald, were a fine and feared pair. Rob’s ability to slice through the opposition, his defence and his try-scoring ability rounded him off as a fine player. He led the side well under very difficult circumstances. George Spencer was your typical ‘in-your-face’, direct and aggressive number 12 whom most opponents feared. His match-winning tries vs Stellenberg and SACS will not be forgotten. At flyhalf, Aydan Labuschagne had a steady season and his individual tries against Paul Roos and Wynberg Boys’ sealed his authority. At scrum half, William Rose was robbed of a full season after a serious injury when playing against Drostdy, but when he was on the field, he was the ideal number 9. He had a crisp service, devastating break and his defence was always top drawer. He also led from the base with his acute rugby brain. His selection to captain SA U17 7s was well deserved.

The pack

Ben Nel was huge at loose head until injury struck and ended his season. His play in the tight loose, in

the scrumming and his work rate made him central to the success of the pack. Ghaalieb Kenny at hooker was superb. His work rate, defence, elusive running and X factor made him an opponent to be reckoned with. He was rewarded with a selection to Western Province B at Craven Week. David Courie was a welcome import and proved his worth as the season progressed. He became very mobile and this came with increased work rate. He was also selected for WPB and he is back next year. Terrence Pettersson was also a valuable new asset to the side. He improved along with his fitness and I am sure he will be worth his weight in gold in 2018. The locks, Tim Sharples, Aidan Neil and Ross Doyle, complemented each other well. Tim’s skilful play underpinned his tremendous improvement and value to the team. He started off as a fringe player and ended the season as a key player (with great character), and we wish him luck in leading the College in 2018. It is in good hands. Ross improved as the season progressed and his physicality and work rate ensured a go-forward ball, clean line-out possession and domination up front. Aidan was the typical enforcer in the Bakkies Botha mould. His huge work rate and physicality never received the full recognition that it should have. The loose forwards were all different. Matthew Norton’s small frame stood up to the biggest, and his uncanny knack of getting his hands on the ball led to many a turnover. He was also good in the line-outs. Justin Muller was, as usual, the ultimate workhorse. The man never rested for a second. He was your typical ‘in-your-face’ flank whose defence, turnovers and huge work rate also earned him WPB selection and he captained the side at Craven Week. Felix Burt (vice-captain) at number 8 also improved as the season progressed after suffering a slow start due to an ankle injury. His intelligent play, calm leadership and high work rate were all invaluable. Oliver MacRobert, Alex Castle, Victor Allan, Bingo Ivanisevic, Francois van der Merwe, Nathan Maimba,

Lukhanyo Mntonintshi, Matt von Westenbrugge and David Nivison also had game time and we thank them for their contributions. Many of them are back in 2018, which is a bonus. As a team, they were fine young men who conducted themselves well on and off the field.

A nice touch to the end of the season was Bishops 7s A team winning the Villagers 7s trophy for the first time since 2009. Victor Allan and Jordan Meyer were selected for the WP U17 7s squad to add to William Rose’s SA selection as skipper of the side.

Support staff

The coaching staff were a pleasure to work with. Doc Huber and physio Megan Chetty – our own *pyn polisie* – were their usual hardworking, reliable and compassionate selves. Wes Chetty, the ‘veteran’, was invaluable especially after we lost Richard in June. Gareth Hayden, our other veteran, stepped up to the plate in Richard’s absence, and then, of course, there’s Richard. It is good to have you back. We look forward to 2018 when you can resume sharing your absolute dedication, passion and knowledge of the game, which were sorely missed in your absence. Welcome back to Nina, Lara and Seb.

Awards

Distinction tie: William Rose
Full Colours: Ben Nel, Ghaalieb Kenny, David Courie, Ross Doyle, Matthew Norton, Justin Muller, Felix Burt, Ross Goodwin, George Spencer, Robert Macdonald, Matthew du Plessis, James Ipser.
Half Colours: Tim Sharples, Aydan Labuschagne, Murray Bruce, Aidan Neill, Reece Meyer, Terrence Pettersson.

Dean Sudding

SUMMARY OF THE SEASON

19:30 Sat 25 Mar	Away	Porterville High School	Won 42-10
15:00 Sat 1 Apr	Away	St Andrew’s College	Won 29-21
18:15 Mon 3 Apr	Away	Kingswood College	Won 16-13
11:30 Sat 22 Apr	Home	Stellenberg High School	Won 29-28
13:20 Sat 29 Apr	Neutral	Kes @ Wynberg Festival	Lost 14-35
12:30 Sat 6 May	Home	South African College High School (SACS)	Drew 22-22
Sat 13 May	Away	HTS Drostdy	Lost 26-32
12:00 Sat 20 May	Away	Durbanville High School	Won 75-14
12:30 Sat 27 May	Away	Wynberg Boys’ High School	Won 24-20
11:30 Sat 3 Jun	Home	Paarl Gimnasium	Lost 24-44
11:30 Sat 10 Jun	Home	Paarl Boys’ High School	Lost 0-27
12:00 Sat 24 Jun	Home	Rondebosch Boys’ High School	Lost 19-32
12:50 Sat 29 Jul	Away	Paul Roos Gymnasium	Lost 30-32
12:00 Sat 5 Aug	Away	Boland Landbou Agricultural School	Lost 14-48
11:45 Sat 12 Aug	Away	South African College High School (SACS)	Won 15-12
11:30 Sat 19 Aug	Home	Wynberg Boys’ High School	Won 31-18
12:00 Sat 26 Aug	Away	Rondebosch Boys’ High School	Lost 7-64

Second XV

The season started with great enthusiasm and an aura of expectation, not least because of the hard work and dedication that went into preseason preparations by players, conditioning coaches and the administrators. It is safe to say that the ‘All Whites’ found the going tough in the league and it was a definite wake-up call for many players who had moved into the senior division. A number of factors contributed to the

indifferent start, including a growing injury list and player form that resulted in the team not gelling or playing at full throttle. Although results did not always go our way, we had some memorable performances. We had two outstanding draws against traditional rivals St Andrew’s (17-17) and Stellenberg (26-26). We also managed to beat archrivals Rondebosch twice and record good wins over Wynberg and Boland Landbou, which ensured that we ended the 2017



season on a high. Credit must go to stand-in skipper Lukhanyo Mntonintshi, who took over after Nathan Maimba suffered an injury that kept him out of action.

Players

Oliver MacRobert, Alex Castle, Arthur Fisher, Rayleigh Le Fleur, Oliver White, Francois van der Merwe, Paolo Bersella (vice-captain), James Morritt-Smith, Lukhanyo Mntonintshi (captain), Jordan Meyer, Harry Newman, Victor Allen, Bingo Ivanisevic, Michael Roche, Alex Jankovich-Besan, David Nivison, Matt van Westenbrugge, William McKenna, Luca Guerrini, Sisa Liwani, Liam Pargiter, Richard Wellington, Glenn Yates, Siyamthanda Sonja, Cayden Marquis, Finley Knight.

