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WELCOME FROM THE **HEADMASTER**

It is a pleasure to write a foreword to the second standalone Pre-Prep and Prep magazine. Separating the magazine from that of the College was done with some trepidation, but it has allowed us more space and an increased visual representation of the year of 2021. For the 2022 magazine, we are hoping to provide every family with a hard copy. We spend plenty of time online in the course of the day and we think a hard copy, with all its visuals, will provide a very happy memento of your son's younger years.

2022 has been a real year of firsts, first in three years, after two years of a pandemic, the likes of which have not been fully experienced since the Spanish Flu more than one hundred years ago. At last we had singing without masks, choirs forming and performing again, music concerts, social gatherings and functions for parents and staff, sports fixtures with spectators, prizegiving, group work in class, camps, and a myriad of events and practices that we never imagined doing without. We did get through that difficult stage but for a school that is relational, active and vibrant across the board, it has been wonderful to return to that way of living and being as a school. So, 'being back' as it were, has been a time of real appreciation of what we enjoy and what is important to us. Above all, it is about relationships; boys are relational learners, who teaches them and how they do so is critical. The rapport, the empathy, the direction and inspiration a teacher provides, make all the difference in a boy's education and growing up. When a boy arrives in Grade N or R, it is not only the beginning of a 13- or 14-year relationship with the young man, but also with his family and his family with other families, so 2022 has truly been a re-start, enjoyable and exciting.

We publish this year's magazine with real appreciation of a fulfilling and exciting year, a year of relationships established and fully experienced, for the good of all our boys.

Enjoy this magazine. May it raise a smile and give you a glimpse into the remarkable energy, creativity and achievements of our boys.

Greg Brown



WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

COUNCIL NEWS

Role and constitution

In 1849 Bishop Robert Gray founded the Diocesan College and in the subsequent years the school grew and acquired properties and other assets. In 1891, through an Act of Parliament (No 11 of 1891), the Council of the Diocesan College was established, and all the properties and other assets were consolidated and transferred into the name of the Council. In terms of the Act, the Council comprises 12 men and women tasked with governing the school. The Council itself is a body corporate, which exists independently from its members.

In terms of the 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 College Council is the governing body for Bishops' three schools: the 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 role of Council is to act in effect as the board of directors for the school. The Council is responsible for the overall wellbeing of the school and involves itself in every aspect, especially to the extent that such matters involve the strategy, structure, direction, finances, and policies of the school. 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 that the school is exposed to, diversity and inclusivity at the school, the use of technology, the development and safekeeping of land and buildings, the excellence of facilities and the recruitment and retention of the best teachers, coaches and support staff.

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 and his team. The Principal 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.

There are clear delineations of responsibility between Council and the School Executive, much as one would expect in a business, between the board of directors and the executive management. However, while Council manages the school like a business, we do not manage it as a business.

Council is responsible for approving the operating budgets for the school each year and for the funding of and allocations to capital projects, such as new buildings, etc.

Operationally, the school typically budgets to break even My thanks must go to our Principal, Mr Tony Reeler, his or make a small surplus each year. Surpluses, should Executive team, all our wonderful academic and support they arise, are held in reserve for difficult years, as we staff and to our boys and their families for their resilience experienced recently due to the Covid-19 pandemic, or and their determination to get through this difficult time. are used to improve the school's facilities.

Council sets the fees for the school and determines the staff salary increases each year, based on recommendations from the Remuneration Committee and the Finance and Risk Committee.

By far the most significant responsibility of Council is that of finding, recruiting and retaining a new Principal for Bishops from time to time, when required.

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

By the middle of 2022, after more than two years, all the remaining meaningful restrictions placed on schools arising from the management of the Covid-19 pandemic had been lifted and life at Bishops could return to normal.

I believe that Bishops navigated the pandemic years extremely well, given the enormous uncertainties we faced and the dramatic changes that were required in the ways in which we teach and learn, play sport, create music and drama, and generally socialise together.

2022 was a busy year for Council, and its 12 members, the trustees of The Bishops Trust and the members of our 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. Membership of Council remained stable throughout the year. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank Mr David Burton, who will retire from Council in March 2023, having served the maximum permitted term of 10 years.

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. The principal keeps the OD Union informed of developments at the school on a regular basis, while the chairman of the OD Union committee is invited to Council meetings as an observer and acts as a trustee of the Bishops Trust *ex* officio. In addition, quarterly meetings are held between the Chairman of Council, the Principal and both the President and Chairman of the OD Union to discuss matters of mutual interest. The relationship between the school and its alumni association is a strong one.

Sub-committees and The Bishops Trust

Council now has six subcommittees as follows:

Finance and Risk Committee

- chaired by Mr Graham Molyneux

Remuneration Committee

- chaired by the Chairman of Council

Nominations Committee

- chaired by the Chairman of Council

Buildings and Grounds Committee

- chaired by Mr Greg Deans

Investment Committee

- chaired by Mr Niall Brown

Diversity, Equity and Belonging Committee

- chaired by Mr Moshe Apleni

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

To facilitate closer ties between Bishopscourt and the Anglican schools in the Western Cape, during the year the Archbishop tasked Bishop Joshua Louw, who is

already his representative on Council, with looking after all the local Anglican schools.

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, other than the member appointed by the Archbishop to be his personal representative.

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

Council meetings

Council meetings are held at least guarterly 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. 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. The Head Boy and his two deputies are invited annually to present to Council their strategies for leading the school.

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 decisionmaking. Almost every decision of Council is unanimous.

ODs and parents at Council meetings

There are currently seven ODs and nine parents or past parents of Bishops boys attending Council meetings.

Chairman and Principal

As Chairman of Council, I meet with the Principal once a week for an hour or two. Additionally, we often discuss matters as they may arise daily and on occasion, we talk to each other several times a day.

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

The relationship between a chairman and a principal is critical in the running of any successful school. There needs to be a high level of trust and frankness. I am delighted with the relationship that Tony and I have developed over the past two-and-a-half years.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Tony for the enormous enthusiasm and hard work that he has brought to his role. I know that he relies heavily on Rose for support. Thank you, Rose, for all that you do for Tony and for Bishops.

The Bishops Trust

The Bishops Trust is the body that raises funds for Bishops from time to time. It is governed by a board of trustees led by Mr Jan Newman.

The Bishops Trust has set ambitious fundraising targets in what are difficult financial times. The Bishops 175 Campaign seeks to raise significant funds over the next

two years as we approach the school's 175th anniversary. There remains much work to be done to reach our goal of building up a significant bursary fund and building the facilities that the school so badly needs.

It has been a privilege for me to serve Bishops over the past five years and I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the Bishops community who have shown me support.

Simon Peile Chairman of Council

Council recently approved a material capital project, funded largely by funds raised through the Bishops 175 Campaign, that will see the academic hub of the College revitalised next year through the demolition of the NLT and the construction of a new Learning Commons. The Learning Commons will include, among other facilities, two floors of multipurpose collaborative working spaces designed with the requirements of teaching the so-called 21st-century skills in mind, as well as a new staff room. The Learning Commons will physically connect with the library and with adjacent classroom blocks to create a vital core to the academic precinct. The Learning Commons is intended to be opened in 2024 as part of our 175th anniversary celebrations.

New Chairman of the College Council

As has been announced, I will be retiring as Chairman of Council at the end of 2022 and my successor will be Mr Crispin Sonn. Crispin is an experienced executive, with a strong track record of serving his community in leadership roles. Crispin and Lisa are parents to Franklin, who will be in Matric at the College next year. I am confident that Crispin will be an outstanding Chairman of Council.

THE BISHOPS TRUST

Bishops Trust 175 Campaign

There was a distinct silver lining to the 18-month interruption to the Campaign caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, during which it was not possible to undertake active approaches. This gave us the opportunity to refine the objectives of the Campaign to ensure they were relevant to the vision and strategy of Bishops.

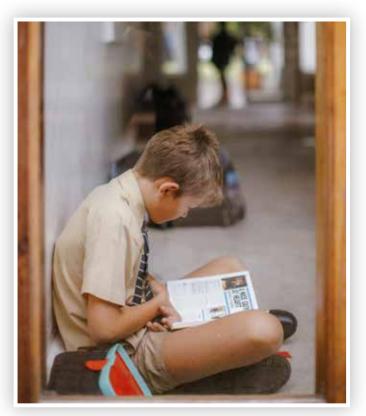
With the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions earlier this year, we were at last able to initiate our private approaches phase in SA and outside SA, which takes the form of selective personal approaches to sources of potential major funding. The aim of this phase is to kickstart the momentum and credibility of the Campaign by raising a substantial sum before opening the Campaign to general approaches to parents, ODs and other supporters of Bishops.

The responses to these early approaches have been very encouraging and demonstrate that our key objectives for Bishops are understood and shared by key potential supporters and donors.

Precisely when we launch the public phase of the Campaign is dependent upon progress during this allimportant initial phase. This is unlikely to be before summer 2023, but we will be in touch with all ODs and parents at the appropriate time.

Jan Newman

Chair of The Bishops Trust





VUSA & BISHOPS: DRIVING CHANGE IN LANGA

The VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy is based in the vibrant community of Langa, just eight kilometres away from Bishops.

VUSA's mission is to provide support and mentorship for children in the Langa community through structured academic, sports, feeding and extramural programmes, thus ensuring primary school children have access to skills and opportunities to provide more choices towards a brighter future.

VUSA's programmes include numeracy and literacy development and a mobile library project for three registered early childhood development centres in Langa. The Atlas Digibus programme (a mobile classroom that has been purpose built into an IT classroom) supports the transition from the mother tongue to English as the language of instruction at five Langa primary schools. An after-school programme offers competitive rugby, academic support (Maths, English and homework), recreational outings and a feeding scheme.

VUSA employs 15 staff, most of whom reside in the community. They know the children, understand their circumstances and being coaches and facilitators, offer them guidance, mentorship and support.

What is unique about this programme is its strong partnership with Bishops. The school provides financial and administrative support, but what has been really special to see is the community rallying to support its neighbouring community.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Bishops parents and ODs came together and delivered soup, bread and fruit to the Prep kitchen, which was transported to the children daily. The PA provides incredible support for VUSA and works closely with VUSA to arrange interactive excursions for Bishops and VUSA children to enjoy together. This year we enjoyed a beach day at Fish Hoek, an Easter craft day and egg hunt at the Prep and, most recently, an outing to Norval Foundation. Furthermore, they go above and beyond to treat our children when they are hosted by Bishops. We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and boys who volunteer and assist the VUSA programme.

Grade 6 and 7 parents arrange a magical Christmas party for the children every year but what truly stood out in 2022 was the community coming together at the Investec 24-hour Cycle Challenge. Due to a limited number of bikes, we had to restrict the number of teams, but there was plenty of *gees* to make up for it. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, volunteered, or cheered for our staff, parents and boys. Our VUSA children *love* playing rugby against their Bishops peers. A highlight for our U13s was an invitation to this year's Independent Schools' Rugby Festival, held at Bishops in July. After years of engagement (despite the Covid-19 interruption), our players knew many of the Bishops boys. They had a weekend of fun and adventure with their friends, seeing new places in Cape Town and doing what they love most – playing rugby. They also won all their games, which did so much for their confidence since they were competing against some of the best schools in the country.

The U13s ended their last rugby season with a Market Day and 7s tournament. After a six-week entrepreneurial workshop with staff from Capitec Bank, our children set up a market selling everything from pancakes to pot plants. Thanks to the parents who supported our young entrepreneurs despite the miserable weather. The tournament ended with a Bishops vs VUSA match. The contest ended with a mixed-team game. It was a special day, to see our South African children oblivious of race, religion and socio-economics, coming together in Cape Town's oldest township to celebrate a game they love.

Special thanks to Bishops, Coronation Fund Managers, Standard Bank, Capitec Bank, Shoprite Checkers, Sygnia, The Atlas Foundation, The RB Hagart Trust, The HCI Foundation and the Lunchbox Fund for your generous support. Thank you also to the Ikey Tigers, Ubumbo Legends and all the volunteers who give so generously of their time to create opportunities for our children.



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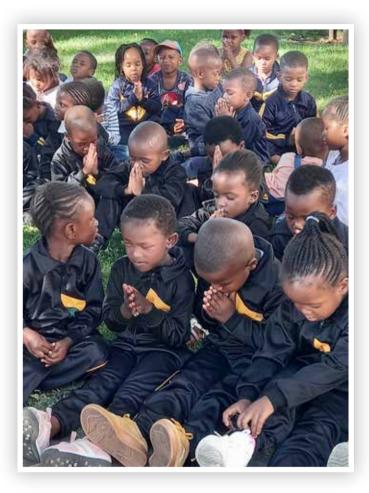
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• Donate:

https://www.vusarugbyacademy.com/make-a-donation

- CSI funding OR Make an introduction
- Donate products (books, clothes, food)
- Get your boys involved













































PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF

Headmaster

Mr G Brown

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Deputy Heads

Mrs K Dallas Mr C Groom HDE (Intermediate Primary) BEd Hons, HDE

BEd, BMus (Ed), HDE

HDE (Junior Primary)

BEd (Foundation Phase)

(Education Management),

(Education Management), HDE

BA Hons, HDE

BTech Hons

MEd, Psych Ed

BA, PGČE

Dip Ed

BA, HDE

BTech Hons

BPrim Hons

HDE (Handwork), FDE (Design Tech)

(Foundation Phase),

ACE (School Guidance)

BE (Foundation Phase),

BSocSci, Psych Hons,

MA

BPrim

PGCE

FDE Art

Academic Staff

Mr M Anderson

Mrs S Clapperton Mrs L Cook Ms C de la Harpe Mr G de Sousa Mrs L Dinan Mr J P Dudley Mr R Drury Ms C Duck Mr MC Erlangsen

Mr B Fogarty Ms L Fry

Mrs M Gloak

Mrs P Graney

Mrs L Hamman Ms S Johns Mr G Jordan Mr W Louw Mrs N Luzmore Mr X Mathyeke Mr B Mitchell Mr K Mqomboti Mr I Scott Mrs C Sheard Mr T Siko

Mrs K Stamper

Mr L Tsotso Mr C Turner Mr N Tyali

Interns

Mr M Lubelwana Mr K Ngcobo Mr K Jacobs Mr A Arendse

Administrative Staff

Mrs A Cunnold

Mrs M Green Mrs S Johnson Mrs K Kerven Mr I Ndamane Admissions and Headmaster's PA Music Administrator Marketing Coordinator School Secretary Stooge

BEd (Foundation Phase)

B Tech (Sports Management)

BCom (Information Phase),

BEd (Foundation Phase),

Psycho-Ed Support Hons,

Dip Sports Conditioning

HDE (Art)

HDE, FDE

HDE BEd

BEd

PGCE

HDE IV

Bsc HMS, PGCE

LTCL, ADBMSCT

BMus (Ed), HDE

BA Psych Hons

IT & Curriculum Integration Support

Mr R Rhoda

Aftercare

Mrs V Erlangsen

Grounds and Maintenance Staff

Mr J Wolfaardt Mr P Jacobs Mr R Njokoya

Cleaning Staff

Mrs Z Tieties Mr Q Low-Shang

Kitchen Staff

Mrs H Johannes Miss M Gertse



STAFF NEWS

Staff Art and Wine Evening















Staff Robotic Event

Staff Support Tea





















Women's Day

















BISHOPS SUPPORT UNIT

The Bishops Support Unit had a productive year supporting our Bishops boys. We have five dedicated and variously qualified and experienced ladies who provide remedial therapy and extra lessons to identified and referred boys. This includes Stef Thompson, Cindy Wittstock, Kate Stamper, Verity Erlangsen and Jenny Riches.

What has been particularly exciting is having Kate Stamper increasingly involved with the Grade 3 and 4 classes, providing support for and consolidation of classwork for a small group of select boys each week. This year, she spent one hour each of English and Maths every week with the Grade 3s, and one hour of English every week with the Grade 4s. Next year Mrs Stamper will be increasing her time with the Grade 4s, taking a small set of boys for English lessons. There will now be small sets for English and Maths in Grade 4 and 5, optimising support for boys who could benefit from it. There are approximately 10 boys in the small sets.

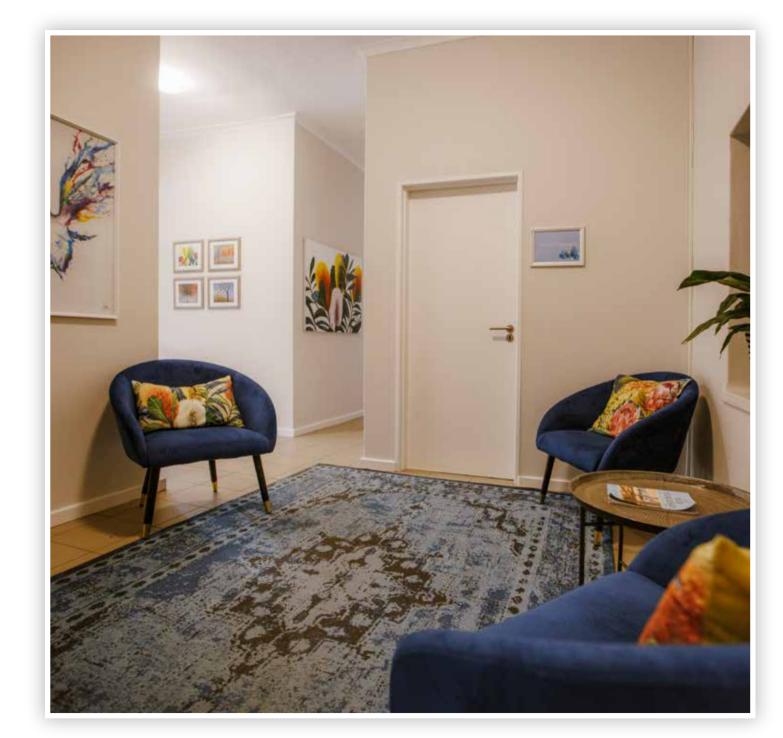
Jane Durham has also come across from the Pre-Prep to provide occupational therapy services during school hours. It has been wonderful having her added expertise.

We have a network of psychologists and specialist doctors who join our Bishops Support team for team meetings. They are a valuable part of our team in helping to understand and discern how to best support boys in the school context. I am particularly passionate about the emotional wellbeing of boys. I provide short-term counselling to boys and meet with parents to discuss concerns that they may have. I consider my first-base counselling to be Life Orientation. I oversee the curriculum and while there are specific teachers who teach each grade, I often do modules on social-emotional aspects with the boys in the various grades. It is lovely getting to know them, and for them to become familiar with me.

We look forward to 2023.

Laura Cook





BISHOPS SUPPORT UNIT



GRADE 7 REPORT

Our first outing was in honour of Bishop Tutu. We visited St George's Cathedral where his ashes are held and then went to Nobel Square at the Waterfront to view his statue. We also took a walk on the former apartheid 'Whites only' beaches along the Atlantic Seaboard, where Bishop Tutu had held protests against these discriminatory laws.

We then spent a night 'in jail' on Robben Island and the teachers didn't throw away the keys. We walked (some ran) around the island and visited the old war guns and Nelson Mandela's cell. His former warden, Christo Brand, told us stories about what it was like being a warden to Nelson Mandela and the other political prisoners on the island for so many years. We enjoyed a lovely sunset braai on a beautiful still evening on the island. It was a real privilege for all of us.

Next we visited KwaZulu-Natal for eight days on our school tour. We were first hosted by Chelsea Primary in Durban North, playing rugby, hockey, chess and tennis, and we put on an entertaining music concert for them at their assembly. Our boys were kindly hosted by their families for two nights. We then headed inland, via PheZulu Cultural Village, where we enjoyed the wildlife along with true Zulu hospitality. Next was St Charles in Pietermaritzburg, and we played against them in many different sports, held another music concert and were hosted for another two nights. After that we headed up the North Coast to Sugar Bay holiday camp at the Zinkwazi River Mouth. Our boys had so much fun, mainly

enjoying the warm sea water on offer and all the other exciting activities put on for us. The staff even enjoyed a sunset cruise up the river. Very tired boys and staff returned to school but, fortunately, they had the June-July holidays to recover.

Our boys had many fun activities to end their time at the Prep. We had our Market Day and lots of money was made (and lost) as the boys sold their wares to a captive Grade 3-to-6 market. We donated a few thousand rand from a percentage of the profits made to the school charity. Sound business lessons were learnt during this practical experience of running a business.

Next, we hiked 17km up and down Table Mountain to learn about the building of the dams on top as part of our Geography curriculum. We visited the old cableway at Kasteelspoort and the Waterworks Museum. Some even snuck in an illegal swim behind the teachers' backs. Our *Potijekos Dag* was up next, and the boys made some delicious (and some not-so-delicious) potjiekos. The teachers risked their health judging the food prepared. We enjoyed some *boeremusiek* and *boeresport* as part of the experience.

We had a delightful Leavers' Dinner at which the boys and teachers poked fun at each other in some entertaining speeches by David Brink, Hamaad Badroodien and Jude Khoury. The three class teachers, Mr Jordan, Mr Turner and Mr Mitchell, then got their own back with their replies. Much fun was had by all as

we were entertained with a drumming workshop. Oh yes, and the food was out of the top drawer!

Our final activity as a grade was our much-anticipated Leavers' Camp, where the boys had to cater and cook for themselves at various campsites at the Palmiet River Mouth outside Kleinmond. The sea water was unusually warm and we spent many hours enjoying the ocean and lagoon. The boys were very proud of their own cooking and the teachers even plucked up the courage to sample the food offered to them. We also canoed up the Kleinrivier and walked 10km along the coast. Some keen boys even went on early morning runs and swims. This was a fitting way to end off their Prep time, just enjoying each other's - and even the staff's - company. Rather tired boys and teachers then headed back to school for the final assembly and Prize-Giving the next day.







Grade 7B



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Grade 7P





David Brink





Kuda Chahwahwa





Sarfaraz Khan



James Lesbirel



Alexande Love





Kaleb Pillay



Iqsaan Salie Mark



Benjamin Spaun







Luke Traut



Joshua Velosa



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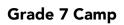
Grade 7S



Biko Talk



















































Market Day





































Potjiekos Day



































KwaZulu-Natal Tour







































ACADEMICS - GRADE 7













LEAVERS' SERVICE: HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS

Staff, parents and boys of the Leavers' Class of 2022,

It was Covid-19 that first led us to hold a Farewell Service for Grade 7s in 2020, when no other ceremony was possible. Last year we held a joint Service and Prize-Giving for Grade 7s and this year we are back to a whole-school Prize-Giving, but the Service remains – one positive for us after a pandemic. It's an opportunity to bid farewell to our Grade 7s in a dignified and prayerful manner in this beautiful Chapel, one in which you will spend much time over the next five years.

Covid-19 showed us how we so easily took so much for granted in our lives. I ask you to never take this Chapel for granted. Calling it a chapel is really an understatement; it is as large, if not larger, than the cathedrals in many towns and cities around South Africa and the world. Built by the Old Diocesans in the 1920s in memory of their classmates who had given their lives in World War I, it showed not only great generosity but also foresight. The school back then, Prep (there was no Pre-Prep) and College combined, was nowhere near the 850 capacity of this Chapel. Now the school sits at a total of 1 450 boys and more than 250 staff members – an amazing legacy we have been left by that generation.

Every group of leavers tries to leave something behind them to improve life at the Prep, whether practical such as a water fountain or a bench, or something aesthetically uplifting such as the 2018 and 2019 Leavers' water feature in the Jagger courtyard, and last year's Mitre and its values on the walls of the classroom block. As you heard Kuda announce this evening, you have given the school a fever tree, planted outside the Grade 3 classrooms on the Rossall Campus. There is an old Chinese proverb that says, 'He who plants trees loves others besides himself'. You will not be here to enjoy its shade, or see it grow into a mature tree, so in giving you show appreciation and thought of others. So thank you.

You not only donated a tree, you also contributed to the Tutu Memorial by decorating 77 of the 381 tiles that line its walls. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's passing at the end of last year after a long life well lived was sad, but as we reflected in that sadness on the man he was, it was also an opportunity to celebrate as a world community, a South African society, an Anglican communion and a school, a remarkable man, small in stature, but large in determination and courage, a fighter for justice, fairness, kindness and love. The quote inscribed on both sides of the memorial that Kuda read out earlier reflects the essence of his life and belief:

Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another. This is my wish for you going forward, that you, like the Archbishop, embrace difference, in all its forms, that you enjoy the diversity of our school community and make 'difference' something that is enriching and life-giving, not something to divide us. We do need each other and I hope that you will see that others also need you and that you become someone who gives and responds to others generously, with compassion and kindness. Together we create a better space, a happier time, a more complete world.

We have really enjoyed you as a group. Your enthusiasm and passion in a busy and richly full school year have really stood out. You were amazing in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and I so enjoyed our Student Council meetings, as well as watching you on the sports field and performing at music concerts, especially the Ensemble and Leavers' concerts. It has been wonderful to see you respond so wholeheartedly to what the year has offered you. There have been upsets from time to time though, and moments of tension, but hopefully you have learnt from these.

I think you are ready to move on from the Prep now and face the challenges and new and exciting opportunities of the College and the other high schools that some of you are going to. The Grade 8 class will be at least double the size of this class, which brings with it new competition for teams, for position in the grade but also opportunities for new friendships, ideas and a chance to be pushed in new ways to see what you are really capable of. While you look forward to long pants, physical houses, boarding in some cases, cellphones and laptops, everything now depends on you. No more are your parents informed about matches, arrangements and tests. All communication is through you now. More

independence but also more responsibility – it's exciting and just a little daunting, as every new step is.

I want to thank all the parents here tonight for your support over the years, not just of your sons but of the school. Everything you have done for him, from those early days of practising bonds with him in Grade 1, has contributed to who he is today. Similarly, assistance in fundraising, tuck-shop duties, serving on the Parents' Association Committee, being a class rep, attending a music concert and standing on the sidelines at a sports match, are all part of what creates the school community, the community that plays such a prominent role in forming these young men. Thank you.