Ronald Jacobs

Third XV

We managed to keep a core team despite many injuries interfering with weekly selections. The team bought into an ethos of hard work, but still had fun and played for each other. The term began with the Rondebosch 10s where we won all three games. This set us up well and players cemented their spots. The 1st League fixture against Stellenberg was a hard-fought game, testing fitness and physicality. Unfortunately, the result was a draw. However, it did give the team the drive to do better and work towards eliminating careless mistakes and bad decision-making in contact. We worked through the issues and we tested our game plan going forward at the Wynberg Festival. Here we won against Parklands College 1st XV and Reddam 1st XV. The following week saw us

come up against a slick SACS team where we narrowly lost 12-15 with a possibility to score in the dying minute, but a forward pass kept us away from the win. From there, three wins on the trot against Drostdy, Durbanville and Wynberg saw the team beginning to believe in themselves and each other, and develop a desire to play running rugby. Then we came up against a great Paarl Gimnasium team. After a half-time score of 8-7 in our favour, a rally by the Paarl giant saw us go down 28-8 without scoring in the second half. The team realised they had to play each game on merit and at 100%. Paarl Boys’ proved to be too strong the following week, but it did see Brandon Burke score a great individual try. The term finished off strong – Rondebosch was sacked 67-3. The start of the third term presented a unique opportunity to play Bancroft’s School visiting from the UK. It was a game filled with nerves and early testing of the opponents’ ability. However, the end result was strongly in our favour – 67-17. From there bitter losses followed: Paarl Gimnasium by an agonizing one-point margin and SACS again by three points. The last two fixtures saw us rally and strive to send the Matrics off on a high. Wynberg was easily beaten 57-13 and Rondebosch went down again 29-15 to see the double-double secured.

Players

William McKenna, Jeff Malherbe, Sisa Liwani, Finn Geldenhuys, Dylan Evans (vice-captain), Matthew Klingenberg, Liam Pargiter, Theodore Psillos, Luca Guerrini (captain), Tom Burton, Lindani Ngcokoto, Stephen Fourie, Siyamthanda Sonja, Richard Wellington, Finley Knight, Ronald Walters, Almandro Jansen.

Michael Vamvadelis

Fourth XV

2017 was another memorable season for the ‘Wild Boys’. Camaraderie, passion and the love of rugby were evident every time they took to the field. With only five relatively close losses and a points difference of 150, this season was really something special. Beating SACS, Wynberg and Rondebosch by 30 points each was a great send off for the Grade 12 boys. 2017 also brought an end to the amazing assistance and coaching from School House stooge, Colin Richmond. ‘Wild Boys leave it all out there!’ is an inspiring motto left by the group of 2017.

Players

Dimitri Kapoutsis, Duma Gcabashe (vice-captain), Michael Steytler, Anton Van Wyngaarden, Sanele Mayosi, Azariah Alexander, Stuart Boynton, Samuel Kuhn, Cole Kruger, Richard Baikoff (captain), Tio Bakre, Gregory Bolus, Robbie Moubray, David Wesson, David Kinnear, Jonathan Pletts, Junho Ko, Dylan Wingfield, Joshua Lowe, Ryan Good, Joseph Hudson, Luke Stevens, Ryan Labberte, Matthew Hanssen, Reuben Mndende, Theodore Psillos.

Ruan Ellis

Fifth XV

The fifth team was largely a feeder for the teams above it and what a great testing ground it proved to be for some of the lads. Much credit must go to the enthusiasm and well-organised handling of the team by Jordan Flax and his erstwhile assistants who came and went during the season. The team was very capably led for most of the season by Ryan Labberte and some consistency in selection was made possible by the higher teams not being too badly hit by injury. The team generally adopted the view ‘if the ball was ours, then use it’ and they played an expansive and

exciting brand of rugby enjoyed by all. Although the team would have varied over the season, the final squad that played against Rondebosch included Dylan Wingfield, Jonathan Pletts, Junho Ko, Liam Agnew, Oliver Innes, Hector Orrell, Hugo Jansens, Connor Price, Joseph Hudson, Ryan Labberte, Nikhil Reddy, Ryan Good, Nqoyi Mputa, Matthew Hansen, Luke Wessels, Michael Mondry.

Dave Mallett

Sixth and Seventh XV

The teams had a few fixtures this year, but it was only really against the Afrikaans schools, large both in number and stature, that we were able to get games. This doesn’t do the results column any good though, but the lads loved their rugby and were coached with tireless enthusiasm throughout the season. Combined fixtures against Claremont High were among the highlights of the season with Bishops coming out victorious on both occasions. The other highlights were beating SACS (home and away) and generally having a lot of fun on the field. It would be inaccurate to submit team lists





as they varied so much over the season – but one must add that these lads are the unsung heroes of the game at Bishops – they provide the depth that makes our rugby so strong!

Dave Mallett

Under-16A

Although an analysis of the results achieved by this team would fail to put them in a favourable light, the players must be commended for guts and determination. They certainly made every effort throughout a long and demanding season to produce the goods, and to deliver the exciting brand of rugby with which the College is associated. One simply cannot get away from the fact that injuries severely

hampered the boys’ progress; however, these setbacks motivated them to try harder. With so many of the team being regularly unavailable, our players were often asked to play out of position or to push on when they might have preferred to take a breather. A number of forwards who started the season in the C team were also relied upon to fill the gaps when the injury list grew long, and it was refreshing to see how these opportunities were grasped with both hands by the players in question. On their day, and when playing at full strength, the team did produce some stirring displays of Bishops rugby, underlining their real potential and dogged commitment. What comes to mind is the match-winning performance against KES during the Wynberg Festival, as well as ‘that’ try, which provided such satisfaction in the away game



against Paul Roos. Another highlight was the match with Whitgift on the Piley Rees Field, when, in weather conditions that certainly favoured our English visitors, the team stood up to be counted, coming from behind to eventually dominate a game that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This year’s coaches and management have no doubt that in years to come our senior divisions will benefit from the resilience and flexibility that this squad came to display during the winter months. With their willingness to attack space and to take on opponents with their skills and self-belief, with their camaraderie and sheer enjoyment of the game of rugby, these young men will surely have many memorable seasons to come.

Players

Raafiq Adams, Kyle Beley, Jono Bird, Zander Brooks,

Jack Clayton, Ben Cragg, Luke Flint, Ubaid Francis, Cameron Good, Jack Hampshire, James Koster, Matthew Lennett, Luca Liebenberg, Tom Liefeldt, Innocent Macha, Slaide Marquis, Max Martin, Mbongeni Mavuso, Jack Murdoch, Tano Sivertsen, Matthew Smith, Ryan Sneddon, Caide Priestersbach, David Trembath, Brett Tucker, Ross Tudhope, Michael van der Merwe, Jordan Velosa, Michael Wesson, Isaiah Wharton, Aadam Abrahams-Weltin, Dallas Wichmann, Aaron Woodman, Charlie Yates.

Warwick Richter

Under-16B

If one were merely to look at the team’s results, one would be forgiven for thinking it was an unsuccessful season. Although only one match was won, the year saw much fun, excitement, commitment and growth. The emphasis was on keeping the ball alive, staying on our feet, and playing at a high tempo. The number of tries scored was testament to the skill and attacking edge. Unfortunately, lapses in defence and intensity cost us victory in games against Stellenberg and SACS. We worked hard on developing a more abrasive and disciplined defensive culture and the next few games saw us concede fewer tries and culminated in the highlight of the season, which was a 19-0 win over Durbanville. After this, much momentum was lost, as between the A and B squads, a horrendous run of injuries and concussions left us playing uncontested scrums in the final four games. Despite injuries we went into the game against Wynberg confident and again scored two excellent tries, but unfortunately our discipline and some very unlucky circumstances saw us go down 12-15. By the end of the first half of the season we were missing 14 first-choice players due to injuries and early holiday trips. Results in the second term did not improve, with more disappointment and injury woes in the games against Paul Roos, Boland Landbou and SACS. Then came a thrilling game against Wynberg – but, although we outscored them four tries to three, their accurate kicking and our lack of discipline tipped the game in their favour. In the final week before Bosch, we lost another five players to injury or early departure on Exchange. However, the lads turned out their gutsiest performance of the season and drew the game 15-all.

Players

Luke Flint, Slade Marquis, Cameron Good, Dallas Wichmann, Ben Cragg, Jordan Velosa, Thomas

Slaven, Jack Clayton, Inno Macha, Mbongeni Mavuso, Ryan Sneddon, Aiden Murphy, Aadam Abrahams-Weltin, Max Martin, Tom Byron, Drew Burton, Adam Fernandes, Julian Dower, Nick Cattell, Max Stewart, Sam Elliot, James Koster, Ubaid Francis, Michael Wesson, Matthew Shaw, Nick Gleeson, James Raatgever, Zander Brooks, Matt Sherrell, Julian Simpson, Bertie Hughes.

Barry Emms

Under-16C

The number of names in our squad gives some indication of the season the U16Cs had, as injuries higher up in the ranks repeatedly depleted our ranks with ever-faithful D-team members stepping in. It is therefore credit to all members of this squad for the quality of rugby produced. It was a pretty successful season with eight wins and five losses. The high point was the win against Drostdy, but with wins over both Boland and Paul Roos (Ds), it was one of our best seasons to date! From the start, the team showed tremendous form, displaying significant skill and plenty of heart!

Players

Kyle Beley, Nic Gleeson and Julian Dower were powerful charges up front. They were supported by Tom Byron, Jamie Naude and Max Tedder’s tireless work in the rucks. Berkley Hollingum, Matthew Smith, Ryan Campbell and Matthew Shaw tackled everything in sight. Flawless service was delivered from Zander Brooks and Kyle Elliot. Matt Sherrell popped up everywhere and always at pace. Shaun O’Brien, Mbongeni Mavuso and Tristan Turner put in powerful runs, and Tristan Le Fleur, Max Stewart, Sean Murphy, Simon Craig and Michael Coles linked and distributed the ball with finesse. Nic Cattell, Julian Simpson and

Sam Elliot provided some power in both defence and attack. Our foreign imports, James Raadgever and Henry Minson, added significant attacking options. Other players included Jack Brasher, Jack Croxton, Matt Davies, Kyle Elliott, Matt Marr, Bunathi Mbityi, Kieraan Meyer, Joe Ottiger, Rory Schram, Seth Sproule, Rhys Williams.

Dave Mallett

Under-16D

The side missed several potential fixtures due to opponents not being able to raise their own D side or being depleted due to numerous injuries, as was the case with the Rondebosch fixture. Nonetheless, four matches brought mixed results: a hard-fought encounter against SACS that we lost 5-12; a morale-boosting 48-19 win in a friendly with Wynberg; a 46-12 win in a league match against Wynberg, and a tough 69-0 loss against Paarl Gimnasium. Thereafter, things looked up. In a friendly match against St Joseph’s, the team came back by running up a 41-12 victory, with tries by Joe Ottiger, Rory Schram and Dylan Perlman. Ottiger converted three of these. Our next match was the away contest against SACS and we lost 12-17, but another morale-boosting win of 45-10 over Wynberg raised the spirits. Sam Elliot excelled with three tries, Max Stewart scored two, and Gift Hokwana and Dylan Perlman got one try each. Joe Ottiger was on target with five out of seven conversions. Unfortunately, in the final match, a side weakened by injury and illness went down to Rondebosch 0-26. We won four of our eight games, scoring a total of 197 points against 177.

Players

Ryan Campbell, Jack Croxton, Hayden Feddock, Cole Gannon, Zion Hendriks, Gift Hokwana, Berkley Hollingum, Tristan Le Fleur, Tristan Lee, Matt Marr,

Benathi Mbityi, Kieran Meyer, Jonty Mondry, Shaun O’Brien, Joe Ottiger, Dylan Perlman, Alex Russell, Rory Schram, Alexander Schuyling van Doorn, Rushay Shiba, Damian Smith, Seth Sproule, Rhys Williams, Peter Worthington-Smith.

Rodney Warwick

Under-15A

We do not normally subscribe to the idea of a head coach moving up with a team for a second year for a number of very good reasons, but due to my long leave in the first term, an important term for establishing and organising the U14s, we had to make an exception. The challenge, therefore, was not to fall into the trap of complacency and comfort due to the familiarity of coaching styles, players and team culture. Business as usual in the U14 age group was not necessarily going to work with the U15s, so this past season, we set ourselves the following new team objectives: being good people on and off the field; playing a brand of rugby that is exciting to watch and participate in; enjoying rugby this season, no matter what situation we found ourselves in; playing as a team that stands together as ‘Brothers in Arms’; and always staying humble.

The season had its great victories, such as our 33-10 win over Paul Roos (away), as well as some challenging, gut-wrenching defeats, including a 19-21 loss to SACS in our second away game. However, an overall score sheet of 16 wins, two draws and two losses with 569 points scored for us and only 185 points scored against us, is impressive for an U15 team in this tough Western Cape A division. It wouldn’t be right to single out any individual player performances as the success was because of the team collective that allowed individual talent to flourish. Let’s hope they continue in this vein

going forward. The mature leadership of Michael Ford as captain and Keagan Blanckenberg as the vice, however, must be commended and thanked.

Players

Michael Ford (captain), Keagan Blanckenberg (vice-captain), James Bolton, Mustapha Cassiem, Nicholas Christodoulou, Connor Evans, Harry Gilson, Oliver Jones, Dan Kirsten, Joe Kirsten, Samuel Marthinussen, Cameron May, Masood Meyer, Sacha Mngomezulu, Aya Ngcwangu, Dylan Plaatjies, Samuel Rudston, Keegan Van Wyk.

Gerry Noel

Under-15B

This was a delightful, characterful and happy team to coach and despite the disappointment of losing games, especially against the Boland sides, they stuck to the team maxim of 'always improving'. While wins were never our measure of success, they started to materialise in the end. Nobody could doubt the huge progress the team showed in all aspects of the game. While the boys naturally grew physically, their determination, skill and understanding grew tallest. Stand-out team performances had to be the away match against Boland Landbou. Facing a half-time 17-point deficit, they managed to find some 'true grit' and kept the second half scoreless. We should really have scored at least twice in the second half, but the game proved to be the 'penny-dropping' moment of the season when the team realised what they were capable of. While playing a strong SACS side away, all that separated the teams in the end was a penalty and an early conclusion; another few minutes, and we would have won that one! However, the final match against Rondebosch was a genuine celebration in how far the players had come as a team. There was no doubt that the squad system of practising with

the As helped enormously and, towards the end, these practice matches became a tight affair, which was testimony to the team's improvement – four wins and nine losses with 171 points scored for us and 255 points scored against us

Players

Adam Suliaman, Aya Ngcwangu, Cameron May, Cameron Parker-Forsyth, Dylan Plaatjies, Ethan Kieffer, Euan Groenewald (vice-captain), Ian Sherwood, Josh Levy, Luke Grindley-Ferris, Mitch Fussell, Mitch Labberte, Niall Maloney (captain), Rayan Hendricks, Sam Hansen, Seb Allison, Simi Mehlomakulu, Tristan Barow, Undi Ngxangane, Zak Ahmed, Zimvo Mahlati.