Thank you, too, to our staff who have taught, developed, inspired, stood by and, above all, related to these boys, making school a happy place, helping them on the journey to becoming the best version of themselves and becoming good men.

Boys, you are on that road to becoming good men. There will be lots of twists and turns, falling down and climbing up along the way, but remember the words of Archbishop Tutu: we all need each other. Be the ones who respond to the needs of others, never be afraid to ask for help when you need it, and always be willing to help when others need it.

We look forward to watching your progress in the years ahead. Make the most of all the opportunities that the next five years hold. Go well; may God continue to hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Greg Brown

















































































































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In June, the boys visited the Heart of Cape Town Museum at Groote Schuur Hospital. They got to learn about the first heart transplant performed by Professor Christiaan Barnard, and spent time in the actual operating theatre that has been restored to what it looked like back in 1967. With wax models of the key role players, and video and primary sources aplenty, this outing made the content they had learnt in Social Science class come alive.

Towards the end of the year, each class went on a very worthwhile historical walk of Cape Town led by Mr Anderson. This tour started at the CTICC and progressed through the Cape Town CBD, where prominent buildings, monuments and artifacts were pointed out, and some very interesting stories pertaining to each were told. From the Company Gardens the boys went up to the Noon Gun before returning to school via District Six.

All the Grade 6 classes also visited Langa to gain a better understanding of the history and culture of the community. This relates to our growing relationship with the children in the VUSA programme.

The Gugu S'thebe Arts and Culture Centre celebrates local artists' work and has a wonderful pottery section. The drumming session was a highlight for the boys.

The Langa Pass Museum was a stark reminder of the atrocious apartheid system and harsh debilitating laws imposed on people in South Africa. It was interesting to take note of Langa's rich sporting history, with rugby and cricket being major sports played 100 years ago. The 100th anniversary of people first being moved to Langa was commemorated in 2023.

The pupils then walked through the streets, visiting the Dalikhanyo Crèche and seeing the work done by VUSA. The crèche children loved our boys singing a *gwijo* (a Xhosa song usually sung at a sporting or traditional event).

Visiting the old single guarters (created by the apartheid government for migrant labourers and now occupied by families) was a major eye-opener for our boys as to some people's living conditions.

Some of the boys' comments, which indicated a successful, thought-provoking outing, included: 'People have so little yet seem happy.' 'It was great to be able to greet and speak to people in isiXhosa.' 'How can we do more to help?'

'How did people allow apartheid to happen?' 'I am so grateful for what I have.'

Another end-of-year activity was the traditional go-kart race around Stanmore Field. Under the guidance of Mr Erlangsen, the boys form class teams, and design and build their go-karts. With help from Ms Johns, they also design their own team logos and names, and then print T-shirts in their team colours. Once again, the boys enjoyed this event immensely.

Naadia Luzmore, Thami Siko and Murray Anderson



Grade 6B



Maximillian Steven

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Grade 6P





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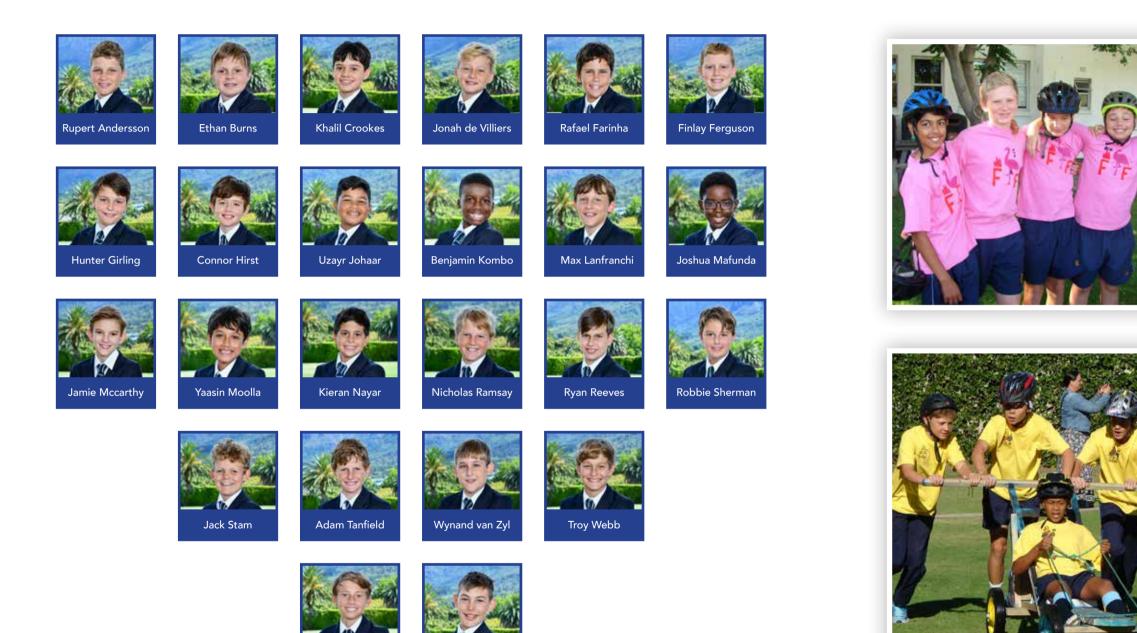


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Go-kart Race









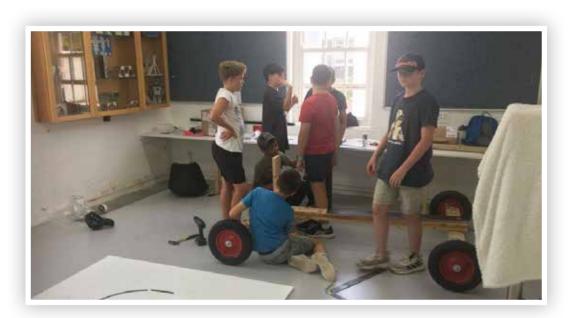














Go-kart Building

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Heart Museum Tour























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Naadia Luzmore

































Cape Town Walk

















GRADE 5 REPORT

The boys and staff of Grade 5 can reflect on 2022 with fond memories.

The year kicked off with a team-building camp at High Africa Adventures, which was one of the highlights for the boys as they were able to run around freely, and engage in group dynamics and other fun activities. They particularly enjoyed the outdoor water activities, high ropes course and fun swimming sessions to cool off after a long day. Plus they got to cook their own potjiekos for supper.

Our summer and winter sports programmes were also a big hit. The boys were involved in water polo, tennis and cricket in summer and rugby, squash, hockey and chess in winter.

On the academic side, the boys have been brilliant with keeping up with the test schedule every Friday and it was fantastic to see them working together to build models and do group projects - you could see the happiness in their eyes.

The year ended off with Enrichment Week, which really stood out for the boys as they took part in various activities including visiting Muizenberg Water Slides, playing putt-putt and holding a class pool party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We finished off with a tour of Langa Township, which was a real-life revelation for the boys. We would like to wish our boys all the best for Grade 6. You have completed Grade 5 as champions and we will watch your progress with enthusiasm.

NaneleTyali, Xolani Mathyeke and Willem Louw









Gert Coffee





Joshua Fried Liam Gibson Sebastian Horrel





Phoenix Manolas Rhys Lategan

Liam Middleton





Charlie Townshend



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Grade 5B







Henk Curs

Samuel Huntinaford



James Davidge



Matthew Fox



Sahil Khalfey



Liam Khan





Gus Moran



Ethan Roberts



Zayaan Saloojee





Kaleb van Schalkwyk



Noah Walford



Michael Whiffler



Grade 5P



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Grade 5S







Osiphile Hlongwane









Carter Mason



Maxime Menage



Farley Moran





Michael Pentz



Cameron Ranger



Bonnar Richards





Robbie Symons



Thomas Townshend



Wakefield



Jayden Wrensch

Ancient Egypt Models



















Nailing Competition



Grade 5 Camp

















































































Langa Tour



























Pool Party



















Skeleton Models





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GRADE 4 REPORT

On a sunny day in January, 77 eager little boys arrived at school ready to start their Grade 4 year. Little did they know that it would be the best year ever! Foundation Phase was a thing of the past; they were now in the Intermediate Phase, a phase of education where the focus is on having a lot of fun while doing a bit of learning. Suddenly there was Geography, History and Science - subjects they had never studied before. The boys were now officially in big school.

Mr De Sousa, Mrs Gloak and Mrs Graney welcomed the boys on the first day of the term and Mr Julius joined the grade as the ever-so-helpful intern. The Kumalo, Vintcent, Wides and Hlongwane families joined the Grade 4 clan, and we hope they have had a smooth transition into the best grade in the school.

Late in February, each class braved a night away at High Noon campsite near VIIliersdorp. The boys had a wonderful time bonding as a group and enjoying being in nature's classroom. We hiked, created forest creatures, built forts, braaied and played 'Stalk the Lantern'. Memories were made and a group of very tired (but happy) boys returned the next day.

Back at school we learnt about a variety of different topics. The highlights were learning about the history of Bishops, how rugby started in South Africa (and that the Woodlands Astro used to be a graveyard!) and the Solar System, which is always an interesting topic, especially as SpaceX and NASA have relaunched their space

programmes and have given us access to watching rockets launch into space every few months.

This year's group was a strong sporting bunch. We excelled across a variety of sports and the boys thoroughly enjoyed playing full fixtures with spectators in rugby, hockey, soccer, cricket, water polo and swimming. There were also chess and tennis matches and two of our tennis stars even made the tennis tour at such a young age. There are definitely some future Springboks or Proteas in the mix. Watch out, Chad le Clos and Kevin Anderson

Enrichment Week was a fun and relaxing way to end off the year. We walked along the Sea Point Promenade and Blouberg Beach, played putt-putt, swam at Hout Bay Beach, cruised on the Nauticat to Duiker Island to see seals, swam at Dalebrook and examined the sea life in the rock pools there. We ended off the week with a big pool party and braai, celebrating the grade as a whole. 2022 was a fantastic year! Lots of learning took place and the boys have grown in their understanding of what it means to be a young boy of integrity. Our hope is that each boy continues living out the values of the MITRE (manners, integrity, togetherness, respect and empathy), as our character is what is most important at the end of each day. We wish all the Grade 4s a wonderful time in Grade 5. Don't forget to visit us next year, our doors are always open.

Mandy Gloak, Penny Graney and Grant de Sousa







Alex Breslin



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Altaf Dawood

Chris de Wet





Connor Hirsch

Kunashe Ganyeka

Joseph Hudson





Oyama Mapukata

Kartar Moodley



Grade 4B







Dex Campbell









Eliott Dornonville de la Cour



Farhad Ebrahim



Oliver Ferrao





André Kuys



Jack Lucas



Luke Mabin





Casey Nevin



Josh Pooler



Cody van Staden



Grade 4P



Grade 4S

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Africa Day







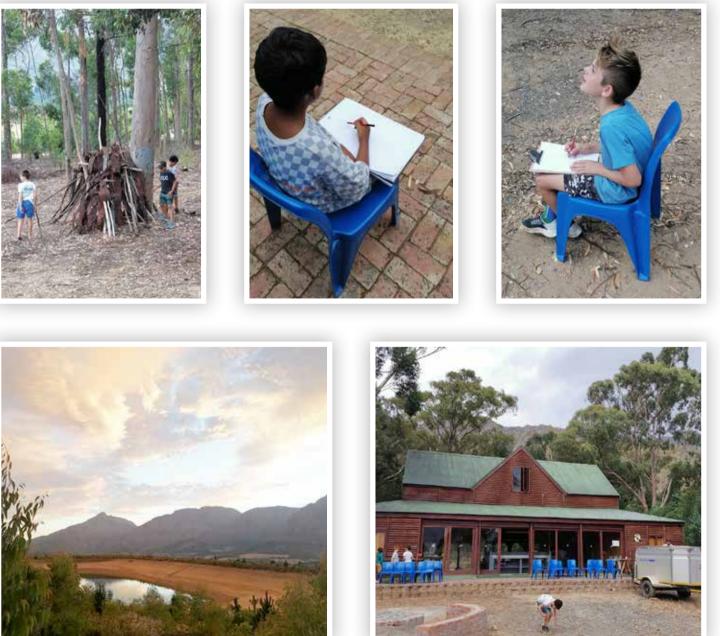














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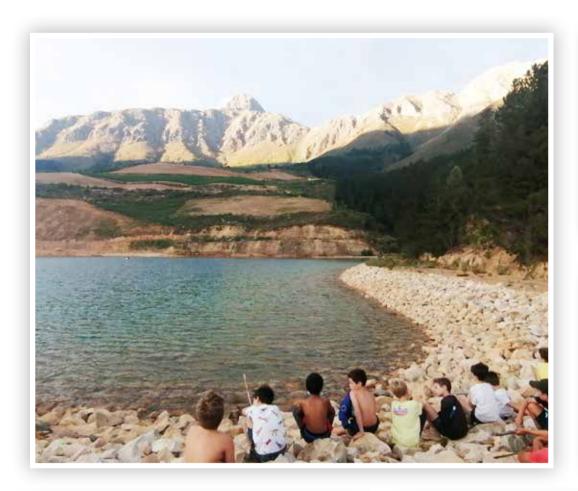














































Cecelia Forest Hike











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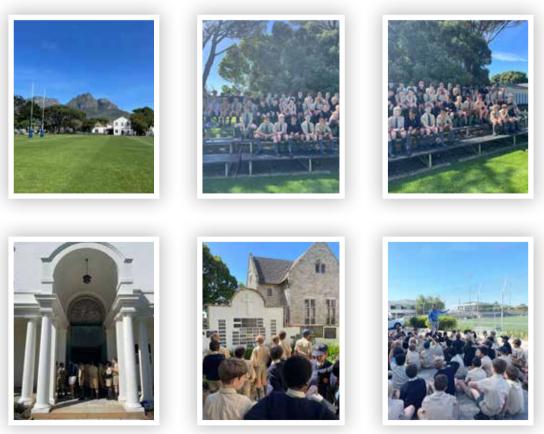




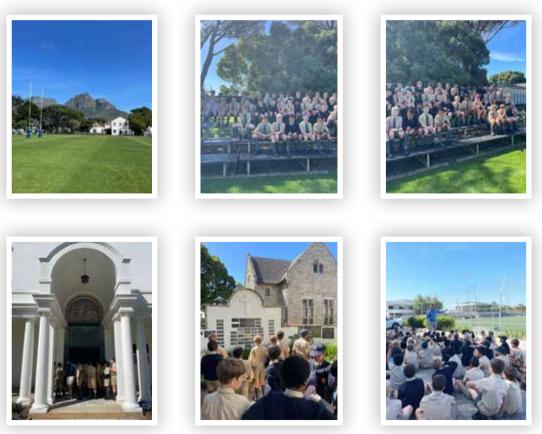








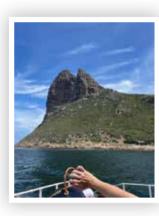




History of Bishops

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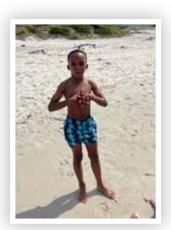








































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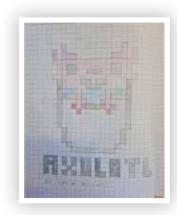


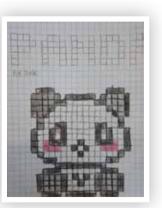


















Promenade Walk















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Water Filtration



































GRADE 3 REPORT

Grade 3 Report

This year has been a busy, wonderful yet chaotic time for the Grade 3 boys. The best part of the year was finally being able to leave our masks behind and smile at all our boys. It allowed us to get to know this group of boys so well, as well as allow them to see and get to know their teachers. How wonderful it was to be greeted with smiling faces every day. The boys were super-excited for Grade 3 and they settled down quickly. They were exposed to new subjects like isiXhosa, Design Technology, Drama and more. The excitement to start Music was incredible and the Music Department was inundated with requests for lessons. Every week boys were introduced to different Music teachers and instruments in Class Music. This exposed them to all that is available at Bishops. The boys enjoyed learning about all the different instruments, with most of them taking up an instrument. It was fantastic to see them inspired and showing a keen interest in different things. The Music Department has been truly phenomenal in making sure all boys got a chance to attend lessons.

In Art, they worked in a variety of mediums in drawing, painting and sculpting activities, with the focus on encouraging personal ideas and expression. Please refer to the Art Report for more details on their projects. Physical education was great fun for all. Pupils went through a comprehensive Physical Literacy programme to build strength and help improve their fitness. They also got to do soccer, swimming and overall ball skills. The boys have absolutely loved their interactive isiXhosa lessons every week and it was always special to hear them singing with so much passion and enthusiasm.

In Term 1 the boys learnt all about the qualities of a Bishops Boy, as well as the values of the MITRE. We learnt about the friends, families and communities around us. The boys shared stories with us about their lives and it was amazing to learn how unique we all are. We celebrated our Sports Day with a great deal of passion and pride. The boys had a civvies day where they collected an incredible amount of dog food for various rescue centres and shelters. We had our Founders Day and the boys learnt many new things about our school and the history of Bishops. It was a fitting way to wind down the term.

In Term 2, we started to learn about our oceans. The boys learnt all about the different zones and all the wonderful creatures found in them. They went on to learn about sea pollution, as well as other types of pollution that affects our lives. We had a wonderful outing to Save Our Seas in Kalk Bay where we learnt how we can help change our planet and how we can make a difference, no matter how small.

There was great excitement and some apprehension as we started to learn cursive. The boys really showed their dedication and we are so proud of their beautiful writing.







Term 3 arrived guickly, and the whole year felt as though it was flying by. We started the term with a bang, learning about experiments. The boys were very excited to present their experiments, with lots of cleanups needed. Many thanks to Mr Low-Shang for always being on hand. We had bubbles, bangs and blowing up liquids, but it was such fun and we know the boys loved every minute. The highlight of the term for most boys was definitely the soccer programme. They got to play matches against other classes and then against other schools. It was amazing to see how much soccer talent we have in our grade! It was definitely a term to remember.

The fastest term of the year, and yet the most special, was our final term with the Grade 3 boys of 2022. We launched into learning about knights and castles. What fun this was for our boys! They got to make castles,

swords, shields and coats of arms. They learnt many new things about the medieval times. We ended off with a medieval banquet fit for a king. Our moms and dads created the most exquisite banquet these boys had ever seen. They were spoilt with delicious food and they entertained us with their renditions of medieval dances. We were all dressed up and it was something we will alwavs remember.

Enrichment Week was the slow winding down towards the end of term. We had the most magical celebration and the boys sung their hearts out. It brought tears to our eyes and we were immensely proud of them. We can never thank Mrs Sheard enough for the enchanting songs that she teaches our boys. She is truly special. It was a fitting end to a wonderful year.

Leanne Hamman



Grade 3B

Brilliant, bright, blessed, blissful, beloved, best-ever, breath-taking and beyond beautiful are just some of the B words I can think of to describe the Grade 3B class of 2022!

Our first year back to our 'new normal' after Covid-19, and I finally got to see my boys' beaming smiles, which had been so missed hidden behind masks, across the classroom. We laughed hard, played hard and worked even harder.

I wish Grade 3B of 2022 all the best as they embark on their journey in the Intermediate Phase. Go and be amazing! Thank you for a fun-filled year.

Laurelle Fry

Grade 3P You have been the most incredible bunch of boys. I have loved all the jokes, chirps, funny sayings and all It has been an unbelievable journey with my 'Peas in the laughs we had together. You have been so lively and the pod'. They are the most caring, empathetic and entertaining. Thank you for putting up with my incredibly thoughtful group of boys. We have had wonderful lame jokes and for laughing in sympathy at times. I have camaraderie in the class and have spoken at length enjoyed every day with you and I know you will go on to prove how amazing you all are in the years to come. about embracing each other's talents and applauding our unique strengths. Each boy has achieved either a I will miss you all! Come and visit anytime. My door is classroom, academic, behavioural, sporting, extramural, always open. artistic or musical goal.

I have been blown away by how talented this group is and have been proud to watch them shine this year. Now, no longer the small boys at the Prep, they are ready and eager to leave their mark at Bishops and I know it's going to be amazing.

Thank you for showing me such love and making me a proud teacher so many times this year. I have never laughed as much in the classroom as I did this year.

My 3Ps, enjoy all the adventures that lie ahead at Bishops and I eagerly watch to see the men you will become.

Oh, the excitement of being able to teach when I can

see the smiles on the faces of the boys in front of me.

I loved being able to get to know each of you and

seeing where you thrive and flourish. Every one of you

has grown in your own special way this year and I am so

Leanne Hamman

JP Dudley

Grade 3S

proud of you all.

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Matthew Wood

Nathan Venn

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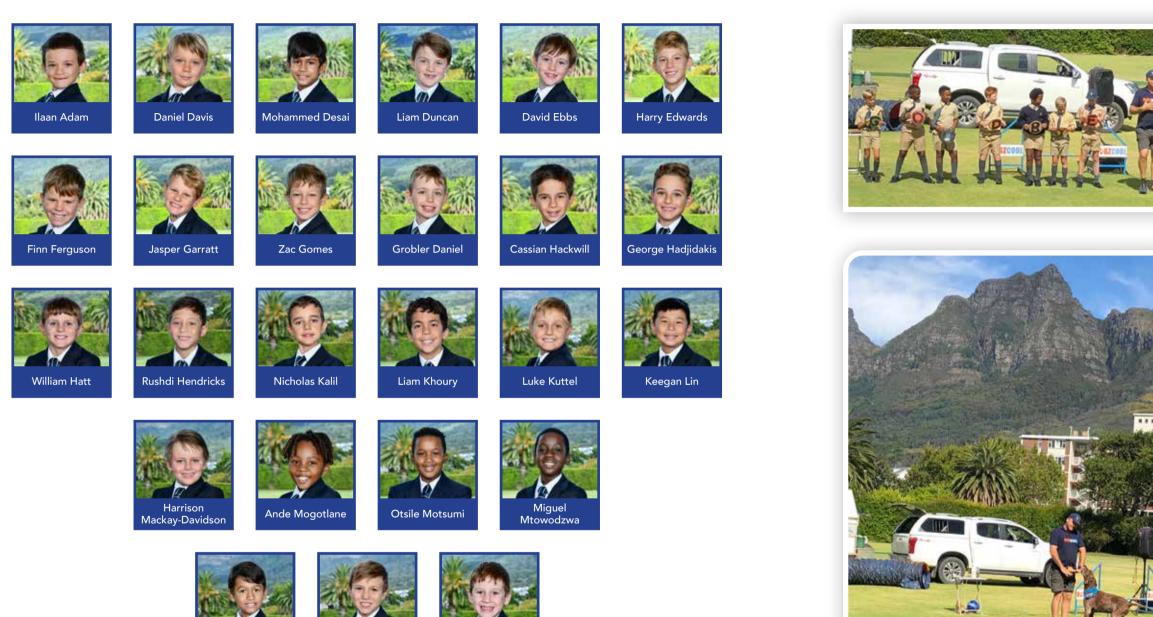
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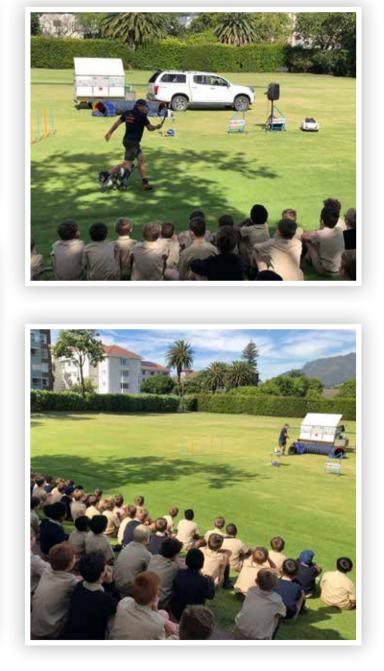
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Book Week





















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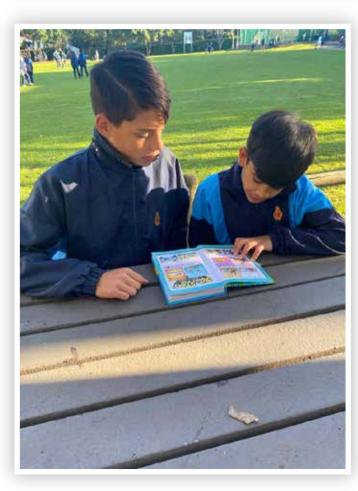






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Hat and Sword Making











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Medieval Feast























Playdate with Grade 2



Save Our Seas







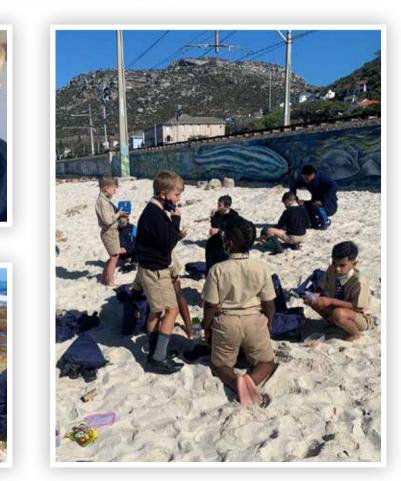












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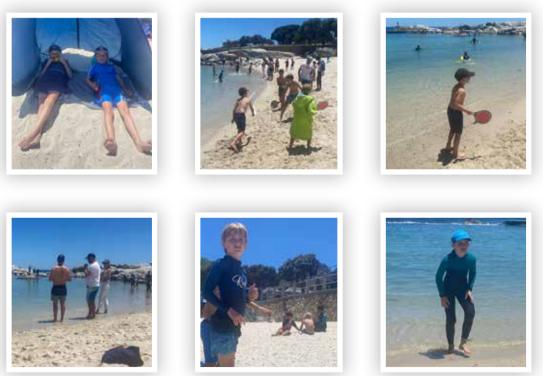












Tidal Pools

PRIZE-GIVING: HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS

Mr Simon Peile, Chairman of Council, Mr Reeler, special guests, parents, staff and boys.