Angus Firth

Under-15C

It was a challenging season, but not without its merits. Regardless of the results, the boys and coaches continued to work exceptionally hard to improve individual and team skills. In terms of results, we did not reach our goals and this was partly due to players in vital positions receiving unfortunate injuries, not only in our side, but also higher up. Nonetheless, we all had an enjoyable season and grew as players and coaches. We wish the boys renewed strength and determination for 2018.

Players

Oliver Werner, Sadock Magai, Daniel Mudge, Jan Smuts, Jean-Luc Fourie, Nicky Sieff, Francis Bayly, Oliver Kane-Smith, Jake Stewart, Sam Hanssen, Max Nixon, Andrew Koen, James Henderson, Matt Dinan, Jonathan Border, Ben Gukelberger, Sam Bury, Luke Negrine, Chad Francis, Luke Beachy-Head, Nicholas Powell.

Caleb Nel

Under-14A

A large number of boys came out for preseason training and remained keen and hard-working throughout the year. Good lessons were learned and great strides made, especially in areas of weakness. For example, defence was poor against a fast Durbanville side, but the team worked smartly and from then on our defence became a real strength. The line-outs were fragile at the beginning of the season, but, again, through hard work, they are now a quality source of possession. The quality of opposition has also been an area where the boys have had to adapt – there are no more 'easy' games, and the boys have realised no side can be underestimated. The team possesses quality forwards, capable of mixing it with the best of schools, as well as creative, skilled halfbacks and strike-runners who are real gamebreakers and, as they grow in confidence with our play pattern, they will be very hard to beat. Luke Parker and Jonathan Roche led the team with aplomb.

Players

Nassar de Kock, Aidan Burns, Bruce Campbell, Ben Forsyth, Suleiman Hartzenberg, Imad



ABOVE: U14A rugby vice-captain, Jonathan Roche

SAILING

Teacher-in-charge: Graham Robertson

The Inter-House sailing event took place and Andrew Low accepted the Michael Ovenstone trophy on behalf of the winners, Kidd House. At the Inter-schools event, Bishops came third overall. Keenan Mills and John Smith came first on the *Laser Pico*, and Stefan von der Heyden came first on the *RS Tera*. Bishops came first on the *Laser Pico* and Max Wolfson and James Mason were part of that result.

Peter Worthington-Smith and Alex Russell led us to victory in the *Laser Radial* team event.

Cameron Clark, one of three sailors in the RS Tera Pro Class, was among six sailors selected to represent South Africa at the 2017 RS Tera World Championships at Carnac Yacht Club in Brittany, France.

Graham Robertson



BELOW: Captain of Shooting, Shakir Dollie

SHOOTING

Teacher-in-charge: Rodney Warwick

In terms of competitions, André Truter, the squad's vice-captain, did well in the Western Cape air rifle and achieved a bronze medal in the U21 Sporter class for his endeavours with the South Peninsula Schools Shooting side. Shakir Dollie was a diligent and determined captain. Unsurprisingly, the senior shottists have taken the lead in the shooting averages, but newcomers Jack Beare and Tom Searson have done well. The shooting range underwent a renovation and now includes a ramp and raised stand,

expertly built and fitted by Sean Heuvel's workshop team. This adaptation has allowed Michael Beckurts the opportunity to participate in shooting from his motorised chair. Michael demonstrated a good eye for the sport and was awarded the Shottist of the Term trophy in Term 4. André Truter was elected as the new captain for 2018. He introduced a new dimension to practices with his authentic-looking and accurate air pistol. Ethan Ellis was very helpful in a number of technical and other tasks around the range.

Rodney Warwick



SOCCER

Teacher-in-charge: Jarred Bradley

Soccer was launched as a pilot endeavour at Bishops in 2016. Following a number of trials, two squads were selected U15 and U19 – and entered into a friendly league of weekly soccer fixtures. The passion for this sport continued to grow this year with a large number of boys trying out for the two squads.

The U19 side had a successful season under the leadership of captain Bathi Mbityi and vice-captains Jean-André Stroud and Sanele Mayosi. The coach, Anthony Malinzi (from UCT), was enthusiastic and passionate, and his competitive and eager nature fuelled the boys. He said of their commitment, ‘They

improved collectively throughout the year and should be very proud of their performances, especially in the bigger and tougher games. They showed discipline, courage, togetherness and resilience.’

The U15s, under the capable care of Sebastian Stemmett, were guided through the basics of the game. They were led by captain Matthew Tripe and vice-captain Luke Shuttleworth. This squad included a number of talented Grade 8s.

The Rohan Bloom Interfaith Football Cup is an interfaith soccer tournament between Herzlia, Bishops and Islamia College. The tournament is held in memory of Rohan Bloom, a Birt House boy who passed away in Grade 9. The aim of the tournament is to bring people together to enjoy a fun-filled day of football. Bishops entered four teams (U12, U14, U15 and U19). The U14 and U19 teams performed extremely well on the day; however, Herzlia was victorious in the end.

Jarred Bradley



ABOVE: Captain of Soccer, Bathi Mbityi

SQUASH

RIGHT:

Captain of Squash, Glenn Yates

teams were Glenn Yates, Jonathan Greyling, Ibrahim Kerbelker, Charlie Yates, Brandon Snider, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Timothy Wright, Nick Gleeson, Adam Morkel, Greg Medcalf, Kenau Vith and Matthew Reid.

Glenn Yates deserves special mention – not only on his selection as an U18 Springbok squash player, but also on an excellent performance at the World Squash Championships held in New Zealand. In the individual draw, Glenn played several tough matches and ended up achieving the best world ranking of all the South African players.

The remaining senior teams enjoyed plenty of success, but our third team just missed out on winning the U19A League. The other teams all won their leagues. At U15 level we also enjoyed unprecedented success – the first four teams won their leagues, and the A and B sides remained unbeaten. The only Bishops junior team that didn't win its league was the U15E team, which had to play in the same league as our U15D team.

It was disappointing that our 1st V again fell at the final hurdle in the Top Schools knockout tournament, losing

to archrival Rondebosch Boys in a closely fought final. This result was mainly due to bad luck when Glenn Yates became sick at the 11th hour. Once again, I heard it said: 'Next year must be our year!'

Fourteen Bishops players represented Western Province in their respective ITP tournaments – this is the highest number of provincial representatives we have ever produced. Squash Colours in 2017 were awarded to the following players: Half Colours went to Jonathan Greyling (re-award), Charlie Yates, Brandon Snider, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Tim Wright and Nick Gleeson, and Full Colours were awarded to Glenn Yates (re-award) and Ibrahim Kerbelker.

Bishops also fared well in the two festivals we attended. We travelled to Bloemfontein in February to play in the St Andrew's Squash Festival and then in October our 'stayers' team had an excellent time at the WPYS Stayers Festival, which we co-hosted.

John Knight

Teacher-in-charge: John Knight

Squash at Bishops has never been healthier. Our five courts, which were renovated earlier in the year, are the envy of our peers, and the availability of court space enables us to enter 11 boys' teams into the various Western Province Youth Squash (WPYS) leagues.

Our first team had to be split into two equal-strength teams of five players each, and while they did very well to come second and third respectively in the league, we forfeited the chance to win the Super League title. This strategy did, however, mean that about 12 players gained valuable experience by playing in the Top Schools League during the course of the season. Those who represented Bishops in these two 'first'



SURFING

Teacher-in-charge: Dave Mallett

We had an exceptional season and the club boasted a record number of members. We sometimes had difficulty fitting everyone on the bus, but this is a nice ‘problem’ to have and the gees was always high! The conditions were really good, as the winter storms brought quite of bit of swell. There were particularly good days at Dunes and some challenging surf at Witsands, where the banks made for some tough paddling. We were all stoked to

RIGHT:
Captain of Surfing, Max Harrison
Captain of Swimming, James Morritt-Smit

have good conditions at Long Beach for Inter-House surfing, which was won by Gray. As always, the boys managed to make the best out of every excursion, and even when the conditions weren’t great, our trips to McDonalds made up for that. The drives across the peninsula to catch the frothing waves were always great fun too. Captain Max Harrison and vice-captain Nayati Moodliar led admirably.

Nayati Moodliar



SWIMMING

Teacher-in-charge: Michael Vamvadelis

Swimming has progressed from strength to strength. Under the guidance of James Morritt-Smith (captain), we were able to maintain second place in all galas. This is a remarkable achievement and it is testimony to James’ commitment and drive to motivate the swimmers. In the annual Inter-schools Newlands gala, we placed third overall, which is the best outcome in the past few years. Michael Houlie had another fantastic year and his best achievement was representing South Africa at the FINA Junior World Swimming Championships in Indianapolis, USA. He reached two finals (the 50m breaststroke and the 100m breaststroke) and set new South African age

group records in both events. He also participated in both the Commonwealth Youth Games, which took place in the Bahamas, and in the Western Province Championships. He broke his own South African record for boys aged 16 in the 100m and the 50m breaststroke. He dominated the breaststroke events for seniors and won the award for the top male swimmer (highest FINA points scorer). He was also part of a victorious South African swimming team that dominated the medals presentation at the Africa U20 Youth Games. In his individual capacity, he won four gold medals – a remarkable achievement because he was the youngest male swimmer to achieve a medal.



Irshad Abrahams participated at the Junior African Swimming Championships held in Cairo, Egypt. He achieved a bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke, and a fourth place in the 100m breaststroke.

The Inter-House gala was eventful and the following records were broken:

Mike Houlie (open 100m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and individual medley); Christopher Aubin (open long distance – the record was held since 1987); Irshad Abrahams (U14 50m breaststroke), and Jonathan Roche (U14 50m freestyle).

TENNIS

Teacher-in-charge: Jarred Bradley

Tennis has been competitive, with a number of boys opting for personal coaching and entering the Western Cape Disas: High School District Tennis Trials. They performed very well, despite tough competition.

Tennis sustained a heavy blow when our Grade 12 players departed at the end of the Term 1. Malachy Barbour, Lloyd Wood (captain) and Francois van der Merwe contributed to a very successful 1st League. Brandon Snider was also part of this team and continues to play in the Number 1 spot. On the other side of the spectrum, a good influx of talented Grade 8 players joined the sport. They grew in confidence and skill under the valuable coaching of Tony Fawcett.

Trophies were awarded to:
Mike Houlie: Individual Medley, Breaststroke, Fastman, Butterfly and Senior Victor Ludorum.
Christopher Aubin: Long Distance, Backstroke and Freestyle.

James Griffiths: U14 Victor Ludorum
Aiden Murphy: U16 Victor Ludorum.
Mallett House emerged the victors and the final points were: Mallett 197, Ogilvie 182, Birt 174, Gray 167, Founders 139, Kidd 86, White 42 and School 32. Daniel le Jeune was elected as captain for 2018.

Michael Vamvadelis

The third team did very well in the first half of the season, ending at the top of their league, losing only one fixture throughout the year.

A squad of Bishops boys, put together from the six tennis teams, competed against a very experienced side of OD players on Founders Day. Experience prevailed and the ODs claimed a comfortable victory.

Most of our players at the top played a lot of tennis, even in their spare time, and injuries were a common concern. Many boys played an average of two matches per week and they need to be commended for their dedication, hard work and effort.

Jarred Bradley



ABOVE: Captain of Tennis, Lloyd Wood

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

NETHERLANDS HOCKEY TOUR

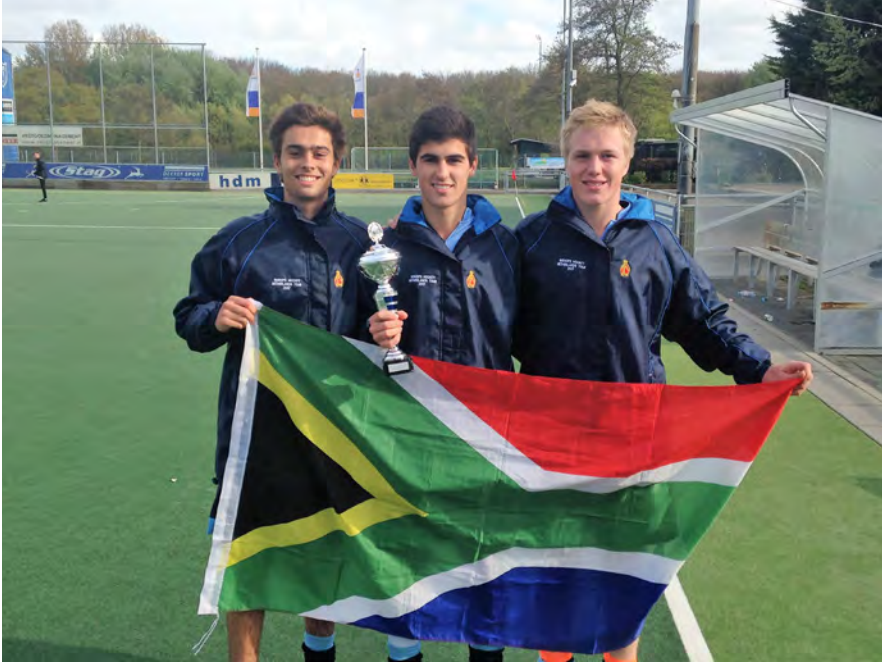
Bishops’ 1st XI hockey squad and the Colts development team toured the Netherlands during the April holidays as part of the 2017 pre-season preparation. The teams stayed in the cities of Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Utrecht and The Hague and attended four coaching sessions by top Dutch coaches, played five warm-up matches,

watched Euro Hockey League quarter-final matches and participated in the HDM Easter Tournament over the Easter weekend. This tournament included clubs and schools from Australia, Ireland, the US, Canada, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

The boys also engaged in cultural and leisure activities, which included a 15km bicycle tour to the Kinderdijk Windmills, a canal cruise in Amsterdam, a humbling visit to Anne Frank House, and a visit to Efteling theme park. The boys were great ambassadors for the school while they were abroad as they were extremely well behaved, resulting in an enjoyable tour for everyone. The ultimate prize of the tour, was the 1st XI’s victory in the final against the host club, HDM.