When I stood here in 2019 I could not have imagined that it would be three years before we assembled again in the Chapel for our annual whole-school Prize-Giving. None of us could have imagined the possibility of a pandemic, the first in 100 years. Nor two months of lockdown, online classrooms, masks, sanitiser everywhere and, above all, the blocking of community, easy relationships, connections, movement, being with friends and family – no wonder there have been so many mental health issues across the world since then.

For a school that values connection and interaction as ours does, it was a difficult time and we had to do everything we could to establish as many interactive opportunities as possible without blatantly breaking the law. So how wonderful has this year been, masks eventually abandoned, social functions with parents and staff, fixtures in every sport with spectators, concerts, the first dramatic production in the form of A Midsummer Night's Dream, assemblies in Jagger, tours and festivals, a choir again - and what a glorious sound they made at last week's Carol Service - and so much more. In fact, I feel that we have had to get Bishops fit again, that's boys, staff and parents, as school weeks reverted to six days. In some instances we probably overdid things and offered too much in our efforts to catch up. We will rationalise for 2023 and continue trying to remember that Covid-19 did force us to slow down, and we do need to allow for some slower times.

I want to thank our staff, support and academic, who worked tirelessly over the last three years to firstly ensure as rich and diverse an education as possible in the two years of Covid-19, and then in the case of 2022 returning to a full and somewhat hectic programme, determined to catch up and deliver as full a programme as possible. Thank you. You create a happy, nurturing and stimulating school.

I also want to thank the members of the School Executive, the Principal, Deputy Principal Peter Westwood, and Business Manager Sean King, for their support for both the Prep and Pre-Prep as well as myself. It is wonderful to work under Tony Reeler, for the independence he affords us at the Prep and the ready support that is always available. Thank you. The previous Principal, Guy Pearson, used to take great delight if he was called Mr Brown as I was younger than him; now I am the older and I take great delight when Pre-Prep boys call me Mr Reeler. In fact, I am toying with the idea of presenting myself to them as Mr Reeler. If you are grey-haired, wear spectacles and are frequently seen wearing a jacket, a Pre-Prep boy sees you as all

the same and probably being about a hundred years old. I am grateful, too, to Sean King, the most longsuffering chartered accountant I know. There can be no more difficult group to work with, after many years in corporate, than a bunch of academics. We are good at spending money but not too good at finding it, and every expense is absolutely essential to improve the school. But you are very understanding and we thank you for your support of the Prep and Pre-Prep.

I want to acknowledge the Prep Executive: my Deputies, Sharlene Groom who manages the Pre-Prep: Chris Groom who runs the extra-murals and discipline programme at the Prep as well as the daily routine; and Karen Dallas, Head of Academics at the Prep. We are fortunate to have people of such calibre leading these areas of school life and I thank them. You might well ask what I do - I write the odd speech and my staff will tell you that I do a lot of interfering.

Thank you, too, to my wife Lynne, for her support, always happily opening our home to parents and staff, and this year even to dukes, fairy kings and gueens as they entered and exited Stanmore Cottage in the brilliant production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Alison Cunnold, my PA, keeps my daily life in order so that I really don't have to think too much.

I also want to thank our Chaplain, Father Monwabisi Peter, and our new youth pastor, Mr Lutho Tsotso, for their messages at Chapel Assemblies, services in the Chapel and prayers. We are fortunate to have a full-time Chaplain available to our community at all times and ministering to our needs.

Simon Peile, Chairman of Council, finishes his term at the end of this year and I think this is his last official

function. The Prep saw both his boys through eight years, so he is well known among the long-serving staff. It has been a privilege for me to report to Council under his Chairmanship as well as serve on a number of sub-committees with him. He is wise, calm at all times, compassionate, with a clear understanding of the role of governance as opposed to management and, above all, passionate about Bishops. We have been very fortunate as a school to have had him in this position as we went through some challenging times, often under the intense gaze of the media. Thank you, Simon. Go well and, remember, you are always welcome at the Prep. If you get there early enough at break, you might even get a sandwich.

One of the committees on which both Simon and I served was the Buildings and Grounds Committee which is responsible for the development of the campus, and I think if you look back over the last few years you can see the enormous improvements and additions in terms of facilities. The latest has been the conversion of the boarding house into townhouses for new staff and now the very nearly completed upgrade of the Rossall precinct, a mammoth project that looked simpler in drawings but took six months in practice. But it is an enormous improvement. Now we have to be kind to the College and let Mr Reeler have some money to build the new Learning Commons. But seriously, it will be good to consolidate next year, ensuring we use all our spaces wisely and to maximum effect, not to mention enjoying some peace and quiet. A year of angle grinders, earth movers and jackhammers takes its toll.

There is so much we can reflect on from this year and I have referred to a number of these at the outset, but there is one that needs special mention and that is the Tutu Memorial. Last night at the Grade 7 Farewell

Service, Kuda Chahwahwa announced the Leavers' gift to the school of a fever tree planted outside the Grade 3 classrooms on the Rossall Campus. I reminded them of the old Chinese proverb that says that 'he who plants trees loves others besides himself'. Very apt as they will not be here to enjoy its shade, or see it grow into a mature tree. Thank you, Grade 7s.

The tree is part of the Tutu Memorial, with 381 tiles that line its walls, each decorated by a boy at the Prep, symbolising some aspect of the Archbishop's life or message. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's passing at the end of last year after a long life well lived was sad, but as we reflected on the man he was, it gave us the opportunity as a world community, a South African society, an Anglican communion and a school to celebrate a remarkable man, small in stature, but large in determination and courage, a fighter for justice, fairness, kindness and love. The quote inscribed on both sides of the memorial reflects the essence of his life and belief:

Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.

We want to be a school community that embraces 'difference', in all its forms, teaching our boys to enjoy the diversity of our community and make 'difference' something that is enriching and life-giving, not something to divide us. We do need each other and can hopefully see that others also need us. Our work is to help our boys become those who give and respond to others generously, with compassion and kindness and to model that ourselves. Together we can create a better space, a happier time, a more complete world.

As we attempt to continuously ensure that our school is a welcoming space and community for all, this Memorial – and what it calls us to do and be – will stand as a symbol of that intention. We did a number of activities in the first term to honour and learn from the life of the Archbishop but it was the Parents' Association Committee that conceived this idea and drove the project and we are extremely grateful to them, the Art Department and all our boys.

To the parents of the school, thank you for your support this year, for your assistance in so many ways, and being around our many events, cheering on your sons and their friends and engaging. We feel like a living community again.

We wish all our Grade 7s well as they move on, as well as boys in other grades who are leaving. You go with our very best wishes and hopes for you. Go well. May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Thank you.

Greg Brown



PRIZE LIST

GRADE 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 4B Class Prize Grade 4P Class Prize Grade 4S Class Prize Grade 4 Art Prize Grade 4 Design & **Technology Prize** Grade 4 Academic Honours Awards

Dex Campbell Nitvam Jeram Faig Joseph Alex Breslin

Oliver Vickers

Finn Coetzer Jack Greig André Kuys Ethan Lee Pan

GRADE 5 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 5B Class Prize Grade 5P Class Prize Grade 5S Class Prize Grade 5 Art Prize Grade 5 Design & **Technology Prize** Grade 5 Academic Honours Awards

Matthew Fox Nirvaan Naidu Ethan Stirk Bonnar Richards

Samuel Huntingford

Joshua Fried Sahil Khalfey Bonnar Richards Umar Saloojee Zayaan Saloojee Evan West

GRADE 6 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 6B Class Prize Grade 6P Class Prize Grade 6S Class Prize Grade 6 Art Prize Grade 6 Design & **Technology Prize** Grade 6 Academic Honours Awards

Maahier Arnold Alex Osborne Jamie McCarthy Nicholas Young

James Grav

Milo Bonadei James Grav John Hewat Alexander Walker Dean Weich Nicholas Young

GRADE 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 7B Class Prize Grade 7P Class Prize Grade 7S Class Prize Heather Donnelly Trophy for Public Speaking Gertrude Peters Essav Prize **Marjorie Blinkhorn Prize** for English Prize for Mathematics Prize for Afrikaans FAL Prize for Afrikaans SAL Prize for Visual Art Prize for isiXhosa FAL Prize for Science Prize for Social Science Prize for isiXhosa SAL

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MUSIC PRIZES

Junior Brass Junior Piano **Junior Strings** Junior Woodwind Junior Vocal Senior Brass **Senior Drums Senior Guitar Senior Piano Senior Strings** Senior Woodwind Senior Vocal Senior String Ensemble

Wind Band Choir

Marimba Band **Music Scholarship Performer's Prize**

Nicholas Turck Thomas McCollum Thomas McCollum Evan West Samuel Yazdanpanahi Max Davies Frederick Pfaff Nicholas Henry James Grav Iqsaan Salie Mark Ben Doel Travis Turner Daniel Cable & Iqsaan Salie Mark Max Davies Callum Anderson & Travis Turner Thando Biko Nikolas Lowther Travis Turner

SPORT PRIZES

Athletics Cup Chess Trophy Cricket Cup Fencing Cup **Hockey Cup Rugby Cup**

Brad Gornall Rugby Cup Squash Cup Swimming Cup Tennis Cup Water Polo Cup

Rvan McLea Áshil Sinah Daniel Perold Alexander Horrell Callum Anderson Jonathan Horton & Luke Skillicorn Keanin Lind Fvnn Cullis Luc Bestel Arman Patel Alexander de Fondaumiere

SPECIAL PRIZES

Sheila Wolfe Prize for Chivalry Williamson Fellowship Trophy Craig Brown Memorial Trophy Headmaster's Award **Bishops Prep Prize** for Musical Excellence **GD** Charlton Prize for Sporting Excellence Pieter van der Bijl Prize for Academic Excellence Mike Bromfield All-Rounder's Award

Daniel Cable

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ART

'Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.' – Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

The Bishop Desmond Tutu Memorial Planter was one of the most significant art ventures that we accomplished this year. It is a massive whole-school collaborative project. Every boy's decorated ceramic tile (celebrating Archbishop Tutu's impact in South Africa) was displayed on the wall of a giant tree planter box in the Rossall car park.

The Parents' Association (managed by Daniela Wakeford, Fenella Ebbs and Zanne Horrell) initiated this idea as part of the project to revamp the Rossall car park. Belinda Wilkinson of Chinaworks was instrumental in firing all the individual tiles and capturing the words of the quote above in a beautifully hand-painted china display for the memorial planter. It will be a proud legacy for the boys to come back and see when they visit the school as Old Boys.

In Art classes this year the boys engaged in many art activities that equipped them with knowledge and skills. They were encouraged to experiment and invent and create their own works. They have become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques, as the photographs of their work will show.

The Grade 6 go-kart races are always a highlight in the Art calendar and are a wonderful collaborative venture between the Art and the Design Tech Departments. The boys learnt about designing logos and developed skills in using a craft knife to cut their screen-printing stencils for their go-kart T-shirts. Race day was filled with nervous energy and playful competition and our congratulations go to the winners of the event, 'Formula NONE', and to the 'Not fast, just furious' team who won the Spirit Prize. The best logo design was awarded to 'Checkers 60/60', and the Constructors' award went to 'Karting hub'.

Another highlight was the Grade 5s' whirlwind project to decorate bags for the VUSA Christmas party in record time. The challenge was for each boy to complete two or three bags that were bright and colourful in design. These bags were filled with the most wonderful gifts like soccer balls and stationery and were given to the VUSA students at a Christmas party organised by Tersia Velosa and her team of moms.

We maintained contact with the VUSA Academy this year and invited 20 VUSA learners to join our Grade 6s and 7s on a tour of Norval Foundation. Kate Briggs organised the tour and we had a very friendly and educational guide who showed us around the latest exhibition, 'When rain clouds gather', which celebrates Black female artists in South Africa. She highlighted the effect of apartheid on this marginalised group, and

I was very impressed with the way our boys handled her questions. Each learner received a drawing book and pencil (courtesy of the Art Department) and had a chance to draw after the tour. We had lunch in the garden and the tour guide ran a fun collaborative drawing project with everyone before we came home. It was a very worthwhile outing and I had lovely feedback from parents who were delighted that their sons had the chance to interact so easily with the VUSA students.

Art Club continues to be a popular extramural activity and it's pleasing to see that the boys are able to achieve a healthy balance of sporting and cultural activities in the after-school programme. Those who attend Art Club are able to tackle more intricate and unusual projects that would not be attempted in a classroom session, and we have tried many printing techniques and used more specialised media like gouache and watercolours.

It was a busy, successful and satisfying year in which creativity and innovation were celebrated in the art room.

Sue Johns







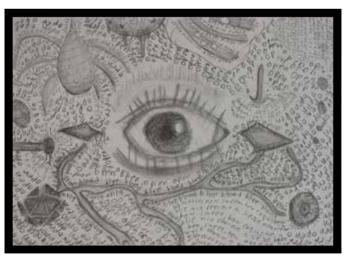
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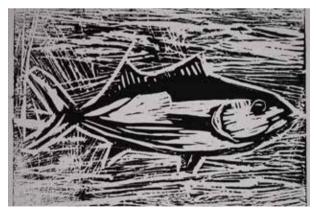
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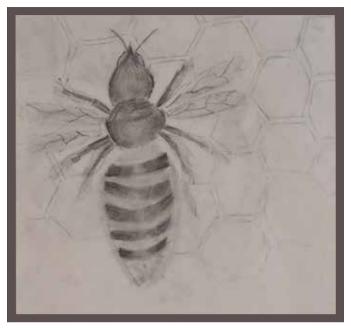
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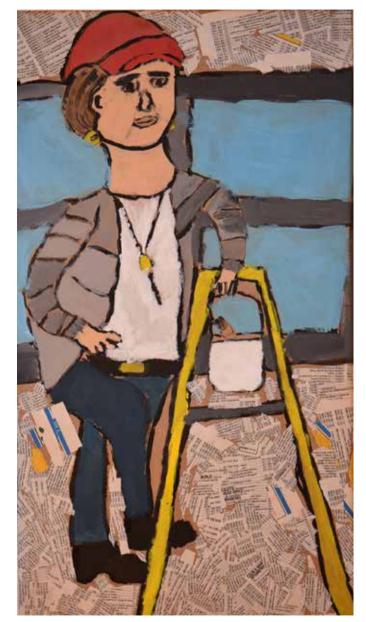
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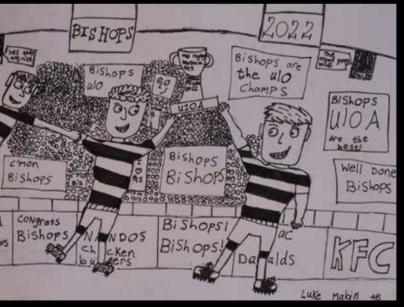




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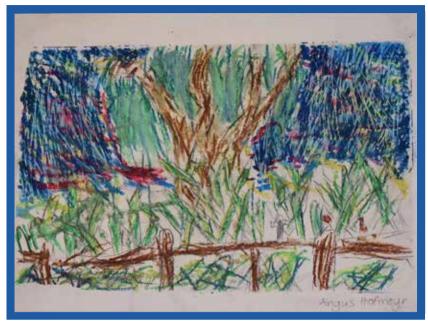
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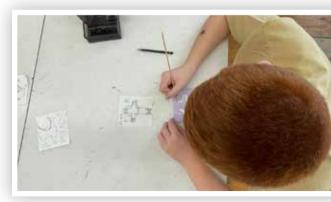












Archbishop Desmond Tutu Tiles





DRAMA: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Director: **Assistant Director: Musical Director:** Violin: Technical Director: Choreographer: Stage Manager:

Caroline Duck **Misty Sutton Pryce** Sandee Clapperton Nikki Fyvie **Russell Drury** Roxy Levy **Tina Sheard** Set Creation Artists: Mark Erlangsen & Sue Johns

In November 2022, Bishops Prep put on a memorable, open-air production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Set in an enchanted forest (Mr Brown's garden), with fairies, lovers and a group of actors performing for their King and Queen's wedding day, the play was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, picnicking under the stars.

Our talented young cast of boys and Reddam girls rose to the challenge to speak Shakespeare's lines authentically and were brave in their portrayal of his complex characters.

The play sold out every night and was a highlight of our school calendar.







Caroline Duck



















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MUSIC

The year started with great excitement in anticipation of reintroducing all our ensembles, especially the choir, which was put on ice in 2021. The idea was to start with a smaller group so that our orchestra room still provided an adequate and safe space for everyone. We selected the top singers across the school from Grades 4 to 7 and we have been so impressed with the commitment and dedication to the choir this year from the boys. Mr Arendse was a welcome assistant in our weekly choir programme and often put the altos through their paces. The choir has enjoyed making a highly successful comeback to singing this year, excelling in the combined choral concert that involved the Pre-Prep, Prep and the College. 'Be Thou My Vision', an exquisite arrangement by Stephen Carletti (OD), was performed by the Prep and College choirs, featuring Samuel Yazdanpanahi as the soloist. The choir also enjoyed the Prep Ensemble Concert, and the highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Carol Service where they truly excelled. Soloists on this occasion included Samuel Yazdanpanahi who also started the service, Sahil Khalfey, Matthew Fox, Alex Breslin and Z'idan Hendrickse. The Grade 7 Vocal Ensemble performed 'Imagine' on the Grade 7 tour and managed to add 'Uptown Girl' to their repertoire for the Leavers' Concert, which was well received.

The Wind Band had a very productive year. We had the opportunity to join forces with the College Wind Band for a whole-school celebration at Woodlands in May, performing highlights from the motion picture, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. After much hard work and

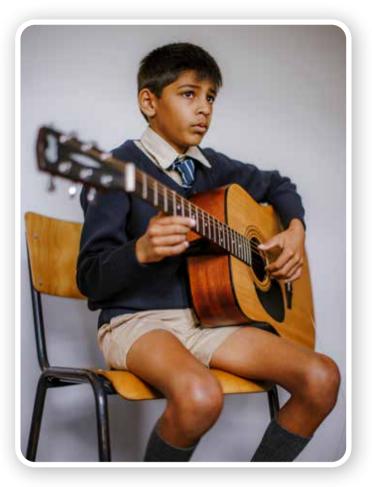




preparation, the boys had the privilege and opportunity to work under the baton of Ms Rutter who directs both the College Jazz and Concert Wind Bands. This was an excellent performing opportunity for them and they certainly grew from this experience. They also performed outstandingly at the Ensemble Concert this year and were showcased again at the Prize-Giving Ceremony. With Mr Scott being on leave, the Brass Ensemble had a rest period, and we look forward to hearing more from this ensemble in the coming year.

Our Marimba Band had a good year of music-making. We performed to very warm audiences at both the Ensemble and the Grade 7 Leavers' Concerts. We were also invited to lead one of the Bishops Praise Service hymns, early in the fourth term. It was very special to have the whole school sing 'Masithi Amen' while we led the music. The highlight of the year, and our final performance, was at the annual tea for our support staff at the Prep. We played all our favourite pieces and then we invited anyone to join us and learn to play a song on the marimbas. What a successful party we had! Music is truly a universal language, and everyone had a happy time playing on the marimbas. We look forward to another such occasion next year.

This year there were four String Ensembles at the Prep: the Grade 4s, 5s, 6s and 7s, and they have played a wide variety of pieces. The Grade 7s have learnt and performed more advanced pieces, such as 'Pachelbel's Canon', which was performed on the Grade 7 tour, and the Grade 5s and 6s enthusiastically tackled calypsos, rumbas as well as the theme from Star Wars. All the ensembles performed two pieces for submission to the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod in Term 3. They did exceptionally well and were awarded high marks. The boys were very excited to make video performances for





the online submission. In addition, all the groups played at the Ensemble Concert in Term 3. The highlight of the year was the Carol Service where the Grade 5s and 6s teamed up to play a Christmas medley at the start of the service, and the Grade 7s led 'Silent Night'.

Class Music lessons covered a variety of topics this year. A few highlights follow: the Grade 3 classes learnt a



KAE silver medal winners Alex Breslin, Z'idan Hendrickse, Samuel Yazdanpanahi, Travis Turner



History in the making... bumper crop of flute candidates at the KAE in 2022!

variety of fun songs and explored the inside of a grand piano with great interest. The Grade 4s investigated how music in mime affects the storyline and then we explored a range of extreme notation, ie what different notes look like and how each corresponding rest is written. The Grade 5s studied the musical theatre genre with a special focus on The Sound of Music. We also explored the elements of music. The Grade 6s listened to and listed a variety of South African musicians. We also investigated various drumming techniques and enjoyed watching The Bucket Boy in Edinburgh.

The Theory Programme has continued to expand. We were thrilled to offer an internal theory examination to 45 pupils in November this year, which ranged from Grades 1 to 4 level. All boys passed these exams and there were many Merits and Distinctions.

The KZN tour was all the richer for the efforts of our Prep Music School. Mr Scott and Mrs Sheard accompanied the Grade 7s on this tour, with Mr Scott conducting the Tour Ensemble and Mrs Sheard accompanying the solo performers, the Grade 7 Vocal Ensemble and the Grade 7 String Ensemble. There were two concerts that were well received by the pupils and staff of Chelsea Primary School and St Charles College. The soloists were Iqsaan Salie Mark (violin), Ben Doel (flute), Max Davies (trumpet) and Travis Turner (tenor saxophone).

Eisteddfod news

This year, our pupils entered the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod and the results were very exciting. Boys took part in the vocal, piano, strings and woodwind sections. Medal winners who were invited to attend the Gala Prize-Giving event at Rustenburg included:

Singing

Samuel Yazdanpanahi (2 silver medals) Z'idan Hendrickse (silver medal) Travis Turner (silver medal)

Piano

Alex Breslin (silver medal)

A number of our string players also entered the Cape Town Eisteddfod and there were some very promising performances at this event.

Examinations

This year saw the return of the ABRSM international examinations which took place in September. We were very proud to enter 88 pupils ranging from the Initial/ Prep Test Grade through to Grade 5. Of the 88 pupils entered, there were 47 Distinctions, 33 Merits, 6 passes and 2 successful Prep Tests. These boys certainly did themselves and the Music School proud. In November a small group of boys entered an internal exam session, and again the results were very pleasing indeed.



Concerts

Besides our weekly Wednesday Assembly Concerts which showcase the abundant talent in our department, we would like to highlight two very important concerts this year. The Beginners' Concert is significant in that we see the boys at the start of their musical journey. All played beautifully and confidently to a warm crowd assembled to cheer them on. The Leavers' Concert is a highlight and everyone attends this concert with mixed feelings: sad to say farewell to our Grade 7s, but also excited to celebrate the talent and hard work of these voung musicians. We also made history at the Prep this year as the harp (Harry Vermaak) and the piccolo (Ben Doel) were played on the stage for the first time.

Instrumental Programme

We are very happy to boast that 275 boys out of a total of 384 at the Prep learn an instrument. Some boys are studying up to three instruments, which is no mean feat. Next year will see the massive boosting of our brass and woodwind departments to swell our numbers which will have a beneficial knock-on effect to our Ensemble Programme.



Staff Matters

We were very sad to hear that Mrs Scott would not be returning to teach at Bishops. She has been an enormous inspiration to her pupils and colleagues alike for many, many years. In addition to struggling with personal health problems, she also needs the time to travel to Italy, intermittently, to attend to important family matters. We will be welcoming Mr Scott back to the Prep after his leave of absence and we look forward to his invaluable input into Brass tuition at the Prep, as well as in the Ensemble Programme. Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Yohan Chun and Francois Botha, who have been such valuable members of our Prep music staff team. The boys have benefitted greatly from their inspirational teaching and they will be sorely missed. We wish them well in their future endeavours. We also say farewell and thank you to Shannon Cook who taught violin at the Prep this year. She is a dedicated and committed teacher and her pupils have benefitted from her expertise. We wish her well in her work as a member of the CTPO.





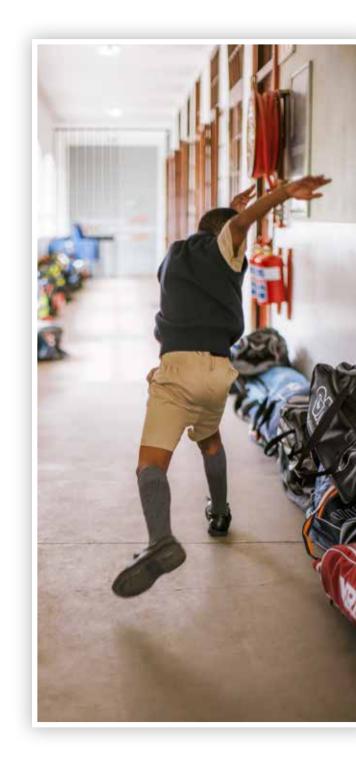
Theory exam in progress

Max Davies performing on the KZN Tour

Looking back on the year, we note that this has been a very busy and quite extraordinary return to our normal programme. The boys have enjoyed the richness of the year and we are all looking forward to what 2023 holds in store for us.

Well done to all our staff and boys for an exceptional 2022!

Sandee Clapperton and Tina Sheard







Young Engineers

The boys started the semester by making small electrical motors. Using armature wire, magnets and batteries, they discovered that an electrical current can be used to create movement. This technology was used to create the background information for understanding how much – or how little – power a motor has.

This group of lateral thinkers, innovators and problem solvers were challenged to create an amphibious vehicle capable of propelling itself from land to water.

Initial responses all focused on making a boat-like structure out of wood and looking for ways to create the forward movement using paddles or heavily corrugated wheels. These creations tended to be very heavy for the small battery-powered motors that were made available. Soon, the 3D printer was put to work printing all manner of boat hulls, water pumps and wheel assemblies.

Coding the 3D printer required a lot of learning and we enjoyed our resident 'pro', Alexander Love, who was able to teach and guide the other boys. A stylus is used to draw the designs on the iPad 3D Shaper App. The app has many layers of available content and it was so impressive to watch the boys becoming more and more confident.

James Davidge was one of the first out the blocks and printed a boat and wheels. Some corrections were

required, but soon he had the makings of his amphibious vehicle. Milo Bonadei led his group to design and print a beautiful boat hull, only to have a load-shedding moment ruin the print halfway through.