Sean Henchie

RIGHT:
Marco Lanfranchi, Michael Burton and Ivan Stassen in the Netherlands



Summary of results

1st XI warm-up matches		Colts team warm-up matches	
Game 1 vs HBR	Drew 3-3	Game 1 vs HBR	Lost 2-3
Game 2 vs Doorn	Won 7-1	Game 2 vs Doorn	Won 2-1
Game 3 vs Xenios	Won 6-1	Game 3 vs Xenios	Lost 1-3
Game 4 vs Den Bos	Lost 1-4	Game 4 vs Den Bos	Lost 1-10
Game 5 vs Phoenix	Drew 1-1	Game 5 vs Phoenix	Lost 0-5
1st XI/Under-19 tournament results		Colts team Under-17 tournament results	
Game 1 vs Rhomburg	Won 5-2	Game 1 vs Oree	Won 3-2
Game 2 vs Maritzburg	Lost 0-1	Game 2 vs Victoria	Lost 0-3
Game 3 vs Como Secondary	Won 9-0	Game 3 vs HDM	Won 3-0
Game 4 quarter-final vs HDM 2	Won 7-0	Game 4 quarter-final vs Aberdeen Grammar	Lost 2-3
Game 5 semi-final vs Rhomburg	Won 5-1	Game 5 Position play off vs Victoria	Won 3-1
Game 6 Final vs HDM 1	Won 7-1		
Played 11, Won 7, Lost 2, Drew 2		Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6	
Goals for 51, Goals against 15		Goals for 17, Goals against 31	

SALVETE VALETE



SALVETE		
Grade 8		
Abdullah, H	Barnard, LD	Bastick, K
Bennett, JG	Boeddinghaus, SJW	Bourgonje, J
Chagan, R	Choi, W	Ciolti, L
Couves, JB	Craig, SR	Csizmadia, AD
Davids, MS	Davis, LB	De Bruin, F
De Waal, AL	Derman, BM	Dow, RA
Du Preez, JC	Du Randt, NF	Dundulachis, E
Dundulachis, A	Dyer, R J	Elvin-Jensen, CT
Farmer, DJW	Flint, JI	Giles, TR
Grindley-Ferris, J	Gross, CRJ	Hodgson, CA
Holmes, RK	Hyun, J	Jaffer, A
Joxo, ZLJ	Kalyan, SD	Kim, KH
Kolbeinsson, KA	Koster, WG	Lanfear, SN
Lawson, AM	Le Grange, S	Lewis, AV
Malan, MA	Mandindi, O	Martin, RC
Mason, TJ	Mitchell, JB	Mokwena, AL
Mommsen, ND	Moodley, C	Moyle, JM
Nair, T	Newton, MR	Nyoka, MG
Oaker, Z	Omar, MY	Osman, F
Park, J	Petersen, R	Petersen, L
Raubenheimer, JA	Reid, BCD	Richardson, MG
Roji, O	Russell, MSH	Saurma-Jeltsch, TN
Seymour, MO	Sherwood, BRM	Siebert, C
Slingers, CS	Smith, JR	Steinhagen, NC

Sun, MZ	Todd, ET	Todd , CG
Unite-Penny, CT	Van Gemert, JS	Van Hasselt, HA
Von Seidel, OEC	Welby-Solomon, CV	
Grade 10		
Avis, L	Bisnath, T	Francis, W
Van Niekerk, T	Vintcent, RM	
Grade 11		
Mitchell, TC	Rushmere, LE	Syndercombe, NM
Grade 12		
Collis, T		
VALETE		
Grade 12		
Acafrao, F	Acton, RRB	Ahmed, R
Alexander, A	Aubin, C	Bagus, F
Baikoff, RN	Baird, ZAK	Barry, JGH
Barkai, GR	Barbour, MC	Belcher, JM

Bersella, PG	Blow, MP	Bowden, NK
Boynton, S J	Braga, T	Bruce, MD
Buhler, KC	Burke, BMA	Burt, FTA
Burton, MM	Cassiem, AD	Cetywayo, MMH
Chetwin, BGJ	Cheminais, MA	Cloete, GB
Corbett, RL	Craig, MO	Cullum, S
Da Costa, NG	De Kock, MH	Dendy Young, TM
Dicker, L J	Diggle, JA	Dollie, STN
Doyle, RK	Du Plessis, MF	Ebrahim, MR
Evans, DRB	Featherstone, NS	Fisher, AG
Foflonker, S	Gcabashe, DM	Good, RJ
Goodwin, RNJ	Goolam Mahomed, F	Gordon, JJ
Guerrini, LF	Guerandi, G	Hamilton-Russell, JA
Hanssen, MA	Harrison, MR	Hennessy, CR
Henderson, GL	Hill, RD	Hodgson, AD
Hudson, JW	Hughes, J	Innes, OBS
Ipser, JA	Jack, RMS	Jansen, A
Julius, MJ	Kennedy-Smith, AJ	Kenealy, AV
Kenny, G	Kerbelker, I	Kinnear, DL
Knight, FT	Ko, K	Kode, CEM
Kuhn, SJ	Labuschagne, A	Lanfranchi, MU

Laubscher, DW	Leach-Lewis, L	Lebona, FM
Le Fleur, R	Lennett, RJ	Liwani, SS
Loubser, TN	Lowe, JWJ	Macdonald, RD
Maharaj, SP	Maimba, N	Makin, GHL
Malan, LD	Marquis, CCD	Mayosi, SZ
Mbityi, B	McAdam, AT	McKirby, J
Meyer, R	Millson, S	Mntonintshi, LO
Moodliar, NS	Moore, JA	Mort, JDS
Mort, LBS	Morritt-Smith, J	Moubray, RJ
Mputa, NT	Mudge, TP	Naude, BA
Neill, AO	Nel, BA	Newman, JS
Ngcokoto, L	Ngqukuvana, BS	Norton, MM
Oehley, CJ	Osborne, DA	Osman, MR
Pargiter, LJ	Passmore, JD	Phelan, BP
Pienaar, S	Podesta, JN	Powell, L
Rawoot, MA	Rohrer, CT	Ruider, AM
Sale, AL	Sides, CL	Sonja, S
Spencer, GP	Stassen, IH	Storey, RA
Stroud, J	Tapanlis, N	Themba, ACV
Thring, AG	Tucker, RL	Tyer, MA
Tyndall, NR	Tzemis, TA	Valodia, M

Van der Merwe, FH	Van Biljon, RG	Walters, RA
Warren, TN	Watson, JSH	Wehmeyer, CA
Wellington, RMB	Wesson, DJ	Williams, J
Wingfield, DP	Wixley, HAC	Wood, LTF
Yates, GAG		
Other Leavers 2017		
Grade 8		
Njoroge, PM		
Grade 9		
Bradley, LC	Bradley, MF	Glass, CA
Kirkman, JM		
Grade 10		
Bassett, AL	Cragg, BBC	Njoroge, JT
Straughan, David	Shaw, MAA	Tate, MR
Grade 11		
Bacon, PN	Phelan, OR	Godfrey, MC
Wessels, LV		

WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

It feels strange to be part of a significant departure from the old structure of the Diocesan College magazine that has been in existence with the same frontispiece for over a century. But, here we are with our very first new-look annual magazine.