As was to be expected, Alexander Love led his group to create the first successful vehicle. Masterfully designed, 3D-printed and completed, this craft took to the new water-feature pond at the school hall and showed its capabilities.

Group Members: Oliver Boddy, Milo Bonadei, James Davidge, Ben Doel, Alexander Horrell, Alexander Love, James Myhill, Cwenga Nogantshi, Kaleb Pillay, Iqsaan Salie Mark, Robert Turnley-Jones

Mark Erlangsen















Art



Jonah de Villiers



Emaad Raja



Altaf Dawood



Sam Neethling

This year, the Design and Technology classroom enjoyed a massive revamp. The floors were scoured and refurbished with a high-end polyurethane paint, and many custom storage cupboards were built. A bank of personal computers took their place alongside the 3D printer. New lighting removed the old, shadowed areas and the new mobile tables completed a very dynamic and fresh-looking classroom.

The final touch was a beautiful mural depicting some of the elements of what STEM is. From next year, the subject will be referred to as STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

In recent years, the time allocated to robotics has increased hugely, throughout all the grades. The challenges of building robots and coding them to solve problems is seen as a very important discipline required to prepare our boys for the future.

Grade 7

The year started with some technical drawings, specifically an isometric drawing. The boys designed and manufactured a toy that has moving parts controlled by cranks, followers, cams and eccentric wheels. Understanding concepts such as the strengths of materials, rotational force and reciprocating motion were the measure of a successful project.

STEM

Most of this semester the boys were met with robotic challenges in D&T. Each session involved adding aspects to their Lego EV3 Base Bots and learning to code the robot accordingly. The challenges included colour recognition, distance, timed responses, sound and touch response and, most challenging, using the tilt sensor to create an artificial intelligence response. Each pupil tried to create a 'delivery' service - the robot had to collect a basket in one area and deliver it to another.



Grade 6

The Grade 6s learnt how to represent an object in an exploded or orthographic drawing style. This is an exacting discipline, demanding great drawing accuracy. This skill was then tested as they developed a full design portfolio that started with evaluating the specified challenge, considering options and then doing a full design drawing. Their prototype had to be presented to the class for critique.

Coupled to the Science syllabus, the Design Tech lessons gave the boys a chance to have some practical experience while learning about electricity. Using the various kits and materials, the boys did extensive electronics exploration in class. This term, their coding skills were also evaluated. Using the Sphero robots and iPads, the boys had to achieve a series of planned challenges. They had to be meticulous in measuring distance to achieve the accuracy demanded. An extension challenge was to create a game that used the robot's voice command facility, its randomisation capability and its gyroscope.

Grade 5

As an application to their Natural Science studies, the Grade 5s designed and made a wooden crane. The first step was to learn how to draw a 3D representation of their ideas. Using an isometric drawing grid, they showed how all the parts would be spaced and joined. The crane had to be a skeleton cuboid structure and able to lift a 1kg weight. A pawl and ratchet system had to ensure that the weight remained under control at all times. A crank handle was installed to wind the weight up.

This term, the boys really enjoyed the challenges involved in learning coding of the Sphero robotic ball. The classroom was altered to accommodate several tracks laid out on the floor, so they could develop their accuracy in driving skill. The coding challenges demanded measured responses to distance, obstacles, time constraints and the use of sounds. The boys also learnt how to manipulate the built-in LED lighting instrument.

Grade 4

To start off the year, the boys learnt some graphic design skills, such as how to represent an object in a 3D view using an oblique line grid to give depth. They applied these skills by creating cardboard templates and then folding various shapes, for example a pyramid or a house. Later, a wooden bridge project tested their ability to design and make a bridge that would be tested to destruction on a press. Understanding the inherent strength of materials was a great asset in this assignment.

This term, the boys had a fabulous opportunity to use the Lego WeDo robotics kits. They explored the various models and coding steps that maximize these robots' performance. The iPad is used to code the robots once they have been made. Coding the tilt and distance sensors correctly, allows the motor to perform tasks as required.

Mark Erlangson











CHAPEL REPORT

The Lord be with you.

Emerging from the lockdown meant that we had to get back to some normality. With sport and gathering restrictions lifted, it meant that we could enjoy fellowship and the much-needed removal of masks.

With the above sentiments in mind, our singing and gathering as the Prep school is one of the special things making this school one of the best in the country. Our singing and worshiping as a school have been fantastic. Monday's assembly remains special because we get to start all academic weeks in prayer followed by our assembly. Seeing our boys interacting and seated without any imposition of the dreaded social distancing that was important and necessary at the time, meant that we could see each other's faces fully and we could also engage and sing without any impediment.

Starting each term with a service in the War Memorial Chapel remains special and commendable. All our services have been well supported with positive feedback given straight after each service. Our staff and pupils continue to be involved where necessary. Seeing different boys and members of staff participating either in saying a prayer or reading scripture is important. The chaplain of the school is grateful and encouraged by the participation and support from different grades. My thanks go out to all teachers and our boys for always stepping in when asked to participate. The above sentiments do not suggest that we have done everything to perfection because it took some time to get back to where we were. However, considering where we were during the lockdown, staff from all corners of our school have worked hard to make our worship what it is at the moment.

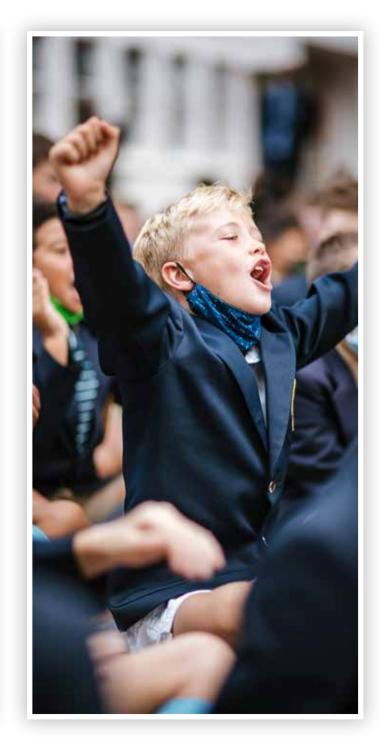
Among many memories of 2022, starting a rugby tournament that the school hosted with a prayer is one of the highlights of a successful academic and sporting year. Our boys and staff can be proud, and I am grateful to see that the spiritual part of the school was invited to play a part in sport.

After a very successful year that saw us getting back to having our much-loved family service each term, 2023 promises to be a great year. My thanks go out to staff, our boys and the leadership of the Prep school. More importantly, I am grateful for the support given by the Music Department in all our services.

Pro fide et patria.

Father Monwabisi Peter

















BRAMLEY HOUSE

Boundless opportunities awaited the Bramley Bears in 2022. We welcomed our new Grade 3 families at the first House meeting and our annual beach picnic. The weather was perfect for this wonderful occasion to make new friends and connect with those who have already been part of the family.

Responsibility was key. The Grade 7s selected their leadership portfolios for the year at our Leadership function. We listened to inspirational talks, discussed the roles of a leader and volunteered to be involved in numerous areas of the school. This year we had a remarkable group of Grade 7s determined to make their portfolio a success. They were keen, enthusiastic and dedicated to the House and school as a whole.

Athleticism and academic excellence. These were shown throughout the year. We competed at an incredibly high level in all of the Interhouse activities. Our boys can be very proud of their achievements. We won the Academic Trophy again this year. This is due to the hard work and diligence shown by all of the boys.

Mentorship is the backbone of society. The Bramley family continued to make connections and guide those in our Family Groups. Our Grade 7s and Grade 4s resumed the opportunities to learn from each other, while our Grade 6s met their new Grade 3 mentees. Many of the Grade 7 leaders and their parents arranged activities for their groups. These were incredibly successful, and I hope that there will be more functions like these in the years to come. Our hope is that our families will form very close bonds during their time at the Prep.

Leaders were identified in Bramley in many areas of the school. Arman Patel was elected as the Head of House with Callum Anderson and Kuda Chahwahwa as the Deputy Heads of House for 2022. These three boys have been a phenomenal support through the year. Their leadership and enthusiasm for all things Bramley has been remarkable. They have left their mark and have set the bar incredibly high for the leaders to follow. Many of our Grade 7s were elected to be the captains of their sports teams and they led by example with humility and enthusiasm. We are so proud of them all.

Energy, enthusiasm, excitement and empathy. These are words that describe the boys in Bramley. It is always a pleasure to be involved in a house where the boys show the true spirit of Ubuntu. 'I am what I am because of who we all are.' We had superb fundraising activities in our games evening and cupcake sale. The games evening was such a fun event consisting of guizzes, raffles, competitions and many, many prizes! The cupcake sale was a hit - selling more than 300 cupcakes in 20 minutes must be a world record! We were therefore able to make a sizeable donation to an incredibly worthy cause. Panthera Africa is a sanctuary for big cats and other animals. They provide a secure, safe and prosperous home for captive big cats and raise awareness about

ethical and holistic animal treatment. It was a privilege to be able to contribute to their cause.

Yes, this year has been a wonderful one. It has been filled with successes, positive encounters and learning opportunities. I hope that every one of the boys in Bramley has discovered something new and positive about himself. I challenge them to use these character traits to inspire others and to contribute to society.

We made time to connect in our grades in the fourth term. As a start to the 2023 leadership programme, our Grade 6s showed their skill on the padel courts. There was much fun and laughter and, of course, many competitive moments.

The Grade 3, 4 and 5 boys spent an afternoon at Total Ninja, running, dodging and conquering the obstacles.

We ended the year with our Grade 7 farewell dinner at CHEFS in Cavendish Square. It is always great to spend this time chatting to the boys and reminiscing about the years gone by. The Grade 7s are a special group of boys who have made valuable contributions throughout their time at the Prep.

I would like to thank the Bramley parents for their commitment, enthusiasm, and support through this year. Without you, Bramley would not be the success it is.

A special thank you to my Assistant House Master, Gareth Jordan for his support and commitment through the year. I wish him well as he takes up the leadership of Brooke as House Master next year. It has been a pleasure to work with him over the past three years.

I am so proud of the Bramley Bears and know that we will continue to shine!

Penny Graney





















Cupcake Sale



Games Evening















Grade 7 Dinner



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Padel Tennis

Farewell to the Grade 7s















Total Ninja



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BROOKE HOUSE

This year will be remembered for the fact that we were finally able to return to a full year of normality after the limitations that Covid-19 restrictions put on all proceedings at the beginning of the previous year. We kicked off by welcoming the new families at our annual Brooke House braai at the Prep pool, and it was so pleasing to see the camaraderie that we had missed so dearly. The new Grade 3 boys were also allocated to their respective family groups that were facilitated by the Grade 7 boys, and it was fantastic to see that they were looked after and nurtured by the older boys in these groups. They soon contributed at House events such as the Sports Day with enthusiasm and gusto.

In the second term we had our annual games evening from which the majority of proceedings go to support Zonnebloem House. For the last 20 years Brooke House has had a relationship with this foster home and it was pleasing to see that the children and foster parents were also in attendance on the evening. The general knowledge quiz and bingo were once again the most popular games and many raffle and auction prizes were purchased. Big thanks must go to all the families who contributed so generously to this great cause.

During the latter half of the year, we had many Interhouse events, and the boys certainly represented the House with great pride. The Grade 3 and 4 boys had a lovely outing to Rush, while the Grade 5 and 6 boys had a fantastic Friday afternoon at Total Ninja. These team-building events are essential in bonding the older and younger boys in the House. At the end of the year Mr Turner and I took the Grade 7 boys to Hudsons in Claremont for a farewell dinner. They served Brooke House with great enthusiasm and care throughout the year. The way they nurtured the younger boys in the House was outstanding, and we are sad to see them go. We wish them well for the future and will monitor their progress closely. This year concludes my 10 years of Housemastership and I would like to thank all the boys and parents throughout this period for their wonderful support. A special thank you must also go to Ms Johns, Mr Mqomboti and Mr Turner for their hard work and dedication to the House during this period. We all wish Mr Jordan well as he starts his tenure as Housemaster of Brooke House in 2023.

Willem Louw





Farewell Willem

Games Evening





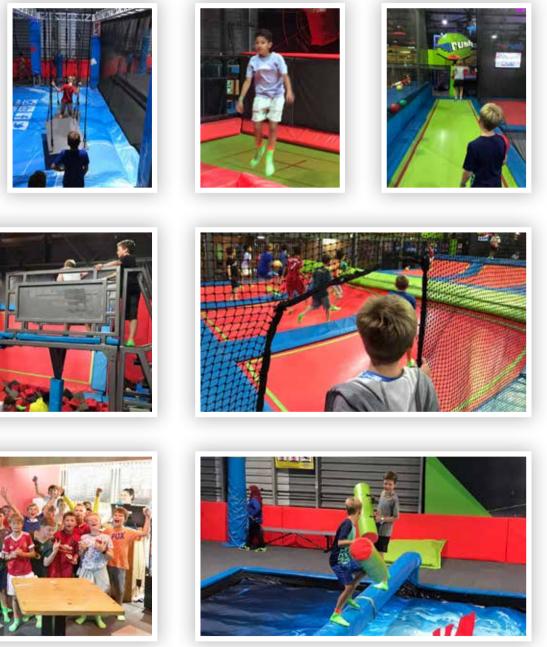


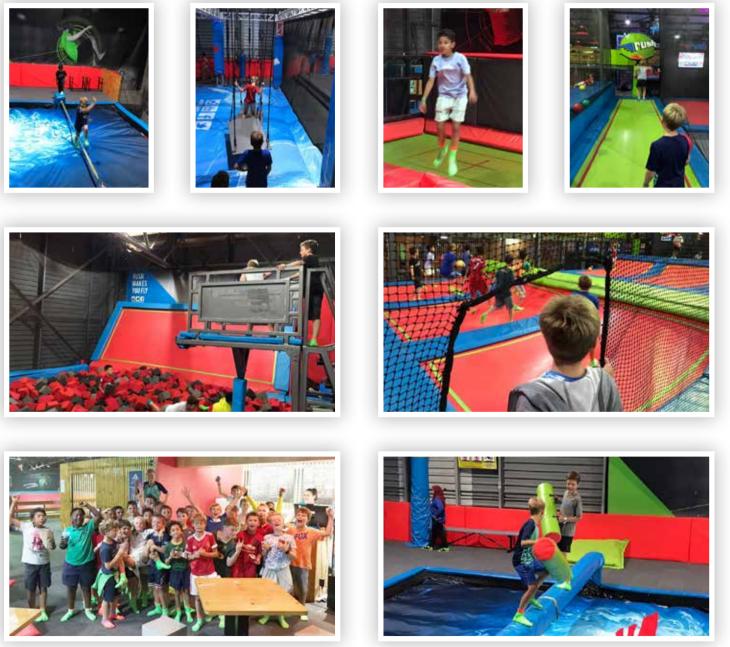


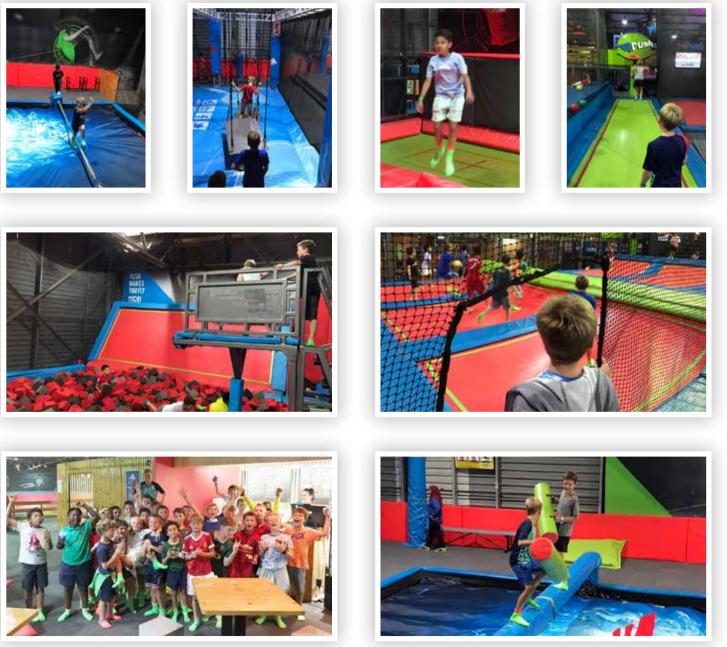












Rush Outing

CHARLTON HOUSE

Charlton House was established in 1951 as a day-boy house and named in honour of Mr George Charlton, Senior Master of the Prep from 1928 to 1950. The golden-yellow background symbolises the warm camaraderie of being a member of Charlton House. The Red Rampant Lion is taken from the Charlton Family Coat of Arms. It symbolises the pride and strength of boys working and playing together to achieve success.

The motto Gaudentes Servimus Dominum (Let us serve the Lord joyfully) reminds us to live out our faith personally, doing good deeds in the service of God.

Stepping into Bruce Mitchell's shoes was always going to be daunting, but with the help and support of Russell Drury, we were ready to build on his success. Russell, who joined the House this year, has contributed fully to its success. He brings a calm and positive attitude, which the boys love. This year has been incredible on the sports field. The boys have responded positively to the goals we set for them. One of the critical aspects of their success was always to put the House first rather than their success. The Grade 7 leaders were responsible for selecting House teams and managing them during the matches. This allowed them to drive the performances of their peers and ensure they worked for each other and the House. There were many occasions when a boy would ask to be removed from a race or team as they felt that there was another player who was faster or stronger. This attitude sums up why they won so many House

cups. Winning rugby, soccer, water polo and hockey is an extraordinary achievement. Every boy contributed to these wins and can be very proud of themselves. It will be tough to repeat this, as the other Houses will identify Charlton as their main rival, but I know that the boys will rise to the challenge.

An important focus for the House was our three charity programmes this year. The first one was Cape Dachshund Rescue. To raise funds, the Grade 7 boys decided to have a movie night and run a tuck shop. The movie night allowed them to donate significant quantities of dog food and equipment to this amazing initiative.

The second was the Cheetah Outreach Programme in Somerset West. We decided to adopt an Anatolian Shepherd Dog. This Turkish breed was initially bred to protect livestock from bears and wolves. Given to farmers at six to eight weeks of age, the dog is raised exclusively with the flock or herd, instinctively protecting them from predators, including cheetahs. By deterring predators, this crucial working relationship removes the need for farmers to trap and shoot this endangered cat. Each boy was tasked with 15 home chores to raise funds to purchase the dog. For each chore completed, he would earn R10. Again, the boys were fantastic and exceeded our expectations. The next step was to name the dog. We held a competition, and Luke Mabin's choice was selected and the dog was named Elvis. Elvis

was placed with a flock and has imprinted himself on the flock. The latest news is that he is doing well and has protected his flock with Charlton's courage.

The third was the U-Turn charity. The heart of U-Turn is the skills development model, which offers work placement at one of their charity shops, laundries or service centres. The shops are managed from the top down by formerly homeless individuals. The games evening was a huge success, and the generosity of the parents resulted in us raising R18 000, which we donated to the charity.

The Grade 7 boys have been outstanding this year. The leadership of Hamaad Badroodien, Tommy Tanfield and Jonathan Horton contributed to the success of the House. Their approach to their leadership roles was to lead by example and to make sure the younger boys always felt part of the House. Each Grade 7 boy was allowed to lead a portfolio; many excelled and achieved some excellent results. We ended the year with a farewell dinner which included an art class. It was great to sit around and chat about the boys' journey at the Prep. As they enter a new chapter in their lives, the values they learnt at Charlton will set them up for further success. They have left Charlton a better place, and now the new seniors can continue their standards.

The year 2022 was a fantastic start to my time as Housemaster, and it would not have been possible without these incredible boys, parents and my righthand man, Russell.

God bless.

Grant de Sousa





















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Dachshund Outreach

Movie Night









Games Evening











Grade 4 outing to Grand West



VAN DER BIJL HOUSE

What a bumper year 2022 was! It was awesome to finally get a full season of Interhouse events, after two years of being in isolation due to Covid-19. The boys were super excited to be able to compete against their peers from other Houses.

We kicked off the year with a lovely House braai around the Prep pool. This gave us an opportunity to engage and connect with all the VDB parents. More importantly, it was a nice way to welcome our new Grade 3 parents and boys into VDB. It is a relaxed environment where all mingle and get to know each other.

As House Masters, we strongly believe in 'brotherhood' and trying to create an environment in which the boys feel VDB is a house away from home. We try to instil this brotherhood in the House and teach them values around looking after each other. This is where our Family Groups come in. Each Family Group has two boys from each grade, where the 'big brothers' help each other out with grade transitions, developing bonds, leadership and social interactions. Boys learn to reflect and share their unique experiences. This is in the hope that these bonds will extend outside the school boundaries, where boys include their parents in our holistic view of community development going forward.

Our Grade 7 boys play a vital role in the success of our Family Groups. We take them through a leadership course on how to be leaders and inspire others. Each

Grade 7 boy is also in charge of a portfolio where they take the lead and find ways to make it a success.

Luke Skillicorn was elected Head of House, with Christo le Roux and Deen Ringuest as Deputy Heads of House for 2022. It was a pleasure working with these young men. They were a great example to all the boys in the House, leading with maturity and enthusiasm.

It was a successful year for those competing at Interhouse events. The boys really brought the gees, cheering each other on at all events. We achieved first place for the following sports: Chess, Tug-of-War, Championship Swimming and Relay Gala, Athletics Relay Sports and Sports Day. We won the Merit Trophy again this year in Term 3. The boys can be proud of what they have achieved on the sports field.

One of the highlights of the year is our annual games evening, an event where the whole family joins us in a fun evening of interactive games. A great opportunity for the VDB families to connect and socialise. A portion of the money raised on the night was donated to The Homestead, a charity organisation that cares for and supports children who are from the streets of Cape Town. This organisation was chosen by our Grade 7 boys and we look forward to working with them closely in the near future.

We ended off the year with a few outings. Grade 3 to 5 boys enjoyed a fun afternoon at Total Ninja. Working



towards our leadership programme, the Grade 6 boys had a fun day of activities, finishing off with soccer games and water polo matches. The Grade 7s went out for dinner together, and we were able to chat and share stories of their Prep journey. It was an enjoyable evening. We are exceptionally proud of the boys' achievements this year. There were some difficult moments along the way, but also some proud moments for us all. We always encourage the boys to strive to be the best versions of themselves, while having fun learning.

Thank you to all the parents for your ongoing support of your sons and VDB as a House. Your enthusiasm and side-line cheering are much appreciated.

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to Mr Siko as Assistant House Master at the end of the year. Mr Siko and I came to VDB at the same time in 2019. We had to create an

identity for the House and plan on what we wanted to achieve. He has been instrumental in the positive changes around the House. He brought a lot of energy and new songs for boys to sing and was always there for the boys when they needed his guidance. Your time and dedication to the VDB boys is and will always be appreciated.

Hamba ngesihle nesi thozela, siku ngwenelela impumelelo. Go well with dignity and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Enkosi kakhulu!

Khwezi Maomboti





















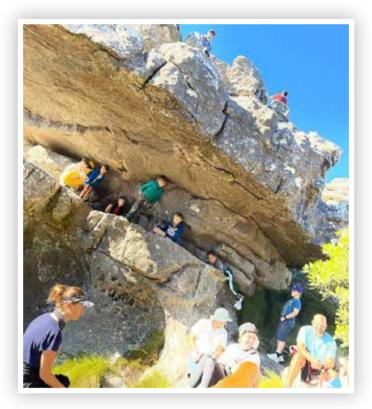
Games Evening





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Grade 3 Hike



















Grade 6 End-of-Year Event





Grade 7 Dinner





















Movie Night

Total Ninja





EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Special Days **Rememberance Day**







Library Assembly: Introducing the Mascot

The library's mascot for 2022 was Slothy – because only a sloth knows how to truly take it slow! Slothy went home with our big readers for a reading sleepover. Photos were sent back for the Adventure Board, which shines with fantastic pictures of loveable Slothy, a great book, and our students in pyjamas, with pet dogs, on airplanes or on beautiful island beaches! Slothy's motto is 'Sometimes doing nothing is time well spent!'



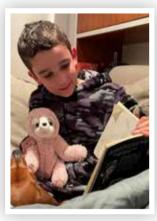
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Special Events 2022

A library is all about being an imagination hub! A handful of special events throughout this year helped the boys to focus on creative writing and out-of-the-box thinking. In April we enjoyed National Poetry Month with the 'Poetree' delivered from a local nursery, which was adorned with short, fun poems. A special guest poet, also an OD, visited us as a speaker and judge.

Term 2 saw the launch of the very competitive Spelling Bee Championship. From 'aardvark' to 'zygote', each class went through quick-fire spelling rounds until the grand finals arrived. Boys enjoyed spelling the very popular 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis' and the winners were awarded with their bobbling bee antennas.

In Term 3 we had World Book Day, during which older and younger boys were paired and asked to bring in their favourite book from home to read aloud together outside. Grade 3 held a Story Week and boys dressed up as their favourite book characters. We were also very fortunate to have a special guest this term, one of the Harry Potter featured illustrators, Jonny Duddle, who visited the school on his book tour of South Africa. He spoke about his love for stories and gave a Dobby drawing workshop.

In Term 4, DINOvember brought dinosaur hunts, stories, bookmark designs and roaring beasts – as each day the dinosaurs were to be found reading new books! As Roald Dahl says, 'Those who don't believe in magic will never find it!'

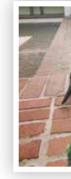
















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Million Word Challenge 2022

A new, year-long, annual reading initiative was launched: the Million Word Challenge. Students were invited to track their books every term on the competition Reading Log in the library. They got tested on their books and tracked the word counts until they reached the great, big one million mark. The Book Fairy, her book buddy and their pet dinosaur, Bob, dropped into classes to glitter-bomb-welcome those who joined the Million Word Club.

Million Word Clubbers were then invited to their yearend reward experience: the Exclusive Night at Exclusive Books! The EB Cavendish store closed its doors specially for us and hosted a unique evening with book Pictionary, a scavenger hunt, an author talk and, importantly, a Book Tasting! Book Tasting invited the boys to sit around a table together and 'taste' a range of children's books, write their reviews, rank and recommend them. Connoisseurs of fine books, what can we say!