2017 was a busy and exciting year for Prep and Pre-Prep, but possibly the most momentous development was our admission of 60 Grade Ns – the first 4-year-olds to join Bishops in its 168-year history. For these boys Matric will be their 14th school year at Bishops. Even after one year, we believe the Grade N class has been a very successful innovation, one that we feel will pay dividends over time in terms of preparing the boys for the higher grades, by providing a secure, play-based and creative pre-formal learning foundation.

At the end of the year we saw the retirement of three stalwarts of our teaching staff: Lynne Adelbert (head

of English and drama), Sue Burgess (head of maths) and Di Judge (form and subject teacher). Together they have served the school for 67 years. They will be greatly missed.

Sadly, our Chaplain, Father Terry Wilke, is retiring early due to ill health. The kindness he has shown to our boys, staff and families as well as many ODs during his nine years at Bishops stands out and will be remembered by us all. We pray for, and wish him, renewed health as he has time to rest.

I hope you enjoy paging through this section that encapsulates a glimpse of the life and soul of the Prep. As I look through, I am reminded of a quotation in the editorial afterword in *A History of the Diocesan College Preparatory School* published in 1994:

*'Some aimed at a small objective
but the fierce updraught of their spirit
forced them to the stars.'*

I believe this continues in the present day and this magazine celebrates just that.

Greg Brown



ABOVE: Greg Brown

STAFF FAREWELLS

LYNNE ADELBERT

This is what the boys say about Lynne: She knows how to make and keep you interested in the lesson; she likes to put you on the spot in her class to keep you on your toes; I was scared of her on my first day in her class – not because she is strict, but because she is so passionate and energetic about English – it was intimidating and daunting; she is a nice, kind-hearted

person; she is always in a good and happy mood to teach; she is a great role model to all of us; she is always willing to help us no matter what; her famous ‘death stare’ is far worse than any Pink Paper or DT (she has only ever given one Pink Paper, in 1997, and was so upset by it that she vowed never again); she is very understanding and disappointing her is far worse than any Pink Paper or DT; she is loving and really connects with each of us boys; she always does what’s best for her pupils.

And the staff had this to say: she is highly creative and flamboyant – she fills the room with her personality and presence; she is unafraid to speak her mind; she is passionate about life – has dealt with great highs and lows; she is intimidating when angry; generous of spirit; she inspires and entertains the boys in her

teaching; her work ethic is one of passion – for her subject and for the boys; her energy in the many productions she has done is inexhaustible; her talent as a director is immense; she has enormous respect for children, as they have for her; the musical refrain from *Smike* was, ‘Don’t let life get you down’ – she loved that and lived by it; she is a survivor – she has taken a few solid hits and each time has got back up off the canvas and bounced back with a smile on her face and a spring in her step – a youthful ‘joie de vivre’.

We will miss you, Lynne. We will miss all the fun, the excitement and the pure joy you brought to this school. We are all so much richer for the experience of teaching with you. It has been an honour.

Bruce Mitchell

SUE BURGESS

You may have heard about the Six Thinking Hats of Edward de Bono. Tonight I am going to tell you about six of the hats worn by Sue Burgess, or should I say ‘the maths girl’.

Many years ago, I had dismissed a Grade 3 class and as they were filing down the library stairs, Sue stepped out of the maths room and asked one of them if I was still upstairs. ‘Oh, you mean the library girl’, he said. Since then I have been Library Girl and she Maths Girl.

Even though Maths Girl actually does not like wearing hats, she wears many with great aplomb.

Academic hat

Let’s start with her academic hat. What a head of

LEAVERS DINNER

HEADMASTER’S ADDRESS

Special guests, parents, staff and boys, good evening.

On behalf of the School, thank you to all the Grade 7s for this wonderful gift. I know it is going to add something very special to the School. You boys have your Student Council to thank for this – I had suggested a Bishops crest for the Jagger Hall in enamelled steel or possibly carved in wood. They liked the idea, but came back to me with a very different version: a large crest in mosaics to be mounted on an

external wall. I tried to take them back to my original idea, but it was a no go. They suddenly were all very into mosaic art and wanted something bold for all to see on the grounds and from numerous angles. Thank you again.

This has been a very good Student Council under Robert Kotze’s chairmanship and with Teboho Mashologu as secretary. I have really enjoyed working with you, and I know it is not easy working with me, as I tend to say no to your ideas more often than I say yes. But this did not deter you guys. You came with very sensible arguments, presented them articulately, listened to each other and happily disagreed with each other. I think you reflect this Grade 7 class. And while none of us is perfect, you are a great group of boys, great to teach, coach and train and just to engage with. Being with you on the Grade 7 Tour was a wonderful experience; your respect and natural

friendliness with your teachers was wonderful to see and this made it a particularly enjoyable nine-day experience for your teachers.

You are an interesting bunch. Who else keeps his own messy bedroom in one of the neatest classrooms in the school, but Busti Terblanche? And the hairstyles ... JP Freddy with that kiss curl of his; Jack Ryan must have a sore hand smoothing over his *kuif* as often as he does; and Oliver Beek, how much gel does one *kuif* need? And, of course, Thando, introducing the smart Afro to Bishops! Then there’s Craig ‘hip hip hurray’ Ressel who added his approvals to all the *Happy Birthdays* sung in the hall since Grade 5.

As I said, you are all engaging. I don’t think we have ever handed out as many certificates for good manners as we did today.

Last week you voted to award the Williamson Fellowship Trophy to the boy in your grade who epitomises good fellowship. Your vote went to Axel Harrison. Well done, Axel.

Well done, too, to our Heads of Houses and their Deputies on their leadership and the responsibility they have taken in their respective Houses. Daniel Neuhoff as Head Boy has been a quiet example to you all, living the values of the Mitre as we call it: manners, integrity, tolerance, respect and empathy. Well done, Daniel.

I know the boys are very grateful to their parents for organising this dinner and for all the special touches they have planned and implemented so painstakingly and to such brilliant effect. To Meere Lemmer and her committee, thank you and well done.

We have been reading and talking about Artificial Intelligence for a while, but suddenly it does seem very real and part of the here and now. Google used Artificial Intelligence to update Google Translate, so that it can now translate between 23 languages in a matter of seconds. It is not perfect; there are sometimes idiomatic differences and it might not pick up a nuanced meaning, but no person can achieve what Google Translate can in anywhere near that amount of time. Artificial Intelligence can compose music too. Managing, recalling and analysing information can be done far more quickly by a robot – and probably more precisely – than by the experts in the field. But there are ethical issues looming: can robots be fully controlled? There are already instances of them developing their own private language and even lying. (Much like humans.) 3D printers are changing our future: a class in the United States designed and produced a prosthetic hand for a child in an orphanage who could not afford a medically-engineered one.