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Chloe de la Harpe











Archbishop Desmond Tutu Day



Founders Day Assembly



















Heritage Day

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Mandela Day











Women's Day



Go-kart Races



































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Afrikaans Spotlight















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Harry Potter Illustrator













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Spotlight on Drama

Easter Eggs - Saint Pauls and Parkfields

Charity Days Bishops Carnival

























Food Collection



















Rohan Bloom Sandwich Collection

Silly Socks Day

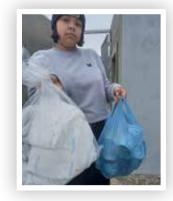


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Sinothando Children's Home and Zanokhanyo Children's Home

St Luke's Hospice



















Outreach

Life is busy, and it can sometimes be easy to forget to show our gratitude for all that we've been given. There are thousands of charities and causes doing vital work across our community. Supporting them can remind us of all that we have, and the act of donating to charity is a way to express our feelings of gratitude. Teaching children to care about others is an important life lesson. When children watch you give, they will grow up knowing that giving back is the right thing to do and follow in your footsteps. So, by reaching out and meeting local charities, asking what they need and meeting their needs - and most importantly, learning about them - we are setting up a model of kindness.

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.' – Desmond Tutu

Term 1

Collected food for the animals of TEARS and the Mdzananda Animal Clinic.

Term 2

Collected Easter eggs for the children of St Paul's Primary School.

Collected pasta and tinned goods for the children of Zanokhanyo Children's Home, Sinothando Children's Home and the Zonnebloem Foster Home.

Collected gently worn clothing for the charity U-turn.

Term 3

Collected 92 metres of tinned goods, to celebrate Mandela Day. This was donated to St Luke's Hospices who provide palliative care and nursing support to people with life-limiting illnesses.

Term 4

Collected gently worn takkies for the College Cape Epic trip to donate to schools in rural areas.

Awareness Campaign: we held a Crazy Hat Day for Cape Town-based NGO, Paedspal. 'Hats On 4 Children's Palliative Care' (#HatsOn4CPC) is a global campaign to raise awareness of the palliative care needs of children with serious and often complex life-threatening and lifeshortening illnesses and their families.

Collected donations for Silly Socks Day in aid of our Stationery Drive for Atwood Primary School.

Chloe de la Harpe



Beach Day 2022

Takkie Drive





Crazy Hat Day 2022



















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Civvies Day Clothing Collection



Civvies Day Tinned Food Collection







ATHLETICS REPORT

We started off the year with our Athletics Championships, which took place early on a beautiful February morning to avoid the heat. The event was won by Charlton House and the Victor Ludorum winners were Ben Smolders, Alex Reeves, Rhys Lategan, Julian Edwards and Ryan McLea. The Spirit Cup was won by van der Bijl House.

We then hosted our Quadrangular with Wynberg, Rhenish and WP Prep. We won four gold medals. Our gold medal winners were Alex Reeves (U10 high jump), Daniel Brink (U12 400m), Ryan McLea (U13 400m) and Macen Lesbirel (U11 800m).

In March we visited Rondebosch on their Lower Desert track for the Pentangular, and came away with three gold medals. Gold medal winners were Julian Edwards (U12 long jump), Macen Lesbirel (U11 1200m) and Alex Reeves (U10 high jump).

After the long winter break, we were back at it out in Paarl for the Paarl Boys' Championships. This time we came away with six gold medals. Gold medal winners were Ryan McLea (U13 400m), Julian Edwards (U12 200m) and the U12 4 x 100m relay team of James Ridl, Ben Kombo, Joshua Mafunda and Julian Edwards.

Our Grade 3 and 4 boys then took part in the Rhenish Championships in Stellenbosch and we came home with two silver and three bronze medals.

We ended off the year with our festive Relay Sports event. Four boys in each House combine in track and field events and the winning house was van der Bijl. Brooke House won the hotly contested Spirit Cup.

My thanks to Ryan McLea (captain) and Zaydaan Shaboodien (vice-captain) for always setting a good example to the other boys at training and at events.

My thanks also to all the coaches for the many hours they spent improving our athletes' techniques.

Stay fit, train hard and, most importantly, enjoy your running and your training, no matter your ability. Simply be the best you can be.

Bruce Mitchell







Paarl Boys' Championships



Pentangular















Relay Sports

Stellenbosch and Paarl

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CHESS REPORT

CRICKET REPORT

Chess at the Prep is in a good space. This year's league results were of a high standard, and the boys can be very proud of their efforts. I entered two teams into the league, and the second team's focus was to develop younger players to step up in 2023. The first team had some good wins and some epic battles. The team was led excellently by Ashil Singh, and his encouragement of the team's younger players was outstanding. We included chess on the Grade 7 tour and had a brilliant time, winning all three matches. The Interhouse event was closely battled by all four Houses and was narrowly won by VDB. To further encourage more interest in chess, we will have a Bishops Prep competition and a chess evening for parents and boys to test their battle skills against each other. In addition, I would like all the classrooms to have at least one chessboard. Next year will be an exciting time for the younger boys to step up and make sure we battle for victories.

Team: Taufeeg Abrahams, Caid Arrison, Enoch Chan (vice-captain), Xander Chu, James Davidge, Benjamin Davies, Chris de Wet, André Kuys, Liam Middleton, Ande Mogotlane, Kartar Moodley, Ethan Roberts, Ashil Singh (captain), Minggu Xiao

Grant de Sousa



This year we have certainly been blessed by the sheer by our neighbours Rondebosch Boys' Prep School. number of players who turned up to trials, ready to play The other age groups soon followed suit and it was pleasing to see that they were now also reaping the this game of cricket that gives us so much in return. The nets and field were abuzz on the day of the first practice rewards of all their hard work during the winter months. We were also very fortunate to play in 10 day/night and trial sessions, with boys eagerly applying their trade in pursuit of getting better at batting, bowling or matches on the Frank Reid. The most memorable of fielding. Throughout the age groups we managed to these was when the Under-13A boys beat SACS in enter 24 cricket teams into the league. We soon settled the Southern Suburbs T20 final. All players must be into our fixture routine, and I am pleased to say that commended on the way they played the game, and it the results reflected the players' enthusiasm and sheer was pleasing to see that many bonds were formed with diligence during practice sessions. The 50s, 100s and boys from other schools. fivers started rolling in and it was most pleasing to see that many of these accolades were achieved in the C, We were also pleased to start the construction of our brand-new cricket nets at the Rossall Field and at the D and E teams. This proved that our emphasis on mass participation and depth development is reaping the beginning of December this project was completed and necessary rewards. With the increasing demand for ready for use. This will also allow us more practice time, T20 cricket, it was refreshing to see that most players as the junior boys sometimes walk as far as Lutgensvale preferred the longer version of the game. These formats for their sessions. certainly make it easier for coaches to include more boys on match day. This year was certainly one to remember from a results

After the first term finished. I was amazed to see how many boys were determined to improve their game in the indoor centre during the winter months. A special mention must go to Mr Barnes and his team of coaches who helped the boys achieve their goals. They spend endless hours assisting boys with technical advice and motivation. At the beginning of the fourth term, the Under-13A team embarked on their tour to Gauteng, followed by a competitive Cape Schools Week hosted

and skills-development perspective. A special mention must go to all the coaches for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the campaign. We also cherish the wonderful support of Bishops and opposition parents during the season. We look forward to a 2023 full of entertaining cricket.

Willem Louw











Under-13

First XI: Callum Anderson (vice-captain), Tristan Brunton, Fynn Cullis, Jonathan Horton, Shafiek Joseph, Ryan McLea, Shaun Norris, Daniel Perold, Deen Rinquest, Matthew Schultz, Ibraheem Taliep, Robert Vintcent (captain), Travis Williams

U13B: Hamaad Badroodien, Kudaishe Chahwahwa, Max Davies, Christo le Roux, Keanin Lind, Arman Patel, Frederick Pfaff, Michael Rich, George Seymour, Tommy Tanfield, Jack Townshend, Jack Viljoen

U13C: Maahier Arnold, Caleb Brinkman, Cole Hirsch, Zanda Hlongwana, Cameron Jonker, Will MacNaughton, Kaleb Pillay, Shivam Ramjee, Joshua Rolfe, Iqsaan Salie Mark, Zaydaan Shaboodien, Ashil Singh, Benjamin Spaun

The season started with a series of trials and it was good to see a number of boys return to play cricket once again.

The U13C team had so many numbers at the beginning of the first term that the decision was taken to split them into two teams. This was great as all players were able to have more match time and received more personal coaching. Both teams flourished and the improvement in the level of skill was noticeable. During the fourth term, the decision was taken to join the two squads back into a C team as a few of the cricketers either changed sports

or sustained injuries. The balance of the matches were played on a rotational basis to give everyone a chance to make their contribution and much fun was had by all while still playing competitive cricket.

The B team enjoyed a superb season, winning 20 of their 24 fixtures. They provided good depth within the age group, with two of their players securing A-team positions. They proved to be formidable within their school division and gave a very good account of themselves against club teams that used U14A players. The team's success was built on some excellent bowling performances and consistent batting displays. It was wonderful to see the energy, commitment and passion for cricket within the team. Most pleasing was the never-say-die attitude that saw them prevail in a few last-over or last-ball thrillers.

The First XI had a brilliant start to the season. winning most of their matches. Later on in the year, they toured to Johannesburg and played in the Rondebosch Festival. The lessons learnt while touring and playing festival cricket against strong opposition really helped the team to kick on, ending the season with seven straight wins and being crowned the T20 Southern Suburb Schools' League champions. Winning this competition in a nail-biting final on the Frank Reid proved to be a highlight for the boys. All in all, the First XI played 29 fixtures during the season, winning 21. A magnificent effort! Many of the boys in the team played two years of First XI cricket, which requires a huge amount of commitment. I thank all the players for their tremendous effort, sportsmanlike conduct and passion for Bishops cricket.

Murray Anderson

Southern Suburbs T20 Champions





Cricket Tour







Under-12

U12A: James Arkcoll, Julian Edwards, Rafael Farinha, James Gray, Uzayr Johaar, William Lord, Shaun Norris, Robbie Sherman, Adam Tanfield, Alexander Walker, Nathan Whiffler

U12B: Rupert Andersson, River Boltman, Finlay Ferguson, John Hewat, Connor Kirkpatrick, Sango Kunene, James Myhill, Dominic Planting, Nicholas Ramsey, Jack Stam, Zingce Tywabi

U12C: Dylan Cale, Ismaeel Darsot, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill, Sahil Khalfey, Benjamin Klerck, Benjamin Kombo, Aran Maharaj, Kieran Nayar, Qadeer Orrie, Robert Turnley-Jones, Luca Wakeford, Nicholas Young

The U12 age group of 2022 can reflect on this season with immense pride. The group had an enjoyable season of cricket. Many of the teams had different players from week to week due to illness and injuries. We must commend the boys for stepping up when they were called as replacements at short notice to play for higher teams.

This year's group was characterised by a positive never-say-die attitude and an enthusiasm that proved to be the cornerstone of the teams, holding it together during difficult matches against tough opponents. The focus of the season was to work on bowling and batting techniques, especially when it came to short selection.

Despite the mixed bag of results, the players displayed fantastic grit and enthusiasm, which

built their confidence. When the matches got close, they displayed a lot of resilience and determination to fight to the end even if the results did not go our way. Growth and improvement were shown in the batting, bowling and fielding departments, which was great to witness.

The highlight of every season is to see boys enjoy themselves and achieve individual milestones like scoring a half-century, getting a hat-trick, taking a blind catch or taking five wickets in a match. Some of our boys managed to earn these accolades during the season and we congratulate them on their fine individual performances.

The highlight of the season for the U12A team was the Durbanville return match where we bowled the opposition out for 45 runs and won the match by eight wickets after losing to them during the week in a T20 match by one run from the last ball of the match.

The highlight of the season for the U12Bs was the fantastic all-round performance that won the return game against SACS in the fourth term, which showed huge improvement and team spirit from the boys.





The highlights of the season for the U12Cs were their four-match winning streak in the first term and their one-run win against WPPS. Their loss to SACS was by a mere three runs. The term four result was their best performance of the year – a very good all-round cricket display resulted in a 16-run win against WPPS.

It was a great pleasure to coach such a talented and passionate group of young men. We wish them all the best for their last year of Prep cricket next year, and look forward to their future cricket endeavours at the College.

Xolani Matyeke

Under-11

U11A: Zayd Badroodien, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Jack Gibbon, Callum Kleye, Rhys Lategan, Drummond Mackenzie, Tom Pearce, Zayaan Saloojee, Jack Stansfield, Thomas Townshend, John Weir-Smith **U11B:** Alex Botton, Henk Cursi, Matthew Fox, Liam Khan, Macen Lesbirel, Phoenix Manolas, Max Menage, William Verhage, Noah Walford, Evan West, Jayden Wrensch

U11C: Henry Boddy, Daniel Grever, Adam Hendrickse, Marc MacLeod, Luke Port-Hellmann, Cameron Ranger, Bonnar Richards, Matthew Ringwood, Ethan Stirk, Robbie Symons, Nicholas Turck, Michael Whiffler

U11D: Josh Allen, Matthew Allen, Nua Bouwer, Jan Harm Coffee, Osi Hlongwane, Luke Hoeks, Sebastian Horrell, Harry Luck, Thomas McCollum, Liam Middleton, Gianluca Papa, Umar Saloojee, Adam Snyman, Charlie Townshend

U11E: Gert Coffee, Liam Gibson, Konstantin Gräwe, Carter Mason, Likhanye Mpikashe, Nirvaan Naidu, Ethan Roberts, Storm Silander, Zia Soofie, Qiran Toll, Kaleb van Schalkwyk, Luke Weingartz

From the outset it was evident that this age group had both strength in depth and talent in abundance. Enough players turned up for trials to enable us to enter five teams into the league. The first few sets of trials were competitive and it was certainly no easy task to select the teams. Once the matches commenced, we realised that some work was needed across the board on fielding skills and the boys worked tirelessly to improve in this area. This was certainly evident in the fact that more players from this age group won the Herschelle Gibbs catch of the week than any other age group. The hard work certainly paid off and soon enough the players managed to restrict opposition batting sides to lower scores, which in turn made it much easier for the batsmen to chase these totals down.

From a batting perspective it was pleasing to see that more players started to get past the 30-run mark, and once this happened more regularly, the conversion rate to make 50s also started to rise. This improvement in batting by all the boys was due to the hard work they put into their practice sessions and the increasing number of boys attending the Friday net sessions. They soon realised that patience and playing straight was the way forward in order to achieve more success. A special mention must certainly go to Phoenix Manolas, who scored his maiden century for the B team during the fourth term. During the off season you would see him working endless hours on his cricket and he reaped the rewards for this diligent approach. It was also pleasing to see how happy these players are when a teammate performed on the field, always shouting encouragement, even when mistakes were made and catches were dropped from time to time. This camaraderie and gentlemanly behaviour are what make cricket such a wonderful game. The game gives you so much in terms of life lessons, and it was pleasing to see that the boys displayed all the attributes that will keep them playing the game for years to come.

On the bowling front it was good to see that we developed a great variety of bowlers. The spinners managed to bowl more overs due to the fact that they were now able to land the ball more consistently in good areas. Some players also started to work on their variations, and it was a delight to see the odd googly as part of their repertoire. The seam bowlers realised very soon that consistency and movement through the air and off the wicket are what reap rewards. Soon enough, more of our boys were awarded the Vince van der Bijl bowling performances of the week. Evan West must be mentioned for his seven wickets towards the end of the fourth term.

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This bunch of boys will always be remembered for their tenacious spirit and the way they never gave up during matches. Their results most certainly speak for themselves.

I would like to thank all the coaches for their hard work in order to ensure that the boys developed their skills and enjoyed the game. A special mention must also go to the parents for their wonderful support.

Willem Louw

Under-10

U10A: Felix Andersson, Matthew Arkcoll, Caid Arrison, Luke Eedes, Tarig Eskinazi, Oliver Ferrao, Faig Joseph, Ethan Larcombe, Daniel le Cordeur, Luke Mabin, Luca Nicol, Rupert Pfaff, Josh Pooler, Oliver Schultz, Murray Vintcent, Max Wides

U10B: Matthew Arkcoll, Jude Barton, Jack Bousfield, Max Burns, Xander Chu, Thomas Cobbledick, Landon Corbett, Luke Eedes, Connor Hirsch, Nityam Jeram, Lukho Kunene, Ethan Larcombe, Daniel le Cordeur, Jack Lucas, Luca Nicol, Oliver Thomalla, Cody van Staden, Max Wides

U10C: Taufeeg Abrahams, Jack Bousfield, Max Burns, Finn Coetzer, Kuhle Cossie, Jack Greig, Shikar Haripersad, Ross Hendricks, Connor Hirsch, Ngoba Hlongwane, Xavier Leger, Jack Lucas, Anothile Mpikashe, Luca Mulder, Sam Neethling, Emaad Raja, Jake Reed, Cody van Staden

U10D: Taufeeq Abrahams, Imran Amlay, Finlay Barnhoorn, Hugo Bonadei, Kuhle Cossie, Altaf Dawood, Kunashe Ganyeka, Shikar Haripersad,



Ngoba Hlongwane, Joseph Hudson, Phoenix Jordan, Onalenna Maelane, Leatile Magoro, Oyama Mapukata, Jake Reed, Christian Salie

Bishops Prep is blessed to have this group of cricketers who gave it their all this summer. The boys grew and improved progressively with each game throughout the year. Each player had the privilege of leading the team by being selected as captain. All the teams worked extremely hard at training sessions and tried their best to improve their skills by listening to their coaches. The practices were always action-packed and designed in such a way that every boy's individual needs were met.

The team spirit among this group was something to admire. Good memories were made, and these will stay with the boys for many years to come. There are many players in this group who can perform at a higher level. They need to be patient, work hard at their skills and remember that it is a journey to become a better cricketer – not a destination.





I was very impressed with the number of players who made use of the voluntary net sessions on Fridays. It provided us with an opportunity to work on the more technical aspects of the game and we were pleasantly surprised by the number of players who performed so well in the second half of the season.

I am indeed indebted to our group of coaches - Mr Barnes, Mr Cassiem, Mr Siko, Mr Mukondiwa and Mr Ndamane – who went beyond the call of duty to prepare our players for matches and to ensure that the game remains competitive, but fun.

Finally, I would like to share my gratitude to the parents for their amazing support this year. Thank you for watching the matches and providing lifts to fixtures.

We cannot wait to see what these boys will achieve next year.

Chris Groom



Under-9

Cobras: Zaeem Dadaker, David Ebbs, Harry Edwards, Rupert Edwards, Angus Hofmeyr, Ntsika Madubela, Oli Naylor, Daniel Twycross, Oliver van Zyl

Lions: Finnley Emms, George Hadjidakis, William Hatt, Scott Jackson, Nicholas Kalil, Jonathan Kotze, Ande Mogotlane, Carter Smith, Matt Warner

Dolphins: Luan Bouwer, Staten Kettlewell, Vukosi Matelakengisa, Michael McCollum, Matthew Moolman, Murray Prain, Benjamin Smolders, Nathan Venn, Matthew Wood

Titans: Alexandros Constantinou, Cole Darné, Finn Ferguson, Jasper Garratt, Zac Gomes, Tristan Jordaan, Joshua Joubert, Callum Kirkpatrick, Orlando Robbins

Sharks: Ilaan Adam, Danyal Cupido, Logan Daniels, Liam Duncan, Daniel Grobler, Otsile Motsumi, Pano Protoulis, Adam Shaik

Cheetahs: Robbie Baynham, Charles Boddy, Daniel Davis, Mohammed Desai, Harrison Mackay-Davidson, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Alec van der Merwe, Minggu Xiao

Pumas: Daniel Eedes, Hamza Essop, Christian George, Rushdi Hendricks, Zuko Mapukata, Jason Rixton, Adam Turnley-Jones, Tristan Wyatt

Falcons: Leo Harcourt-Wood, Esa Harnekar, Troy Hewetson, Liam Khoury, Luke Kuttel, Thango Mkwananzi, Cameron Pentz, James Scholtz **Leopards:** Alessio Anderson, Adam Farquharson, Asana Kalayamotho, Adam Khan, Keegan Lin, Matthew Messaris, Cullin Naylor

It has been a great privilege and honour to help head up Under-9 cricket this year. What a fantastic year it has been for the boys, coaches and parents. I would like to send a special thanks to all the parents for helping make this year a great success. It has been no easy feat with all the lifting and back-and-forth that you, the parents, have had to endure but you have not wavered and have sacrificed so much of your time for the boys, to have as little interruption as possible. Your help and sacrifice have not gone unnoticed.

We have been fortunate to have had such talented and dedicated coaches this season. A massive thank you must go to Mr Barnes, Mr Casiem, Mr Riches, Mr Ndamane, Mr De Franchi, Mr Tsotso, Mr Koster, Mr Rukodzi and Mr Dudley for all the enthusiasm and energy they brought each week. These gentlemen have been involved in Bishops cricket for many years and we were fortunate to have them as part of our development and fundamentals training in U9.

Under-9 is a vital year in the development of cricket at the Prep. We started the first term with 75 very eager and excited boys with very little experience. We began with fundamental basics that the boys missed during the two years of Covid-19 in the Pre-Prep. We worked very hard on bowling technique, throwing strength and batting skills. We are very fortunate to have wonderful and dedicated opponents who try very hard to match our attendance numbers each week. Matches in the first term were a great learning opportunity for our boys, playing the likes of SACS, Rondebosch and Wet Pups. We went into our winter sport programme having covered a lot of skills and harnessing the boys' passion for the game.

Often, our boys suddenly mature and develop physically during the winter sport programme, and this makes our fourth-term cricket schedule a lot easier in terms of coaching, as skills begin to emerge. I was blown away by the vast improvements in all the teams and how our results showed this change. We had many more close games and favourable results across the teams, which brought more excitement to our players. Many of our boys joined our Friday hard-ball net sessions. Introducing them to the sound and feel of hard-ball cricket sets them up for what to expect in U10. We are very happy with the number of boys wanting to continue playing cricket in Grade 4 and feel that they have had adequate exposure to this wonderful game. We look forward to seeing them excel on the ovals at Bishops and wish them all the best in their cricketing futures.

JP Dudley



CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

Running is a lifelong sport that requires endurance and drive. This can be accomplished with practice and consistency. For the cross-country team, the biggest competitor was themselves and the biggest challenge was improving on individual times. Many runners throughout the season strive to break their personal records or improve their positions during the fixtures and events.

Our cross-country runners per age group:

U9 Alexandros Constantinou	U10 Jack Greig	
Harry Edwards Michael McCollum Cullin Naylor Murray Prain Orlando Robbins Daniel Twycross	Seth Lunn William Lunn Raadi Rinquest	
U11 Joshua Allen Charles Traill William Verhage	U12 Dominic Kotze William Lord Joshua Mafunda James Ridl	

Our training sessions took place on Tuesdays, and we had fixtures on Fridays. Our practices involved speed training, hill repeats and time trials at Rondebosch Common. These sessions developed strength while building members' endurance to hold a consistent pace while being aware of their form. We started off the season with the Zwaanswyk Academy fixture and co-hosted the next one with WPPS. Both these events had fantastic participation numbers and supporters. Heathfield Primary School offered amazing prizes for runners during their fixture, and schools ended off the season with the Sun Valley Primary Fixture.

Our cross-country team progressed well, with the following outstanding achievements:

- Seth Lunn placed first in his age group for three consecutive fixtures. He is to be congratulated as the number of participants for the U9s was 95, 49 and 58 respectively.
- Charles Traill achieved first, second and third for three consecutive fixtures.
- William Verhage achieved second and third in two of the fixtures.
- Dominic Kotze achieved eighth place for two of the fixtures.

These phenomenal runners qualified for the Metro Circuit Champs Team. They tried their best in very tough competition but, unfortunately, did not proceed to the next round.

The cross-country team of 2022 ran the Friday races with such pride and gave it their all from start to finish. Every member of our team is to be commended for their dedication and self-belief. The annual Pentangular took place and was hosted by SACS Junior. It was a tough race that included an undulating course.

We placed fourth overall with fantastic positions achieved:

- **U10:** Seth Lunn (third)
- U11: Charles Traill (first), Macen Lesbirel (second), William Verhage (third)
- U12: James Ridl (fourth)

Thank you to Mr Ndamane and Mr Julius for their assistance in coaching our cross-country team. We are looking forward to another amazing year in running.

We ended off the season with the annual Interhouse event. The weather was terrific. Congratulations to all the runners who participated and gave their best. A Performance Trophy and the Participation Trophy were awarded to the winning Houses. Bramley received the Performance Trophy and van der Bijl received the Participation Trophy.

Below are the top five runners for each age group:

U9	U10			
1. Ben Smolders (Brooke)	1. Seth Lunn (Brooke)			
2. Orlando Robbins	2. Thomas Cobbledick			
(Charlton)	(Bramley)			
3. Michael McCollum	3. Max Wides (Charlton)			
(Bramley)	4. Alexander Reeves (VdB)			
4. William Hatt (Brooke)	5. Felix Andersson			
5. Nicholas Kalil (Charlton)	(Bramley)			

U11	U12				
1. Charles Traill (Bramley)	1. James Ridl (Bramley)				
2. William Verhage (VdB)	2. James Gray (VdB)				
3. Macen Lesbirel	3. Joshua Mafunda				
(Bramley)	(Bramley)				
4. Rhys Lategan (VdB)	4. Dom Kotze (Brooke)				
5. Noah Walford (Bramley)	5. William Lord (VdB)				
U13					
1. Callum Anderson (Bramley)					
2. Ryan McLea (Brooke)					
3. Fynn Cullis (Charlton)					
4. Arman Patel (Bramley)					
5. Joshua Rolfe (Charlton)					

Naadia Luzmore













HOCKEY REPORT

Under-13

It was a fantastic season of hockey for the U13 age group. The numbers swelled and we consistently had matches for A, B, C and D teams. It was wonderful to see and hear the boys on Woodlands, enjoying themselves and working hard on developing their skills further. One of the highlights of the year was the Grade 7 tour to KZN. We played full-field matches and managed to recruit rugby stalwarts to the game while on tour. 'I did not realise how difficult it was to play hockey' and 'wow, you have to be so fit to run around the field for so long' were some of the comments heard after these matches. Each of the coaches have noted special moments from the season.

Under-13A

Team: Callum Anderson (captain), James Arkcoll, Daniel Cable, Fynn Cullis, Max Davies, James Gray, John Hewat, Arman Patel, Daniel Perold, George Seymour, Jack Townshend, Josh Velosa, Robbie Vintcent, Nathan Whiffler

Played 15, won 8, drew 2, lost 5 Goals for 29, goals against 14

Words to sum up the season for the U13A side include dominating, determined, hard-fought, teamwork, commitment, confidence and unstoppable. The growth shown in the level of skill has been remarkable. Brilliantly led by Callum Anderson and Tommy Tanfield, every one of the squad members stepped up and proved themselves worthy of their selection. We started the season off with an unfortunate loss after dominating the game for the full 40 minutes. However, the boys were determined to bounce back from this and worked incredibly hard. The attendance at the voluntary extra practice on Fridays was phenomenal and they worked with high intensity and lapped up the advice given. They grew from strength to strength. At the end of the season, we were faced with a must-win playoff match against a very strong Durbanville Primary School. Renewed determination and hard work paid off and the boys won the game 3-0. By winning this game, we qualified for the top schools tournament. My prematch words for the tournament were: 'If you stick to our game plan and the system that we have worked on all season, you will be unstoppable.' And the boys did just that. We ended fourth in a tournament that we had to qualify for and I am so proud of this result. The boys were gutted, which showed just how much they wanted it and how much they had invested in the game this year. The tournament was a true team effort. Every single one of the 15 boys in the squad stepped up and played their hearts out. As a coach I could ask for no more than that. It has been a pleasure and an honour to coach this group of boys. Special mention must be made of our brilliant captain, Callum Anderson. He led from the front with composure and by example. Callum was selected as captain for the WP U13A side and played a fantastic tournament with his team. I know that all of the Grade 7 boys moving on

to College next year will shine on the hockey field in the against Wynberg and SACS. I hope that we will have years to come. I would like to thank Jarryd Cunnold for many of our boys pursue hockey going into the College, his assistance in coaching the team this year, as well as as we have a highly talented age group. The U13B side was an absolute pleasure to coach and I wish the boys umpiring all of our matches. all the best going into College in 2023!

Penny Graney

Under-13B

Team: David Brink, Tristan Brunton, Zanda Hlongwane, Thomas Jenman, Thomas Lascaris, James Lesbirel, Michael Rich, Matthew Schultz, David Traill

Played 13, Won 9, Drew 1, Lost 3 Goals for 28, Goals against 10

This year's hockey season offered plenty of games and exposure for the U13B side, including a tour at the halfway point in the season. Despite the disturbances that transpired over the last couple of years, it was great to see the boys have a fully packed fixture list in their final year at the Prep. From the beginning, the team was a delight to coach and showed tremendous camaraderie and tenacity as a group. The team set the standard from the get-go, beating Western Province Prep 9-0 in the opening home game at the Woodlands. The U13B team maintained an incredible level of enthusiasm, hunger and willingness to learn throughout the duration of the season, resulting in exceptional offensive and defensive highlights. This was echoed by plenty of high-scoring games, coupled with clean sheets – a coach's dream. The team did exceptionally well and performed consistently throughout the campaign, while only stumbling across a highly talented and well-organised Rondebosch side. Despite the team's objective of an unbeaten season, all players showed tremendous improvements in their ability across all facets of the game, resulting in big wins Congratulations once again on such a memorable season, you can all be extremely proud of your development and growth as hockey players.

James Price

Under-13C and Under-13D

Team: Thando Biko, Enoch Chan, Nathan Constant, Ben Doel, Cole Hirsch, Cameron Jonker, Alexander Love, Will MacNaughton, Stirling Maltz, Josh Mills, Frederick Pfaff, Shivam Ramjee, Joshua Rolfe, Igsaan Salie Mark, Julian Scholtz, Harry Vermaak, Travis Williams

U13C Played 10, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 5 Goals for 10, Goals against 14

U13D Played 10, Won 2, Drew 4, Lost 4 Goals for 8, Goals against 10

It was with great pleasure that we were able to field full C and D team squads this year. As most players were of a similar skill level, this allowed for a great deal of movement between these two teams and a high quality of hockey was enjoyed during practices and matches.

The main focus of the season was to develop skills and a positive attitude on and off the field. During practices the teams were rotated to different stations where they were coached specific skills from coaches from all

four teams. This variety ensured that all boys received a high level of coaching throughout the practices. The results immediately started to show, with a strong U13C win against WPPS to kick off the season. The D squad followed suit with a narrow 3-2 loss against Rondebosch. This high-scoring game was a great showcase of the team's talent.

The U13D squad was fortunate to benefit from the vast experience of their new coach, Fadl Ebrahim, who took over from the much-loved Narwaaz Cassiem in the third term.

The U13Cs finished off the season with two solid victories against Kirstenhoff and Rondebosch Boys', scoring 2-0 in both matches. In similar fashion, the U13Ds reversed the scores from the first match against Rondebosch to beat them 3-2.

Russell Drury















Under-12

We started the season with high hopes and a great deal of excitement. Our boys arrived ready to learn and were thrilled that we had seen the back of Covid-19 and finally were allowed to get stuck into some very competitive matches. We have very intensive practice sessions and we spent a great deal of time on our basic drill work and skills. Boys were eager to learn and it was always wonderful to see them all putting in 100% effort at practices. Our fixtures went ahead and we played many matches. Not all the results went in our favour, but the boys never lost their enthusiasm and commitment to their teams. This is an incredible, resilient group of boys and I know they will continue to grow in strength over the years to come. It has been a pleasure being part of such a happy, connected group of boys. Many thanks to the parents for all the support, lifting and help during this season. We appreciate it very much. All the best for your hockey next year boys.

Leanne Hamman

Under-12A

Team: Cameron Brown, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill, Josh Katz, Benjamin Kombo, Dom Kotze, Sango Kunene, Joshua Mafunda, James Myhill, Adam Tanfield, Kai van der Vyver

The A team had an amazing experience this season. During practices, they grew from strength to strength and sharpened their skills and hockey fitness, becoming better athletes. Their hard work, discipline and dedication stood out to the coaches and was inspirational to all. We were unfortunate to have lost four players who were moved up to the U13A team, so this group was a whole new team and had to learn to play cohesively. They rose to the challenge and outperformed our expectations at every match. The boys learnt a great deal, and finessed their basic skills and knowledge of the game. We hope to see them all on the Astro next year. Best of luck boys!

Cassa Cassiem and Leanne Hamman

Under-12B

Team: Z'idan Hendrickse, Uzayr Johaar, Benjamin Klerck, Aran Maharaj, Kieran Nayar, James Ridl, Robert Turnley-Jones, Luca Wakeford, Nicholas Young

The hockey season began full of promise and excitement, as the boys had not played hockey in a while. They started off a bit rusty, but they were very excited and willing to learn. Once they started to believe in each other and themselves, things fell into place. We had some lows in the season but mainly we had highs. What I loved most about the team is that we started off as just a couple of players on a hockey field, and ended off being a family. I can say with pride that I enjoyed coaching these young men, and I will be watching their hockey careers closely and look forward to the great things to come.

Mvumelwano Mqingwana

Under-12C

Team: Jack Garlick, Connor Hirst, Matteo Lanfranchi, Max Lanfranchi, Yaasin Moolla, Nic Ramsay, Maximillian Steven, Keyaan Tyer, Wynand van Zyl After losing out on their basic hockey skills progression during Covid-19, the boys started the season with a lot of enthusiasm to play the game they had missed for two years. There were a few players who joined hockey for the first time and their passion and commitment to learning about the game resulted in their promotion to the B side. In terms of the games played, the team had a tough season, with few successes. The boys showed improvements in their understanding of the Prep tactical formations, team cohesions, communication and, most importantly, their fitness improved to match the pace required in this sport. Thank you to all the boys and parents for making this season fun and I am looking forward to seeing the improved performance applied at U13 level next season.

Thami Siko

Under-12D

Team: Nicholas Brits, David Douglas, Max Harvey, Zishan Kassen, Jamie McCarthy, John Nolte, Harry Weiss, Sebastijan Wierzycki

The team had an uncertain start to the season, with some of the boys starting hockey for the first time. They paid attention and worked hard during practices. As the season progressed, the boys showed positive attitudes and gave it their all. They never allowed the early losses to get them down. They kept their heads high and played until the end. Towards the end of season, they had accumulated many wins in a row. Our last match against Rondebosch was a fierce one; however, they were, unfortunately, defeated. Altogether it was an amazing season with these great boys. I wish them all the best for the upcoming years.



Under-11

Last year, the hockey season stood out due to the ravages of the Covid-19 virus. This year will be remembered as one of the most outstanding seasons on record.

Seldom does an age group have the depth of talent and numbers that this U11 group has, and their coaches, enjoyed this year. With five full teams and a full season of matches to look forward to, it was an exciting prospect.

Our first challenge is always selecting and training goalies, which is something new for the U11s. Initially, putting on the keeper kit can take half an hour, and running in it takes extraordinary abilities. Former Springbok keeper Brian Myburgh gave the boys their first input. How to stand, when to advance and how to clear the ball are always critical skills. The five coaches were spoiled for choice as all the goalies proved very capable.

On the field, the practice sessions were very diverse. Relay formats, specific skills sessions, match practices and shadow hockey were methods frequently employed. We were fortunate to be able to call on Murray Anderson to give the boys some advanced skills training. The other coaches – Maaike Tiaden, Jarryd Cunnold, Nawaaz Cassiem, Cameron Samuels and Fadl Ebrahim – are all exceptionally talented and motivated.

As these results make spectacular reading, they are included here:

U11 team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Against
А	12	12	0	0	61	2
В	12	7	1	4	18	7
С	12	11	1	0	45	4
D	12	12	0	0	61	1
E	7	6	0	1	24	2
Totals	55	48	2	5	209	16

Having three undefeated teams is remarkable. The goal difference is quite superb. I trust the boys are as proud of themselves as their coaches are.

Under-11A: Henk Cursi, Jack Gibbon (C), Noah Walford, Tom Townshend, Drummond Mackenzie, John Weir-Smith, Macen Lesbirel, Tom Pearce, Alex Botton, Liam Kahn (G)

Alex Botton, Liam Kahn (G)The U10As had an unbelievable season, winning all their
matches except one, which they drew. Overall, theyUnder-11B: Matthew Ringwood, Charles Traill, AlexScored 68 goals and only conceded 22. Many of the
boys can read the game well and focus on achieving the
best result as a team, rather than by themselves. At such
a young age this is admirable.

Under-11C: Henry Boddy, Liam Middleton, Adam Hendrickse, Zayd Badroodien; Phoenix Manolas, Samuel Huntingford, Bonnar Richards, Michael Whiffler, Gianluca Papa, Troy Vomacka (G)

Under-11D: Harry Luck, Zia Soofie, Matthew Allen, Konstantin Gräwe, Jan Harm Coffee, Wazir Amanjee, Farley Moran, Gus Moran, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Umar Saloojee, James Davidge (G)

Under-11E: Gert Coffee, Ethan Stirk, Luke Hoeks, Carter Mason, Ethan Roberts, Josh Allen, Amo Kotelana, Liam Gibson

Mark Erlangsen

Under-10

2022 proved to be a very enjoyable season for our boys. Each week, more than 40 eager hockey players met on the Woodlands Astro and spent time improving their skills and working together as a team. We were fortunate enough to have Mr Cassiem, who currently has two sons in the South African men's hockey side, at our training

goal sessions each week. We focused on the basics such as hitting, stopping and ball control, and used each session to develop on a skill previously learnt. It was invaluable having such a seasoned hockey expert lead our sessions ford, each week. A big thank you for your leadership and guidance.

- The U10B team also had a fantastic season. They did fler, not lose any of their games and only had 14 goals scored against them. These boys played with grit and determination and their fitness improved throughout the season.
- The U10C team improved immensely and learnt to work together as a team towards the end of the season. Their passing and moving off the ball were good and this directly correlated to Mr Cassiem's input during their training. These boys only lost two of their matches, which is a remarkable achievement.

The U10D side had a tough season but showed up each week with grit and determination. They moved the ball well but struggled to finish off in critical moments. The boys learnt how to move into space and work together with quick, short passes to get past opposition. A fine effort by everyone in the team.

InateThe U10E and U10F side consisted of a squad of boyssonsand there was a lot of movement between the two. Theiningopposition was fierce but each week these boys made

Bishops proud by facing the challenges they were given. A huge thank you to all the coaches who manage the boys each week in sunshine and gale-force winds. Their input and skills are invaluable and the boys have really benefitted from their advice. Overall, the U10 squad was a delight to work with and proved to be a mighty force among the Southern Suburbs schools. Well done to everyone on a fantastic year!

Under-10A: Matthew Arckoll, Thomas Cobbledick, Tarig Eskinazi, Oliver Ferrao, Luca Nicol, Rupert Pfaff, Oliver Shultz. Max Wides

Under-10B: Xander Chu, Finn Coetzer, Luke Eedes, Xavier Leger, Luke Mabin, Oliver Vickers, Murray Vintcent

Under-10C: Ross Hendricks, Thomas Hartog, Nityam Jeram, Josh Pooler, Raadi Rinquest, Oliver Thomalla

Under-10D: Max Burns. Max Forrester, Shikar Haripersad, Connor Hirsch, Kgosi Kumalo, Eetha Lee Pan, Karter Moodley, Emaad Raja, Martin Truter

Under-10 E and F: Taufeeq Abrahams, Dex Campbell, Kuhle Cossie, Elliot Doronville, Ben Davies, Altaf Dawood, Chris de Wet, Joseph Hudson, Phoenix Jordan, Onalenna Maelane, Leatile Magoro, Oyama Mapukata, Damian van Zyl

Mandy Gloak

Under-9

This group of U9 boys has certainly impressed us each Wednesday at Hartleyvale as they have shown off their newly learnt skills from our Monday practice sessions

at the Woodlands. What a great season of hockey we had! Jill Walsh headed up the fantastic team of coaches who capably inspired more than 30 energetic boys to give of their best. The competition against Rondebosch, WPPS and SACS was tough, but our boys made us proud. Congratulations to the U9s for their dedication, competitive spirit and good sportsmanship. We wish them well as they continue playing hockey next year in U10.

Laurelle Fry

Under-9 Yellow Team: Harry Edwards, Jasper Garratt, Ande Mogotlane, Angus Hofmeyr, Oli Naylor, Matt Warner, Finn Emms, Murray Prain, Benjamin Smolders

The U9A boys started out the season with so much enthusiasm, each player desperate to make a difference and all wanting to score those all-important goals. It took a few weeks for the boys to understand the positional structure of the game and how important it is for each player to play their role, whether it be as a defender or an attacker. Once they understood that all positions are equally important to make the team successful, they played some amazing hockey. With some outstanding passing, they scored team goals that made us so proud, and had some great wins each week. Their individual skills also improved so much and we really are excited to see how these young players develop into great hockey players. Well done on an excellent season, boys! Keep working and we look forward to another great season next year.

Jill Walsh

Under-9 Blue Team: David Ebbs, Tristan Jordaan, Jonathan Kotze, Daniel Twycross, Danyal Cupido, Rupert Edwards, Adam Farguharson, Orlando Robbins, Adam Shaik

The U9B hockey side enjoyed a successful season. The great thing about U9 hockey is you play the same teams every week, namely SACS, Rondebosch and WPPS, which allows you to gauge the boys' improvement. The U9B hockey side got off to a decent start with a mixed bag of results in the first few weeks of fixtures. As the season went along you could see the boys' skills and confidence growing each week. The Monday practices on the Woodlands Astro were essential in equipping the boys with the necessary skills needed at the U9 hockey level. As each week went by, you could see the boys implementing the skills they had learnt, and this ultimately contributed to the U9B hockey team finishing the third term with some very impressive performances. The boys' energy and love for the sport made it easy and such a pleasure to coach them. The U9B hockey players can be very proud of the season they had. Well done boys!

Khets Ngcobo

Under-9 Red Team: Ilaan Adams, Finn Ferguson, Daniel Grobler, Nicholas Kalil, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Vukosi Matelakengisa, James Scholtz, Luan Bouwer, Adam Turnley-Jones

Under-9 Green Team: Keegan Lin, Tristan Wyatt, Daniel Eedes, Hamza Essop, Asana Kalayamotho, Matthew Messaris, Thango Mkwananzi, Matthew Moolman, Cameron Pentz

Playing U9 hockey marks the beginning of a more structured approach to skills development, during which the boys focus on developing age-appropriate technical skills, positional play, team play and an understanding of the basic hockey rules.

The 2022 Red and Green teams consisted of an enthusiastic group of hockey players. The boys were eager to play hockey and spent many hours practising basic skills, developing new skills and learning to apply their skills during the weekly round robins at Hartleyvale. It is rewarding to see competence, confidence and motivation develop among the Red and Green groups of hockey players. They are commended for always giving their best during matches and showing a good team spirit throughout the season. Thank you, boys, for a great hockey season and we wish you lots of hockey success in U10 next year!

Red Team Coach: Maaike Tiaden Green Team Coach: Kyle Bain



RUGBY REPORT

Under-13A

Team: Maahier Arnold, Hamaad Badroodien. Kuda Chahwahwa, Alexander de Fondaumiere, Harry Dutton, Nicholas Henry, Jonathan Horton, Thomas Jenman, Shafiek Joseph, Christo le Roux, Keanin Lind, MJ Madubela, Andréa Mynhardt, Cwenga Nogantshi, Deen Ringuest, Zaydaan Shaboodien, Cuan Sides, Luke Skillicorn, Tommy Tanfield, Jack Townshend, Jack Viljoen, Robbie Vintcent

The 2022 rugby season was certainly one to remember. If I were to describe it to someone, I would most certainly use words or phrases such as humbled, learning, improvement, work ethic, sacrifice, dedication, strength through our diversity, togetherness, enjoyment and ownership.

We started on the back foot having to play catch-up with our neighbouring schools. Their earlier-than-usual start to prepare for an Easter tour meant that they were several weeks and matches ahead of us. It was a tough start, highlighted by several injuries and the unavailability of some players, but in hindsight it was a great characterbuilding exercise that afforded our boys the opportunity of developing both individual and group resilience early on. We never once spoke about the result but always the character, heart and attitude shown during practices and matches. This became our mantra. We grew to accept and understand that if we bought into and looked after our principles and processes, then the results would eventually start looking after themselves. These results were not only the scoreboard tally, but included the style of our play, the enjoyment factor and being able to walk off the field confident and pleased with your own contribution to the team's cause.

The turning point was our 19-19 draw in the first round of matches against Rondebosch away. We clicked after this and went flying into our Independent Schools Rugby Festival confident, carrying an uncompromising style of play where we backed ourselves to defend against any team at any time and to use this as a launchpad to attack. We desperately wanted to make the Bishops community proud and thank them for their efforts in putting on an amazing event. We used this as motivation to give everything on the field and our boys did not disappoint. We had developed a squad of 20 to 23 players who we could've played comfortably at any time. This competitiveness was great for pushing the players to give their best. Their hard work was starting to pay off.

We enjoyed a thrilling third term of rugby, with the boys playing a truly Bishops style of rugby and managing to score several tries originating in our own 22m area. The most pleasing aspect of this team was their ability to problem solve and make their own decisions on the field. Of course, as coaches, you shout the odd reminder to either look up, get back onside or keep fighting, but it was a big focus of ours





to let the boys play, make mistakes and then learn from them. They passed with flying colours. Co-captains Luke Skillicorn and Jonathan Horton grew in stature over the course of the season and ended up being the example the rest of the team tried to emulate. Not a small feat by any means.

A big thank you to Mr Mukondiwa for ensuring that our boys were battle hardened through a consistent approach to contact readiness and strength and







conditioning. He was also responsible for how our lineout play developed throughout the season. Tank Lanning deserves all the credit for our scrumming prowess and parents could feel relaxed and confident that their boys were prepared for the battle up front. Mr Arendse and Igsaan Salie Mark were our dependable assistant referees and the team was grateful for their time on Saturdays. A big thank-you to our parents for their undying support. This year was fairly demanding with the ISRF in the July holidays, but nothing was ever







too much and it was pleasing that the boys responded by playing a brand of rugby that we enjoyed watching. I look forward to watching this team grow throughout College. There is so much talent within this group of players. Their overriding quality, however, is that they are simply a great bunch of boys who will do almost anything to back each other up and never stop fighting.

Gareth Jordan

Under-13B

Team: David Brink, Harry Dutton, Aidan Edwards, Nicholas Henry, Jude Khoury, Thomas Lascaris, Christo le Roux, James Lesbirel, MJ Madubela, Cwenga Nogantshi, Matthew Schultz, George Seymour, Ben Spaun, Jack Townshend (vice-captain), Travis Turner, Joshua Velosa, Harry Vermaak, Robbie Vintcent (captain), Roman Waltman

The U13B season did not start as we hoped it would. To begin with, we struggled to click together as a team, and we had some incredibly tough matches. We needed time together to gel and understand each other. The first few games showed that we needed to work on defence and, more importantly, the determination to tackle the opposition. This meant focusing on tackle technique and developing the boys' belief in their ability to make that 'hit' when it mattered. This would take time; however, I could see the improvements and the confidence growing at each practice. Something was evolving inside each boy. They trained extremely hard, preparing for the Grade 7 tour to Durban. Touring with the boys and building solid bonds resulted in us pulling together and assembling a formidable team.

The objective in the third term was to try to reverse some due to not being able to have team consistency due of the results from Term 2. We knew it would not be easy to illness, injuries and team selections before we went on tour to KZN. In KZN we had a 50-50 result with a and needed to be encouraging during practice. The team's performance during this period was remarkable, win against St Charles and a loss against Chelsea Prep and it made me so proud of them. The result against School. RBPS was the season's highlight: losing to them by 50 and then beating them in the season's final match was a After the KZN tour, we returned for the third term of remarkable feat. The boys deserved the win, and I hope rugby with a stronger, more disciplined, settled and that it will be looked upon in years to come as the day confident team. We had three out of five wins with a they found their 'courage under fire'. You are a fabulous narrow loss in the last minutes of the second half against bunch of boys, and it was my pleasure coaching you. Durbanville PS. The boys showed a super defensive effort on their own line for three solid minutes and deserved to win that match Grant de Sousa

Under-13C

We played our last fixture of the season against Rondebosch Boys' Prep School at our traditional derby. Seeing that we went down to them in Term 2 by 32 Team: Sean Bailes, Oscar Banyard, Oliver Boddy, David points, the boys were pumped to return the favour on Brink, Nicholas Dalling, Clive Ddamulira, Harry Dutton, home ground. Our goal was a match in which every Samuel Gibbs, Campbell Graaff, Zanda Hlongwane, part of the team clicked because we knew the team's Tristan Joubert, Freddie Pfaff, Alexandros Ratheb, capability. This fixture did not disappoint. It was a joy Joshua Rolfe, Xavier Sanders, Matthew Schultz, Luke to watch the growth and determination of this team Traut, Harry Vermaak as they showed what they were capable of by beating Bosch 24-7.

This was an exciting year for the boys, and for me, as coach. I asked to move to U13C with the team to build on what was achieved with the same team at U12C level. This decision bore fruit in the quicker progress made on skills levels, team defence and attack as well as continuity and confidence in executing set pieces and first phase moves. It was a pleasure not to have to start from scratch at C-Team level.

The boys and coaches enjoyed the continuity and our early season results bore the fruits of this. Three good results to start off the season and then the dreaded and inevitable changes in teams that are part and parcel of coaching at C-Team level. Five losses in a row followed It has been a pleasure for me and Coach Ndimane to have had the opportunity to coach and mentor these boys and to see their growth as players – and more so as good people. I wish them all the best in their rugby and life journey. We played 13 games - won 6, lost 7.

All the best, boys.

Clayton Turner

Under-12A

Team: River Boltman, Daniel Brink, Jonah de Villiers, Julian Edwards, Rafael Farinha, Hunter Girling, James Gray, Imaad Hendricks, Jack Nelson, Shaun Norris, Alex Osborne, Dominic Planting, Daniel Prestage, Robbie Sherman, Jack Stam, Adam Tanfield, Zingce Tywabi, Kai van der Vyver, Alex Walker, Troy Webb, Nathan Whiffler

It was great to have rugby in a 'normal environment' with a full set of fixtures. The excitement and anticipation were palpable among the boys and indeed the coaches! The season started off with the Skeeles 7s, the unique event where teams are selected based on positions. A team of tight forwards, a team of loose forwards and a team of backs. This event is always a highlight and allows coaches to have a good look at the talent available.

The league started on a positive note with good wins over Kirstenhof, WPPS and Paarl Boys'. The Paarl Boys' game was particularly impressive with the boys showing resolute defence, repelling the opposition attack bravely. The Wynberg game was a very tough encounter and not a great advert for the game of rugby. Despite this it was a good learning experience for the boys, with lessons learnt that we would see implemented in the return game. At times we lacked real firepower to take advantage of situations that were created, which was exacerbated by poor decisions and execution – the Rondebosch game being a case in point.

The second term saw the team perform better. The game against Wynberg showed what the boys are capable of - a very good performance with a great display of mental fortitude. The game against WPPS



showed how their attack had progressed, running in some wonderful tries.

Despite results not always in our favour the team played some patches of great rugby, an indication of what they are capable of. I am confident that they will develop and grow into a side that will produce good positive rugby in the years ahead.

Special mention must go to Mr Tim Sharples who inspired the players with his rugby knowledge. His gentle yet competitive nature was a wonderful example to the boys. We wish him well as he continues his medical studies.