When I went to UCT a few centuries ago – well, 1978 to be exact – I encountered my first computer as a friend of mine was studying computer science. In those day that class was quite small and the course was considered revolutionary and had a *Star Wars* quality to it. Those computers would probably have the capacity now of one console box with no access to the internet (there was no internet then), no online communication at all. In fact, it was the size of a Citi Golf, if not a little bigger. IT firms were generating doctors’ accounts and fee statements for other companies, which would previously have been individually typed or handwritten. And it was groundbreaking at the time. Our first cellphone was double the size of the average home portable phone and was produced only a little over 20 years ago. After



KWAZULU-NATAL TOUR

provided by the school. After lunch we headed off to Clifton Prep where we played rugby and tennis. The day eventually ended with the boys being collected by their various hosts to enjoy a restful bonding experience.

The Grade 7 tour takes place annually and gives the boys independence while the teachers construct appropriate guidelines. The KZN tour has probably been the highlight of my Grade 7 year so far. The plane rides were exhilarating and I was fortunate enough to get a window seat on both trips. Our first day was a long, tiring yet exciting experience. After arriving at King Shaka International Airport we hopped on a bus and travelled to uShaka Marine World Shopping Mall where we were split into pairs and given lunch money. Nimba and I then shared a delicious platter of sushi followed by two scoops of ice cream each, which luckily fitted into our allowance

The Grade 7 tour to KZN was an amazing experience, combining the right amount of fun with learning, sporting activities and musical experiences. The Grade grew a lot closer and made exciting new memories that we will never forget. To some the KZN tour is a rite of passage while many have to battle homesickness and various illnesses. Learning about KZN was fascinating and exploring the battle sites of Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift enlightened us further about our country’s heritage and history.

The Grade 7 tour was thoroughly enjoyable; many new friendships were forged and an incredible experience was had by all.

Michael Beaumont

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The Grade 7s learned all about the coding of robots when tasked with making an automated parcel-delivery system for a school. After creating a robot using Lego Mindstorms, the boys programmed the various input and output devices to enable the robot to move appropriately. Coding is certainly a skill in demand for the future. The completed robots were presented to parents at an open evening. In addition, an in-depth study of our natural environment was made, which focused on the many worrying trends that put the environment under such strain. Each boy presented an oral about how modern technology could improve the health of the environment in the future.

In the younger grades, the Grade 6 boys completed a microelectronics kit that taught them soldering skills and to understand the function of certain electronic components while assembling an alarm circuit. They

too, had an opportunity to show their competence during an introduction to robotic coding.

As an extension to the Grade 5 natural science curriculum, design and technology lessons were used to develop an understanding of the sources of electricity, electric circuits, and safety and environmental issues. Electronic kits were used to teach basic principles and for practical activities. Each boy then designed and made a steady-hand tester and decorated the model to represent an interesting environment. An informative trip to the Palmiet Hydro-electric Power Station was an exciting addition to this year’s course.

The Grade 3 and 4 boys continued with focused tasks intended to equip them with the skills that are required throughout their years in design and technology. The boys were asked to design and make a land yacht. Their manipulation of material, designing the wheels to move easily, making sails and testing theories about balancing points were vital to the success of the project. The skills and processes involved in considering the design options available, drawing the possible solutions, and making, evaluating and improving their prototypes will be entrenched during these early years.

Mark Erlangsen

MUSIC

The Prep music school was as busy as ever over the year, with some wonderful highlights. In the first term it was great to see our wind band, string ensemble and marimba band in full swing for the Prep Carnival, especially as it was so early in the year.

In the second term it was a great pity that we had to cancel our Ensemble Concert in May, due to the massive storm that wreaked havoc in Cape Town and caused schools to close. A month later the Grade 7 Tour Ensemble and soloists did the school proud playing two concerts on the tour to KZN at Clifton Prep and St Charles Prep.

At the beginning of the third term our Prep choir was immersed in rehearsals and activities leading up to the *Bishops Classic Pops*. What a wonderful experience it was for our boys to join forces with the College

choir and ensembles – two performances never to be forgotten!

Our Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) practical and theory examination results were exceptional. We had 113 boys play a practical exam in the June and September sittings, with an average mark of 130/150 (87%). The world average was 114/150. For theory, we had 32 boys write and the average mark was 90%. These results are due to a massive team effort from the boys, parents and the wonderful teaching of the staff of the music school.

In the fourth term we had our wonderful Leavers Concert, which is always a highlight. Our two carol services, which saw the Memorial Chapel full to capacity on both nights, were full of joy.

The wind band performed at our Prize-Giving service on the last day of school. What a wonderfully festive performance it was.

Over the year we had 27 Wednesday morning assembly concerts with almost 300 boys performing on stage – a year full of wonderful highlights!

Stuart Scott

HOUSE REPORTS





SPORT





TENNIS

RESULTS

Fish Hoek	Won 6-0
Reddam	Won 6-0
SACS	Won 5-1
WPPS	Won 4-2
Reddam	Won 5-1
RBPS	Won 5-1
Reddam	Won 5-1
RBPS	Won 5-1
Grove	Won 5-1
Groote Schuur	Lost 2-4
Sweet Valley	Lost 2-4
Reddam	Drew 3-3
RBPS	Lost 1-5





PRE-PREP







THE OD UNION

So what does this mean in practice? Why does the ODU exist, and what are the connections between it and the school?

When the ODU was launched in 1896, its purpose was to keep ODs in touch with one another and the school. If you wanted to contact a fellow OD, the ODU could make that happen. If you wanted to know what was going on at Bishops, the ODU had that information too.

But that was then. Today, technology has made the ODU Rolodex – as a way of keeping ODs in touch with one another – virtually obsolete. Through Facebook, LinkedIn, emails and a host of other platforms, communication between ODs has never been easier, faster or more efficient. In real time, the Bishops website tells ODs everything they need to know about the school.

In response to changing times, therefore, the ODU has redefined its purpose: today, we are ‘ODs helping ODs’. While still providing the nexus between ODs and Bishops, the ODU has become more focused on practical and relevant reasons for membership. A primary focus is mentoring.

Mentoring, as we define it, is the act of guiding, supporting and challenging younger ODs to make appropriate choices when faced with obstacles or challenges. These could be related to their university studies, work advice or moving countries – or their after-school life in general.

To date, 325 ODs representing more than 90 professions and disciplines have volunteered as mentors to help younger ODs understand and deal with the world beyond the Avenue gates.

The mentorship programme has a wide reach, with mentors and mentees spread across the world. They can connect in different ways: face to face, via Skype or email or simply on the phone. Depending on what’s required, a mentoring relationship can consist of a one-off meeting or it may last for a year or longer.

Although each set of circumstances is different, mentors have only one goal for mentees: that by building on what they’ve learnt at Bishops, they go on to achieve their potential. Mentoring, in short, is the avuncular arm around the shoulder. It is the passing on of experience, tempered by interest in and concern for one of our own, so that the world is not as intimidating or perplexing as it might otherwise be.

Boys and ODs are encouraged to take advantage of the experience and knowledge of ODs. In this way, the purpose of the ODU is fulfilled, the relationship between the school and ODs is strengthened, and Bishops boys, as ODs, are empowered to be the best they can be as they set out to make a positive contribution to the world we live in.

To register as a mentor or mentee, please visit the ODU website: www.odunion.com.

Nicky Bicket



inspires individuals