To the parents, thank you for your support and understanding, at times under difficult circumstances. I

wish you many years of fun along the touchlines as you support your sons' endeavours on the rugby field.

Brendan Fogarty

Under-12B

Team: Rupert Andersson, River Boltman, Sean Watson Dylan Cale, Finlay Ferguson, Luca Grunenwald, The U12C team enjoyed playing their rugby with a Connor Kirkpatrick, Ben Kombo, Dominic Kotze, certain sense of joie de vivre and freedom, in true William Lord, James Myhill, Jack Nelson, Shaun Norris, Michael Pentz, Nic Ramsey, James Ridl, Barbarians style. As a result there were not many rucks Robbie Sherman, Ibraheem Taliep, Qadeer Orrie, with the emphasis on continuity and having a breakdown Matthew Thomashoff, Alex Walker as a last resort. This style resulted in many tries being scored, but alas not only tries for but also tries against!

Coaches: Daniel Stehlik and Matthew van Westenbrugge

The U12B side of 2022 can undoubtedly be considered one of the most improved rugby sides of the year. Coming into the season, rusty in the wake of the pandemic sabbatical, the challenge that lay ahead as a group included the development of fundamental skills, breakdown technique, game awareness, as well the general approach to the sport.

During the course of the season, the team ethos that emerged was simply remarkable, with unbelievable courage becoming a characteristic of the team for the season. As coaches, this enthusiastic energy as well as a passionate sense of brotherhood is all that we could ever ask for, ultimately making it a pleasure to be a part of. Their progress was illustrated during both derby victories over Rondebosch and Wynberg, while displaying a desire to spread the ball wide, and maintaining a great sense of maturity during phase play.

Daniel Stehlik and Matthew van Westenbrugge

Under-12C

Team: Rupert Andersson, Milo Bonadei, Cameron Brown, Ethan Burns, Seth Burns, Max Craig, Connor Kirkpatrick, William Lord, Jasper Magrath, Qadeer Orrie, Nic Ramsay (captain), Ryan Reeves, Matthew Thomashoff, Max Venter, William Warwick,

This group of boys was truly committed and would often arrive first in the morning on a Saturday for matches and would then also be last to leave after the A team match. These boys simply loved their rugby and will no doubt form the backbone of a rugby club one day.

Practices were also so much fun with this group of enthusiastic boys with competitive games of touch and tackle-touch.

My thanks to the merry band of parents who were our biggest and most loyal supporters, no matter the time of the match or the result. Your attendance meant a lot to the boys.

It was certainly a pleasure to coach these boys and my thanks to Mr Lennett for all his coaching and encouragement of these super boys.

Bruce Mitchell

Under-11A

Team: Henry Boddy, Henk Cursi, Jack Gibbon, Callum Kleye, Rhys Lategan, Macen Lesbirel, Phoenix Manolas, Max Menage, Farley Moran, Gus Moran, William Newborn, Gianluca Papa, Tom Pearce, Luke Port-Hellmann, Jack Stansfield, Charlie Townshend, Tom Townshend, William Verhage, Noah Walford, John Weir-Smith, Jayden Wrensch

Coaches: Khwezi Mgomboti and Nicholas Cattell

After a long wait following the shortened 2021 rugby year, the boys arrived at pre-season excited and ready to go! With their spirits high, we got right into the new season ahead. The U11As started off hot with a hardfought win against SACS and a very dominant display against Kirstenhof. Unfortunately, injuries struck which slightly slowed down the momentum of what looked to be an unstoppable team. However, the squad widened which allowed room for many more talented boys to join, resulting in a strong and dynamic team. The first game against Rondebosch proved to be a tricky encounter but the character of the boys shone through despite the result. After the mid-year holidays, the boys were met with a tough first game against Nico Brummer and convincingly rose to the occasion.

The rest of the term was once again filled with ups and downs, with two very close games against Wynberg and SACS which unfortunately ended in defeat. Despite this, the game of the season was seen in the final fixture against Rondebosch, in which after a long and insightful season, the boys put up an incredible performance, displaying class structure and a relentless drive right until the final whistle. The 2022 rugby season ended with the WPPS and SACS 7s tournaments. On both occasions the boys put up a very solid display, ending off a great year of rugby. The progress made from the start of the season to the end was substantial. The boys, for the most part, arrived eager to learn and take on new challenges, which is all you can ask for as a coach. Off the field, the boys were chirpy, kind and, overall, very pleasant to coach. Well done for an awesome season and best of luck for next year and the summer sports to come.

Khwezi Maomboti

Under-11B

Team: Henry Boddy, Alex Botton, Henk Cursi, Matthew Fox, Konstantin Gräwe, Daniel Grever, Osiphile Hlongwane, Sebastian Horrell, Sam Huntingford, Dylan Latham, Drummond Mackenzie, Marc MacLeod, Liam Middleton, William Newborn, Gianluca Papa, Luke Port-Hellman, Cameron Ranger, Robbie Symons, Nicholas Turck, Matthew Wakefield

Coaches: Aaron Woodman and Sean Murphy

This season, the bishops U11B rugby team showed a lot of character. From a tough first half of the season, the boys managed to pull it together and achieved some respectable results through stringing together some lovely phases and playing some beautiful Bishops rugby, with notable victories over WPPS, Wynberg and Rondebosch. We must mention the final Wynberg game - after losing to Wynberg in the first season, the boys dominated them in the following fixture by 22 points.

Even though it may not have been the best season in terms of performance, the players gave it everything until the very end and never gave up. This was shown in the final Rondebosch game, when they made a

phenomenal comeback - being 5-15 down with four minutes to play, they won the game 17-15 in the dying moments.

Every team across every sport has moments of highs and lows and throughout the U11Bs low moments,



the boys demonstrated how to come together as a unit and push through these tough times. Teammates who unfortunately suffered injuries would still come to practice and matches to cheer for their teammates and the boys who played were always in high spirits. What an honour to coach such a sensational team.

Aaron Woodman and Sean Murphy

Under-11C

Team: Joshua Allen, Nua Bouwer, Shafeeg Brinkhuis, Gert Coffee, Jan Harm Coffee, Joshua Fried, Konstantin Gräwe, Daniel Grever, Osiphile Hlongwane, Luke Hoeks, Sebastian Horrell, Thomas McCollum, Liam Middleton, Likhanye Mpikashe, Nirvaan Naidu, Matthew Ringwood, Storm Silander, Adam Snyman, Qiran Toll, Kaleb van Schalkwyk, Luke Weingartz, Michael Whiffler

Coaches: Nanele Tyali and James Koster

The U11Cs had a slow start to the season, suffering some narrow defeats to our local rivals. As the season progressed the boys developed a more positive approach to the game and this was evident in their training and match performances. The team managed to rectify their disappointing results from the first term, with much-improved performances while displaying heart and showcasing good skills. It was a pleasure to witness the team grow and improve with each game played, with a very memorable win against SACS that earned them the team of the week title and 'Rick the Bear'. It was a pleasure to coach this group of players.

Nanele Tyali

Under-10A

Team: Felix Andersson, Jude Barton, Max Burns, Thomas Cobbledick, Landon Corbett, Luke Eedes, Tariq Eskinazi, Thomas Hartoq, Faiq Joseph, Daniel le Cordeur, Jack Lucas, Sam Neethling, Luca Nicol, Rupert Pfaff, Joshua Pooler, Alexander Reeves, Raadi Rinquest, Oliver Vickers, Murray Vintcent

Coaches: Milani Lubelwana, Xolani Mathyeke

The U10A squad had a tough start to their season, a season filled with lots of ups and downs with the boys struggling to find their identity as a collective. It was clear from the beginning of the first half of the season that there were lots of individual players bursting with talent. It then became the coaching staff and team's objective to get everyone on the same page to play as a team as opposed to individuals, and to understand their roles in the team. The boys learnt to understand that rugby is a 15-man sport and that it takes everyone to work together to succeed.

In the second half of the season, one could clearly see the team's collective growth through their team spirit and structure during our matches. The boys grew with confidence, they started understanding the structure of the game and, most importantly, learnt to appreciate the small details of the game of rugby. Highlights were the last three matches versus our archrivals in the Southern Suburbs - SACS, WPPS and Rondebosch - and we ended off the season with brilliant fast-paced Bishops running rugby. Well done, boys. It was a real pleasure coaching you and watching you grow in your own game and as a team. We are proud of you and will be watching your rugby developments as you grow up.





We played 12 games, won 5, lost 5 and drew 2. We also participated in the Rondebosch 7s Rugby Tournament and played 3 games of which we won 2 and drew 1.

Xolani Mathyeke

Under-10B

Team: Matthew Arkcoll, Jack Bousfield, Xander Chu, Ross Hendricks, Phoenix Jordan, Lukho Kunene, André Kuys, Ethan Larcombe, Daniel le Cordeur, Seth Lunn, William Lunn, Luke Mabin, Anothile Mpikashe, Sam Neethling, Luca Nicol, Raadi Rinquest, Oliver Schultz, Cody van Staden, Oliver Vickers, Samuel Yazdanpanahi



The U10B rugby team's season was one of tremendous growth and learning. Their results across the season do not reflect the performances of the boys. They showed grit and determination in every single match, whether they won or lost. The team was awarded 'Rick the Bear', which represented how well and the way they played, like proud Bishops rugby players. Both Mr Arendse and Mr Molyneux are proud to have coached such a fantastic group of boys.

Nick Molyneux





Under-10C

Team: Imran Amlay, Finlay Barnhoorn, Hugo Bonadei, Alex Breslin, Leandros Constantinou, Cole Darné, Ben Davies, Kunashe Ganyeka, Zac Gomes, Jack Greig, Ngoba Hlongwane, Lukho Kunene, Anothile Mpikashe, Casey Nevin, Jake Reed, Christian Salie, Oliver Thomalla, Noah van de Ghinste, Owen Vorwerg, Joshua Whitburn

At the beginning of the season I was impressed with the way the boys knuckled down during trials and skills training. They showed great enthusiasm, but it was evident that a lot of work was needed in order to improve their defensive skills. During the first few games it was obvious that this group of boys possessed courage in abundance, and their defensive displays improved gradually. As we grew in confidence our results started to improve and the wins came consistently. It was so pleasing to see that the boys played with a smile on their faces and the team spirit was something to behold. They arrived at practice sessions with enthusiasm and the work ethic was second to none. We were blessed with a mixture of strong runners combined with some players with great skill and creative ability. On attack we outwitted defences with our confidence and flair, and the fact that we won three games in the dying moments says a lot about this team's character.

I personally feel that every single boy improved in some capacity as the season progressed. We certainly achieved our individual and team goals. Due to hard work by the boys during practice sessions, it was a season with more ups than downs. Never did anybody drop their heads after a defeat, but rather self-reflected and moved on to better performances. I wish this group of boys all the best for next season. I would also like to thank the parents for their continued support throughout the season. Mr Julius also deserves a lot of credit for the way in which he coached and nurtured the boys.

Willem Louw

Under-9

Under-9A: Mohammed Desai, David Ebbs. Jasper Garrett, Angus Hofmeyr, Tristan Jordaan, Ntsika Madubela, Oli Naylor, Orlando Robins, Daniel Twycross, Nathen Venn, Matthew Wood

Under-9B: Rupert Edwards, Joshua Joubert, Jonathan Kotze, Vukosi Matelakengisa, Michael McCollum, Otsile Motsumi, Murray Prain, Pano Protoulis, Adam Shaik, Carter Smith, Oliver van Zyl

Under-9C: Luan Bouwer, Alex Constantinou, Harry Edwards, Finnley Emms, Finn Ferguson, George Hadjidakis, William Hatt, Nicholas Kalil, Callum Kirkpatrick, Alec van der Merwe, Matt Warner

Under-9D: Ilaan Adam, Robbie Baynham, Charles Boddy, Danyal Cupido, Zaeem Dadaker, Logan Daniels, Rushdi Hendricks, Troy Hewetson, Scott Jackson, Staten Kettlewell, Luke Kuttel, Harrison Mackay-Davidson, Zuko Mapakata, Jason Rixton

Under-9E&F: Alessio Anderson, Daniel Davis, Liam Duncan, Christian George, Daniel Grobler, Cassian Hackwell, Leo Harcourt-Wood, Esa Harnekar, Asana Kolayamotho, Liam Khoury, Thango Mkwananzi, Matthew Moolman, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Cullin Naylor, Minggu Xiao

It was such an honour and a privilege to be a part of the U9 coaching staff in 2022 – a year that showed the most growth in the game. These boys had come out of a twoyear pandemic which hadn't allowed them to develop and master key skill in balance, hand-eye coordination, agility and movement at the Pre-Prep. Yet that didn't slow them down and they rose to the challenge.

We started the season with four weeks of basic skills and tackle technique training, allowing the Grade 3s the freedom to learn the basics in a safe environment. They were brave and worked tirelessly at trying to absorb lifelong rugby knowledge from their coaches in a short time. We ended our pre-season training with a Friday



afternoon visit from the College First Team squad and their amazing coaches. Our families joined us to witness and see first-hand the incredible rugby journey that lies ahead of them. They got to see boys at the start of their Bishops rugby career playing with those entering their 'swan song' season. What a fantastic day it was, with smiles and laughter spread across the field. Parents got to have a Q and A with coaches to find out about Bishops rugby.

The boys started the first half of the season a little apprehensively, not knowing what to expect when playing matches against SACS, Kirstenhof and Wynberg. An age-group highlight for the first half was getting over

the hurdle of having to play against Paarl Boys' Primary School. All the teams fronted up and this was the turning point in our season. We were competitive, fought hard for the ball and were able to start showing glimpses of our brand of running rugby. This boost in confidence in our competitiveness got us moving in the right direction, resulting in some tightly contested matches against Sweet Valley and Rondebosch going into the half-year break.

The boys came back from a well-deserved holiday and had little time to sit on their laurels, getting thrown into a furious three weeks of rugby. We had a great run into the end of season, playing our second leg of fixtures against our four Southern Suburbs rival schools, and we were able to compare our previous performances and really see the improvements we had made. A fantastic eye-opener for all the teams was playing our first two fixtures against VUSA and Durbanville Primary. These are always exciting experiences for our boys, especially when we have the privilege of playing them away. It is great for our boys to play against a variety of schools from all areas, and truly get to experience diversity in our beautiful country. Durbanville Primary provided a great example of South African hospitality, greeting us on a cold July morning with a raging fire in the braai area and coffee to get us going for the day. We look forward to getting back to the full school exchange experience with them from next year.

We rounded off the season by hosting a fantastic 7s Festival at Lutgensvale on a Friday afternoon. We invited Wynberg, Rondebosch, Wet Pups, Sweet Valley, Kirstenhof, VUSA and Pinehurst boys and parents for an afternoon of fun and skills. There was some great rugby on show and what was exciting for us was the inclusion of more than half of the rugby-playing under 9s in this festival. It allowed for more boys to be introduced into this quick, fast-paced format of the game and to familiarise them with the rules for when they have preseason tournaments next year in U10.

I must commend all the boys for their hard work and determination this season. Highlights of the year must be the extent of growth and movement throughout the age group. Many boys had opportunities to play in higher teams, showing off what they had learnt from their regular teams. We also had an exciting new opportunity for the U9 age group in being allowed to run the match ball onto the Piley Rees for the College 1st XV at home fixtures. Angus Hofmeyr, Pano Protoulis and Logan Daniels were the lucky boys drawn out of a hat to represent Bishops Prep at the Paarl Boys', Boland Landbou and Rondebosch matches. We also were blessed to have such an amazing and passionate coaching staff represented by Mr Groom, Mr Ngcobo, Mr Riches, Mr Dudley, Mr Tsotso, Mrs Dallas, Mr Rukodzi and Mr Bruyns.

A final thank-you must go to you, the parents, for all your love for and support of these brave young men. Your unwavering commitment to transporting and supporting is second to none. I truly hope you have enjoyed your first season of Bishops Prep Rugby and cannot wait to see you all on the field again next season.

JP Dudley





SOCCER REPORT

For the first time in our proud Bishops sporting history, the Prep school introduced soccer as an official extramural activity. Being so popular among the boys, it took off like wildfire. The love for the game turned from a break-time and early-morning kickabout into an organised afternoon activity. The opportunity was met with positivity school-wide and per grade there were roughly 60 boys wanting to play soccer competitively.

As this was a trial-and-error year for our soccer programme, we entered The Grove Soccer League. There were teething issues as the league could not accommodate all our teams, so attaining and setting fixtures was incredibly challenging. We managed to play a few games against schools like The Grove, St Joseph's, Forres, Pinelands Blue and Red schools, Pinehurst, the International School of Cape Town and the American International School of Cape Town. These fixtures were competitive and the boys had a great deal of fun playing against these opponents for the first time, even though the format of the league did not suit us because of the vast numbers that we had playing soccer.

More highlights:

 Interclass soccer proved immensely popular, as the boys got to play against other classes in a seven-aside tournament on the MPRF during second break – this included all the boys from Grades 3 to 7.

- Playing our normal fixtures with Wynberg Junior and WPPS, which were joined by the Super Sport School of Excellence, with Bishops dominating our Southern Suburbs rivals with ease.
- Our U13 squad taking part in the annual Rohan Bloom Interfaith Soccer Festival at Herzlia Primary School and doing us proud.
- Playing our last fixture against VUSA, our friends from Langa, at Lutgensvale. The boys played barefoot on the day and really impressed us with their soccer talent as well as their sportsmanship and camaraderie.

We ended off our busy soccer season with an exciting and competitive Interhouse Soccer Competition, which had lots of cheer, rivalry and astonishing goals!

On reflection, this has been a fantastic soccer season at the Prep. We look forward to making the suitable changes next year to be able to accommodate all our boys so they get enough game time as well as the professional coaching to enhance their soccer skills.

Xolani Mathyeke























SQUASH REPORT

We fielded three teams in the leagues this year. Our A team, comprised of Max Davies, Ben Doel, Fynn Cullis and Travis Williams, acquitted themselves very well, winning most of their matches. Their highlight was a convincing clean sweep against our Derby Day rivals, Rondebosch.

Our B team also played good squash in the leagues with Jack Stansfield, Thomas Jenman, Ismaeel Darsot and Zayaan Saloojee proving to be consistent winners.

Fynn Cullis won our individual championships with Max Davies winning the silver medal. Charlton House convincingly won our Interhouse competition, with Brooke House coming second.

My sincere thanks to the coaches and managers who helped our players develop their squash after not playing any squash for the previous two years. They have improved tremendously.

Thank you, too, to all the parents for lifting our players to all corners of the peninsula for the league matches on Friday afternoons.

League players: Hamaad Badroodien, Zayd Badroodien, Fynn Cullis, Nic Dalling, Ismaeel Darsot, Max Davies, Ben Doel, Thomas Jenman, Sahil Khalfey, Kieran Nayar, Michael Rich, Zayaan Saloojee, Ashil Singh, Ben Spaun, Jack Stansfield, Travis Williams



SWIMMING REPORT

We have had another successful year in the swimming pool. Our squad has grown in numbers and it was so competitive in U10 that we accepted 18 boys instead of the usual 12. Certain swimmers trained hard throughout the year and asked to be trialled again as they did not make the initial squad. I am pleased to report that four boys made the squad in the fourth term as they had improved their times. I am so impressed with these boys and their determination not to give up. Their efforts paid off.

Quadrangular Gala

We kicked off the year with a bang and swam the annual Quadrangular at Rondebosch. For the first time, Wynberg Boys' joined WPPS, SACS, Rondebosch and Bishops, making it our first of many Pentangular galas



Bruce Mitchell

going forward. Our boys swam beautifully and won many races. A special mention must go to our individual backstroke and breaststroke swimmers as Bishops won every event in these strokes - a superb effort! Overall, Bishops came out on top and won the gala. An excellent start to the year.

Captain and vice-captain

Luc Bestel was named our swimming captain and Rhys Haupt our vice-captain for the year. Both spent many hours training up and down the swimming pool, perfecting their strokes. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the squad this year. Whether making announcements in assembly or helping the younger boys line up for their races at galas, we will most definitely miss you next year.





A League Gala

Bishops hosted the A League Gala in March. All the races were relays which made the event entirely a team effort. We have been working on our starts and finishes and the consistent effort in training was evident on the day. Congratulations to the U10s, who won four out of their five races. A phenomenal effort. Once again, three out of our five age groups won their backstroke relays. I am so impressed with the boys' effort as backstroke is a tricky stroke to master. At the end of the day, WPPS won the event and Bishops came second by only one point! It was a nail-biting finish with the last race, the ladder relay, determining which school would take home the trophy.

B and C League Galas

Our B League and C League Galas were hosted by SACS and Wynberg respectively. The competition was strong, but due to Covid-19 our U8s weren't ready to participate so unfortunately, we scored 0 points for those races. Despite this, our swimmers gave it their best and we still managed to come third and second overall in each gala. A huge effort by the boys!

Interhouse Relay Gala

We ended off the term with our annual Interhouse Relay Gala. It was a thoroughly entertaining day as the VDB U10 boys broke every race's record that they swam in. This is an incredible achievement! Five other records were broken that day which shows that our depth of swimmers is increasing. VDB and Charlton were neck and neck but overall VDB claimed victory by a mere four points. Bramley took third place, and Brooke fourth.







Junior and Senior ABC League Galas

Term four is always a short term so to accommodate all the sports we arranged two galas. One Senior A, B and C League Gala hosted at Bishops and one Junior A, B and C League Gala hosted at WPPS. In the Senior Gala, our U12C team won three out of their five races and came second in the other two. This is a great achievement! Once again, our backstroke relays were our strongest races. It seems next year we need to focus on butterfly and freestyle! The overall results were WPPS, SACS, Bishops, Rondebosch and then Wynberg. In the Junior Gala the U10s proved to be the age group of the day. They won four of their races and proved to be tough opposition for the other schools. The U11s swam well and the U9s learnt a lot while swimming against strong competition.

Interhouse Champs Gala

The annual Championship Gala was held on 2 December. The top six boys in each age group, in each stroke, swim against each other to compete for the coveted age group trophy. The competition was fierce and many of the age groups had single points separating the top two positions. This year the U9 trophy was won by Daniel Twycross, U10 was shared between Oliver Vickers and Samuel Yazdanpanahi, U11 went to Tom Townshend, U12 to Ryan Reeves and the U13 trophy was won by Luc Bestel. Huge congratulations to each of these swimmers. Every boy who swims is also awarded points for their houses. VDB came out on top with Charlton and Bramley neck and neck coming in second and third respectively. Thank you to all the staff who assisted on the day.

A huge thank you to the ground staff and interns who set up the pool with lanes each week. I would also like to thank Mr Wolfaardt and his team for setting up and clearing up after galas. You and your team are invaluable to swimming! Thank you to our professional coach, head of Vineyard Swimming, Su Bonney. She has made sure that our boys are ready for each gala and that their strokes are corrected and fitness is improved. Thank you to the U8 and U9 Bishops staff who prepare and work with the boys while they are still learning the stroke techniques. I appreciate all that you do for Bishops swimming. I am also grateful for each staff member who gives up their free sport days to help at the galas we host at Bishops. Without your support, swimming wouldn't be able work as efficiently as it does.

Well done on an excellent season, boys! I am so proud of how you have committed to training – even on the cold days! I wish you all a wonderful 2023 season in the pool.

Mandy Gloak



TENNIS REPORT

Wow, what a fantastic year the boys had. They all played some excellent tennis. The league has been challenging, and many players learnt from their losses. What impressed me was their ability to bounce back after a poor performance.

The U13A team had an incredible year and was led so well by Arman Patel. Arman is an excellent tennis player, and his ability to inspire the other boys to push themselves and keep fighting for each point is brilliant. The tour to Grey was a highlight of the year, and we had two sets of brothers on tour, including two Grade 4 boys. It was tough for them to play against many older boys, but they rose to the occasion. Matthew Schultz and Murray Vintcent acquitted themselves well and only lost one single match. They showed many of the other boys that pure determination and guts could win you games. The tour was challenging but so much fun. The boys' manners and behaviour were a credit to their parents.

The Interhouse tennis was closely matched and was won by Brooke House topping the favourites, Bramley. It went down to a count of games which Brooke won by two games. 2023 is going to be epic, and I hope the players step up and perform to the best of their capabilities. I want to thank all the team boys for their commitment and passion for tennis.

Team players: Callum Anderson, River Boltman, Tristan Brunton, Fynn Cullis, Max Darnell, Benjamin Doel, Julian Edwards, Finlay Ferguson, Oliver Ferrao, Jack Gibbon, Imaad Hendricks, Josh Katz, Farley Moran, Gus Moran, Luca Nicol, Arman Patel (captain), Thomas Pearce, Michael Rich, Matthew Schultz (vice-captain), Oliver Schultz, George Seymour, Jack Stam, Adam Tanfield, Murray Vintcent, Robert Vintcent, Luca Wakeford, Matthew Wood.

Grant de Sousa









WATER POLO REPORT

The U13s had a full season of water polo playing this year. Good progress was made by all the teams.

The A team started the season off rather timidly. Boys seemed a little hesitant and lacked self-belief. The tour to the Selbourne Primary Tournament was the start of the improvement. While results were not great their water polo improved tremendously, setting them up for the fourth term. The SACS Tournament was a great success, with the team winning the Plate section and ending eighth out of 28 schools. The players can be proud of their progress. At times we found the going tough, yet each week they pitched up for practice motivated and ready to work and learn. These positive attributes will stand them in good stead at College next year.

A Team: Oscar Banyard, Luc Bestel, Nicholas Dalling, Alexander de Fondaumiere (captain), Harry Dutton, Aidan Edwards, Thomas Jenman, Rhys Haupt, Christo le Roux, Andréa Mynhardt (vice-captain), Tommy Tanfield

Coach: Ryan Sneddon

The B team practised with and against the A team for most the season. These practices extended the boys and ensured that they were ready for Friday afternoon games. They often competed against A sides, again due to limited playing numbers. They must be commended for their commitment and enthusiasm for the game.

B Team: Sean Bailes, Samuel Gibbs, Cole Hewetson, Thomas Lascaris, James Lesbirel, Josh Mills, Luke Skillicorn, Jack Townshend

Coach: James Price

The C team fared well throughout the season. Slightly stronger swimmers coupled with some boys moving down from the B sides ensured that they played good water polo. One of the highlights was a win against the WPPS B team.

C Team: Oliver Boddy, Nicholas Henry, Nikolas Lowther, MJ Madubela, Luke Traut, Travis Turner, Josh Velosa, Harry Vermaak, Roman Waltman

Coach: Sean Murphy

The D team enjoyed their polo, with practices involving fun games focusing on ball skills. Matches often had our D team pitched against other schools' C teams, due to limited playing numbers among opposition schools.

D Team: Thando Biko, Caleb Brinkman, Enoch Chan, Conor Collins, Alexander Love, Stirling Maltz, Cwenga Nogantshi, Alexandros Ratheb, Xavier Sanders, Cuan Sides, David Traill

Coach: Arron Woodman

We wish all the players fun-filled and rewarding years ahead as they grapple and wrestle to master this great game.

Rvan Sneddon





















































































WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

What happened to 2022?

When reflecting on a year with so many '2s', your mind is easily steered into another direction, so here is my experience of 2022!

To be able to abandon masks in the first term was an enormous blessing. Although the boys managed remarkably well, teaching while wearing a mask is not for the fainthearted. **To** say goodbye to Covid-19 slowly but effectively could have resulted in a Mexican wave by all our staff, pupils and parents. While we still needed to be cautious, the fear and freedom of being able to breathe fresh air was so very welcome. An end to screening of boys was also appreciated.

To start the year with new staff is always exciting, and we welcomed Mr Lutho Tsotso as our youth pastor who was always able to lend a hand, wipe a tear or listen to a story. We appreciate his presence at the Pre-Prep and wish him a long and happy association with Bishops.

We were never **too** busy to reach out to others – making a difference wherever we could. **To** give back is one of our pillars. Our boys enjoyed so many exciting celebrations during the year. We started off with a pet food collection on Valentine's Day, Easter eggs to surprise some little friends at Athwood Primary School, and an exceptionally exciting visit from the VUSA creches during which we could share, play and learn more about one another. **TO**GETHERNESS was definitely the winner on the day.

The devastating fires in Langa in April spurred us into collecting any used household items and clothing that could be distributed among those affected. Our staff also gave their time and effort, entering a team in the 24-hour Cyclathon. We soon could not feel our **two** legs but persevered for a very worthwhile cause. Thank you to all those who contributed to our appeal. Mandela Day was another reason to look outward – this year we collected funds for Royal Kids, who run the Sheets to Shirts initiative by taking hotel sheets and turning them into school shirts for underprivileged children. What an amazing initiative and one we are very proud to be part of.

Two slices of delicious pizza on a Friday is a big deal for a little person and every mouthful brings pleasure! Our Grade R, 1 and 2 boys thoroughly enjoy this treat and this in turn resulted in us being able to contribute R10 000 to the Peninsula Feeding Scheme that supplies sandwiches to Athwood Primary school on our behalf.

We hosted many interesting talks in **2022**, one being 'The Legacy of Archbishop Tutu as a Catalyst for Transformation, Diversity and Belonging', by Edwin Arrison of the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation. The other was by Ilze Alberts, entitled 'How and when to tell your kids about the birds and the bees'. Pam Tudin introduced us to the Klikd app – an app for parents and boys on online safety, which has really made a huge difference, equipping parents with knowledge on what is out there.

We erected **two** brand-new jungle gyms, much to the delight of the Grade 1 and 2 boys. The excitement was tangible and the games that followed were heartwarming.

Twenty two is most certainly going to go down in our history as the most attended Grandparents/Special Guest Tea. We were completely overwhelmed by the response to our celebration and eventually hosted 600+ grandparents and special guests for a morning of entertainment and fun. Our little presentation of songs and rhymes was appreciated and to start the morning off in the Memorial Chapel was certainly a highlight.

To say goodbye to the Grade **2** boys is always hard. When I started thinking about what I could say to this group of Grade 2 boys, I really struggled to put my thoughts into words. I then settled on two: UNIQUELY FABULOUS.

If parents and teachers had to tell boys that they are UNIQUELY FABULOUS... I wonder how many boys would actually believe them.

Some boys think that to be UNIQUELY FABULOUS you have to be able to run fast or be good at soccer, rugby or be a very good swimmer... well, not everyone is.

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



Other boys think that to be UNIQUELY FABULOUS you have to be able to draw beautifully and colour in very well... but some can't.

Some say that to be UNIQUELY FABULOUS you have to be the smartest in the class... this is not always possible. Others think that to be UNIQUELY FABULOUS you should be very tall or very strong... well, some aren't.

Wearing the coolest shoes or clothes does not make you UNIQUELY FABULOUS either.

Having long hair also fails to make you UNIQUELY FABULOUS (although some boys may disagree).

What then, is someone who is UNIQUELY FABULOUS really like?

The boy who is kind and patient is UNIQUELY FABULOUS.

He is the boy who helps a friend when he is struggling. It's the boy who carries a bag for someone who can't manage. It's the boy who practises his good manners whenever he can. It's the boy who, when he makes a mistake, says sorry and tries harder. It's the boy who, when he does not succeed, is not afraid to try again. It's the boy who tries to figure out different ways of doing things. It's the boy who does not make excuses if something goes wrong. It's the boy who stops and thinks first. He is the boy who believes in himself. He is the boy who thinks differently. It's the boy who talks kindly about others. It's the boy who tries to look smart and make smart choices. It's the boy who can be short, tall or just average. It's the boy who comes last in the race but has tried his best. It's the boy who sits next to someone on the friendship bench. It's the boy who can't play an instrument but is proud of his friend who can. It's the encourager. It's the brave. It's the boy who says, 'stop it' but also the boy who listens when his friend says 'stop it'.

It's the smile in the mornings, the greetings, the manners.

It's all of those things – and each of you has them, not one or two of the things I have mentioned but a whole bucketload of them!

Just as you boys thrive in any kind of team, education is also a team effort. It takes teachers, parents and boys, working together, within the rules, to help boys become UNIQUELY FABULOUS. So the next time someone reminds you that you are UNIQUELY FABULOUS, you need to know that it's true. You have grown from small boys into UNIQUELY FABULOUS, HANDSOME, SMART, KIND, SENSIBLE AND ENORMOUSLY GORGEOUS BOYS. May you walk away from us proudly, as you embark on this new and exciting journey.

Here is a poem by Jillian Hunt that I would like you to read:

Believe in yourself

Set your standards high, you deserve the best Try for what you want and never settle for less

Believe in yourself, no matter what you choose Keep a winning attitude and you can never lose

Think about your destination, but don't worry if you stray, Because the most important thing is what you learnt along the way.

Take all that you've become, to be all that you can be. Soar above the clouds, and let your dreams set you free.

Now that we have all got to know you boys over the past three or four years, we can most certainly agree that to us, each one of you is ENORMOUSLY UNIQUELY FABULOUS!

May you spread your wings, be lifted by the winds of success to heights you can only dream of.

Farewell UNIQUELY FABULOUS Grade 2 boys.

Now that we have ended this year full of the number **twos**, we greatly look forward to all that 2023 has in store for us!

Sharlene Groom



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As we reflect on the year that has passed, we are proud to report that it has been one filled with many milestones, celebrations, and challenges for the staff of the Pre-Prep.

We were thrilled to welcome back Mrs Heather Fraser from her maternity leave. Her class had been in the capable hands of Debbie Greeff, who did an excellent job. We are most grateful for her contribution and dedication to our school community during Mrs Fraser's absence.

We also said goodbye to Deirdre Harris, our wonderful art teacher. Her creativity and passion for teaching will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

The staff came together to celebrate Geordie Nolte's 50th birthday, and we recognised the 21 years she has been a valuable member of our team. We are thankful for her unwavering commitment to our school and students.

In addition to the celebrations, some staff members took part in a 24-hour charity cycle race, raising funds for VUSA **STAFF & STAFF NEWS**

STAFF NEWS







Debbie Greeff

VUSA Cyclathon



Rugby Academy. It was a great way to show our support for this worthy cause and to come together as a team.

We were sad to hear that Mrs Carmen van Zyl needed treatment and had to take leave. However, we were thrilled to welcome her back in the last term. Mrs Caren First did an excellent job filling in during her absence, and we are grateful for her contribution to our school.

We are pleased to announce that Siophan and Shane van der Westhuizen welcomed little Nate to their family. We are grateful to Ms Anna Smith for helping out in Grade N while Siophan was away.



Nate van der Westhuizen

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our interns, Salma Ahmed and Farhaana Samsodien. They both made valuable contributions to our school, and we wish them all the best as they venture into the world of teaching.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited about the possibilities and challenges that await. We are confident that our dedicated team of staff members will continue to make a positive impact on our students and community.

Sharlene Groom



Wishing Carmen van Zyl well as she embarks on her medical treatment



Interns on Heritage Day: Salma Ahmed, Farhaana Samsoodien, Shameemah Allie



Bishops Pre-Prep staff 2022





Mrs Van der Westhuizen's baby shower celebration

Heritage Day





Grade R teacher assistants: Charmaine Heynes, Noluvuyo Tandwa and Kelly Kortjie



Fun dress-up days



Liz Daames, Grade 2 teacher



Mvume Mqingwana

OUTREACH

In a heartwarming display of compassion and generosity, the parents and students of the Pre-Prep embarked on a series of outreach initiatives throughout the year, bringing joy and support to those in need within the community. Under the umbrella of the school's Outreach programme, the students took part in various projects that showcased the power of unity and kindness.

The year began with an excitement of red and white on Valentine's Day when the boys, all dressed up in red and white, selflessly donated pet food and essential items to a local pet shelter. Their love for animals was overwhelming as they aimed to improve the lives of our four-legged friends in need.

As Easter approached, the spirit of giving continued to flourish. Families contributed to the cause by donating marshmallow Easter eggs, which were thoughtfully delivered to Athwood Primary School, spreading joy and smiles among the young learners there.

A devastating fire in Langa served as a call to action, urging the school community to come together and support those affected. Donations of household items poured in, and the generosity of parents, initiated by our youth pastor, Mr Lutho Tsotso, proved that kindness knows no bounds.

The school also fostered meaningful connections by hosting a delightful morning with friends from various

















VUSA preschools in Langa. Thanks to the generosity of Col'Cacchio and PURA juice, the boys and their visitors enjoyed a scrumptious time and a morning of fun and togetherness.

The spirit of giving extended beyond the school gates as the students collaborated with the Angel Project on Sandwich Day. Vulnerable children in early childhood development (ECD) centres across Cape Town received much-needed sandwiches, in a gesture of solidarity and care for the community.

Mandela Day became an opportunity to rally for a noble cause, as funds were collected in support of the 'Sheets for Shirts' initiative. This inspiring project aimed to provide school shirts made from repurposed sheets from hotels, benefiting those who could otherwise not afford them.





The year culminated in a heartwarming display of appreciation for the unsung heroes at the school. Parents joined forces, contributing an amazing collection of food and cash to express their gratitude to the cleaning staff, ground staff and security personnel, whose dedication keeps the school environment safe and clean.

Throughout the year, the unwavering support of the parents played a crucial role in the success of these outreach endeavours. Their commitment to making a positive impact in the community was evident, and their generosity was truly commendable.

As the academic year drew to a close, the students of Bishops Pre-Prep had learnt valuable lessons in empathy, compassion and the joy of giving. These outreach initiatives not only brought smiles to those in need but have also nurtured a culture of kindness and social responsibility within the school community. The future certainly looks brighter as these young individuals continue to make a difference in the lives of others, one act of kindness at a time.

The Outreach Team

























GRADE 2

When reflecting on the Grade 2 2022 year, the process of baking a layered cake came to mind. At the beginning of the year, we are gathering all the ingredients together to form the cake batter. These ingredients come from our academic past in Grade 1, but there are a few ingredients that are much stronger in this recipe that make this cake extra delicious! A bigger helping of independence and being responsible is on this list, together with flexible thinking and problem solving. A key ingredient that makes the cake batter rise when baked is listening and being able to express oneself.

During the first term the Grade 2s visited Exotic Animal World for an outing relating to our theme of 'Insects'. The boys were enthralled by the presentation that included a touch-and-feel session of animals like a blue-tongued skink, an egg-eating snake and a tenrec. The boys explored all the outside and inside areas and saw a lot more than just insects! There was something for everyone on this outing: snakes, tortoises, birds, bunnies, meerkats, lizards, axolotls, guinea pigs and lots more!

We all enjoyed a super Fun Sports Day towards the end of the first term. Of course, it was one of the hottest days of the year! The boys enjoyed their fun races and a highlight for most was seeing their teachers take part in a fun race too. The competition was on! Of course, no official places were recorded, but naturally the Grade 2 teachers ranked high.





The next day we hosted a fun day for the VUSA children who attend various pre-schools in Langa. The boys were involved in packing out all our games and toys for the children to enjoy. They started by doing an art activity together, colouring in paper plates to make a rainbow. After this, play time was on and the hottest property spot was the water play area! It was magical to see such enjoyment. We enjoyed pizza and juice and then everyone got together to sing some songs and have ice creams before they went back home. The boys were great hosts and made sure everything was packed back in the classrooms at the end of the day.



During the second term we invited the Lead 4 Life team to come and do a cultural games day. This lined up with our theme 'South Africa, Our Rainbow Nation'. The boys had a fantastic time playing games from different cultures and generations. They also got to enjoy a boerewors roll during break time. Nothing quite like a bit of lekker braai food to remind us of why we love South Africa!



At this time of the year, all the Grade 2 teachers notice that the ingredients needed for the cake have been measured out successfully and are all coming together. Some lumps and bumps are still visible, but the third term is spent smoothing everything out in preparation for baking. During the third term all the classes had a chance to do some shelter building in Newlands Forest with Rein Buyze of Call of the Wild. The boys learnt a few survival skills and very important tips on building an effective shelter outdoors. We were blessed with the most beautiful weather in the mornings and we all enjoyed the 'reset' that being in nature for a few hours provided.







The last, but busy fourth term consisted of a Gentlemen's Awards tea, which celebrated all the boys in Grade 2 who had been awarded Gentlemen's badges during the year. The boys were enchanted by a beautiful tea set up by Mrs Groom and some mom helper fairies. Among the VIP guests were Mr Reeler, Mr Brown, Coach Mo and Mr Tsotso. Some comments from the boys included: 'This is such an experience!' and 'I can't believe that they are doing this just for us!' It was a special occasion indeed, tailor-made for our honoured gentlemen-in-training.





By now, our smooth cake batter has been shared out between cake tins and is being put into the oven to bake. Perfection takes time!

We ended the year with a bang! We enjoyed a fun gala for our last swimming lesson, hosted our Grade 1 and 2 Carols Concert, attended the Blessing of the Ties ceremony and performed in the Grade 1 and 2 Music concert. The Blessing of the Ties ceremony was a very

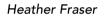




special occasion, marking the readiness of our Grade 2 boys to move over to Grade 3 at the Prep campus. Our boys proudly accepted their ties after a prayer and a blessing by Father Monwabisi. Beaming smiles lit up most boys' faces as they walked up to receive their Prep School tie. The boys did an incredible performance of songs including 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons as well as 'Cover Me In Sunshine' by Pink.

Our boys were now ready to move to Grade 3! Their carefully prepared and mixed cake batter had risen to perfection in the oven and it was now time to ice the layers with chocolate ganache and top them off with sprinkles.

These Grade 2 boys have made us proud with all they have accomplished this year. We send them off to Grade 3 trusting that they will continue to strive to be the best version of themselves. We wish them all the best as they enter their new chapter at the Prep School. Let them have their cake and eat it!













Camp Out





GRADE 1

The first day of Grade 1 is always filled with a mixture of excitement and a bit of nervousness. However, once the little boys had been welcomed by Mrs Meredith, Ms Merrick and Mrs Fernandez and had greeted their friends, everyone began to feel at home. They were ready to begin their first formal year of schooling! We were happy to welcome a new boy to the school, Cebelihle Mbuyazi.

Our first themes were 'Me Myself', 'My Family' and 'My Pets'. The boys were encouraged to talk about themselves and to bring family photographs to school. Through this and our weekly stories, the boys are explicitly taught about our differences and similarities This is a lovely way for them to get to know themselves and their classmates better. We also taught the boys about respect and acceptance of each other as we teach the values of our MITRE (Manners, Integrity, Tolerance, Respect, Empathy), which is a constant theme that runs throughout the year.

Our next theme was 'Sand between the Toes'. We visited the Two Oceans Aquarium to learn all about rock-pool creatures and to explore the wonderful tanks. In keeping with this theme, we introduced the concept of capacity during our Maths lessons. These practical lessons are always lots of fun, while learning takes place at the same time.

Our summer-sport programme began, and we were very proud of our top runners who not only competed in our



school sports day but also represented Bishops against other schools. Well done to Declan Hamman, Nicholas Hatt, Channiel Magozore, Tsiamo Modise and Jenson Orford. Many boys joined in the extramural programmes, participating in swimming, tennis, golf, judo, athletics, clay, young engineers and cricket. This Founders Day our school turned 173, which we celebrated with games, colouring in 173 candles, and birthday cake of course! We held our fun sports day in the last week of the term. All the boys competed in their classes against the other classes, having sack- and bean-bag races and tug-of-war. After all the fun, a family picnic was held on the field. What a lovely way to end a busy first term. A sad farewell was said to Ethan Budden and Athandile Matshoba.



A new term always starts with the boys returning from holiday keen to catch up with their friends, sharing and writing about their holiday news. We also welcomed Fionn Gubbins. Tying shoelaces became a daily practice as the boys were now in full winter uniform for the first time. Our first theme for Term 2 was 'Birds' and we enjoyed a visit from Eagle Encounters. The boys enjoyed a lovely morning interacting with birds of prey and watching them swoop around our Mitre Pavilion. They enjoyed being able to share their own knowledge with the guide, as well as learn new facts about birds. World Book Day was also celebrated during this term, and we were lucky enough to have our Grade 7s come and read to our Grade 1 boys.

We ended a most enjoyable term with a party theme, where the boys were involved in many party games and learnt valuable lessons on how to win and lose like gentlemen. We also held a soccer-themed dress-up party, where the boys enjoyed participating in inter-class soccer games!





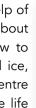
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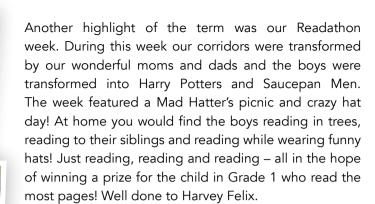


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In keeping with Heritage Day, we ended our term with a 'Proudly South African' theme. As a grade we decided to focus on the amazing variety of food that our country has to offer and the cultures that celebrate them. While dressed in Proudly South African clothing, the boys were involved in three stations throughout the day, learning to make a peppermint crisp pudding, a samosa and a boerewors roll and pap. Even though it was a busy term, the boys were treated to one last bit of excitement and our new, long-awaited jungle gym was ready for action! It was a lovely way to end a very long and busy term. We were sad to say goodbye to Jack Klerk and wished him and his family well in England.













Our first theme for the fourth term was money and various occupations. Throughout the term we looked at famous men and women who challenged society and achieved greatness in their lifetimes. During our Mathematics lessons the boys learnt all about money and its value. The boys then hosted a Trading Day, where each classroom is set up as a shop. After advertising their wares, the shopping begins! The boys can then buy and sell 10 items, for R5 each. We also visited Rosen Castle and a play centre where the boys had fun role-playing some of the jobs that people do. Some of the play stations were Capitec bank, Checkers, e.tv and the Kids' Kitchen!

Before we knew it, it was time to prepare for Christmas and have a time of reflection. The teachers stand in awe of the growth of each one of our boys. The base skills of letter formation have become stories, initial sounds have developed into reading books with sentences, digits have become doubling and halving problems and the values of the MITRE (Manners, Integrity, Tolerance, Respect, Empathy) have become ingrained in daily life.

We ended the term with our annual Carol Service in the Memorial Chapel, a fabulous morning of storytelling by Gilly Southwood and a fun water party. It was the perfect way to end another busy year. We wished Tshiamo Modise and Vihaan Nagindas and their families safe travels to Pretoria and hope they will be very happy in their new schools.

Nazli Meredith



GRADE R

We have had a jam-packed year in Grade R! We always have tons of fun and most of our time in Grade R is focused on social and emotional skills as well as fine and gross motor development, while building academic foundations for the more formal grades. The boys develop most of the skills while playing and the highlight of each day for most is snack and playtime. This year the boys started isiXhosa and Coding lessons, as well as visiting the library each week to choose a new book.

The boys were very excited to start playing cricket in the first term, focusing on ball skills and working together as a team. In the winter terms they learnt to play tag rugby, which developed their endurance and general fitness!

We welcomed back our Fun Sports Day during the first term. This is always super exciting, because the boys competed in their grades, which makes for some friendly competition! They participated in a gumboot race, a baton relay and a sack race and were so excited to be cheered on by their families. The first term themes included settling into a new grade, our senses as well as learning about our families, our bodies and diversity.

The highlight in the second term was our visit to the Salt River Fire Station. Each boy was allowed to extinguish a 'fire' with the hose and go for a ride in the fire truck. The boys were the first visitors since Covid-19. To develop their expressive language skills, they were encouraged to do Show and Tell on Mondays and present class orals throughout the year. The teachers were impressed with























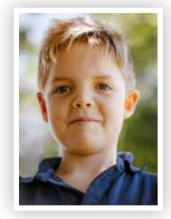




















the presentations on reptiles, sea creatures and safari animals and enjoyed listening to and learning from the boys. Well done, boys, your confidence has soared!

After being in Grade R for 100 days, we had a week-long celebration during which we decorated a cake with 100 Smarties and enjoyed eating it and drew pictures of our 100-year-old selves (many will age well, you'll be happy to know!). We also collected 100 of anything we could, which was quite an interesting exercise. The boys learnt about being proudly South African and supported our local fruit and vegetable seller in the car park. They all brought R10 from home and were allowed to choose anything to purchase, from bananas to zucchinis. They couldn't wait to wash and eat their fresh produce. During Readathon week the Grade Rs focused on The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Elves and the Shoemaker. They learnt songs and did a performance for their grandparents on Spring Day. What hard work that was, boys! You did incredibly well! They were also encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. What fun!





During the last term of 2022, the boys were part of The Smallest Angel nativity play. The Grade Rs were Spaniards, Hawaiians and the characters from the nativity. It was such a special morning of sharing the story of Christmas with their nearest and dearest. The end of the year was celebrated with a picnic at Green Point Park. The weather was amazing, and the boys loved spending time with each other while snacking and playing on new and very exciting equipment. It was a wonderful way to end off the term, and to say well done to an incredible group of parents and boys. Grade 1 2023, here we come!

'Children learn as they play. More importantly, in play, children learn how to learn.'

O Fred Donaldson





GRADE N

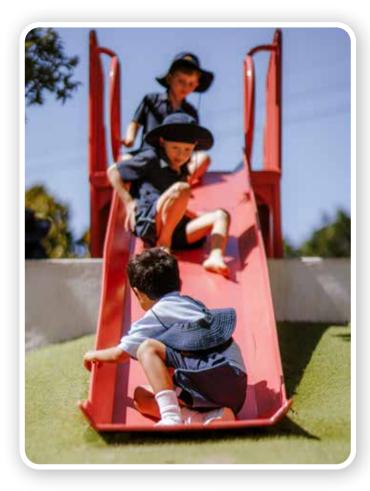


Every year seems to go quickly but we honestly feel that 2022 has flown by! Our first term saw us welcome an excited yet somewhat apprehensive group of four-year olds. The hot weather allowed us to play in the mud and the sand, we built houses out of foam blocks, had a Valentine's Day picnic and were entertained by the exciting dog show. Our first Bishops Sports Day was a highlight with a family picnic on the field afterwards. Term 1 was a busy one and we stopped wearing masks!

Our second term brought cooler weather as well as more fun, playing and learning through play. Some of us learnt to write our names without our name cards, to do bigger puzzles and to cut with more precision. The Easter Bunny visited us and we went on an Easter egg hunt with the special Easter baskets we had made. The boys loved our wild animal theme, with many bringing in amazing and interesting objects for Monday morning Show and Tell. We also enjoyed a Heritage Day picnic during the second term, with a variety of foods being brought in, representing different parts of the world. A wonderfully age-appropriate way to learn about each other's cultures through food and clothing!

The second half of the year brought many exciting events. We entertained our grandparents in the Mallett Centre with a rendition of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs, which we did with much confidence and aplomb! We also went on our first outing to The Museum of Childhood, where the highlight for many boys was the bus ride getting there! We welcomed Ms Anna Smith when Mrs Van der Westhuizen went on maternity leave. Another highlight was a visit from Mr Steve Sherman, a mathematical magician who entertained us, with much hilarity and laughter emanating from all our boys.



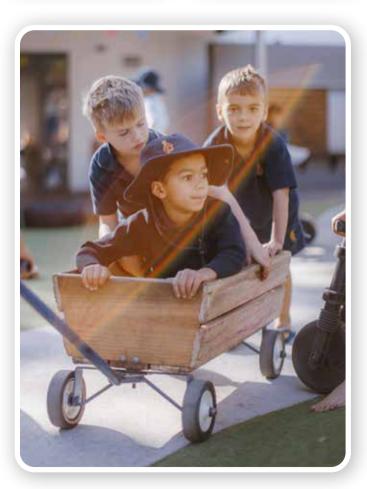






















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CULTURE REPORT

The flood gates opened in 2022 after a long dry season of very little opportunity for true Bishops-style cultural events. Even though we maintained a steady supply of online concerts and productions during Covid-19, it was nothing compared with when the masks finally came off in the third term and we were once again able to gather as a Bishops community to celebrate the rich selection of cultural activities on offer to our boys.

Within a matter of two weeks, a Pre-Prep choir was put together to participate in the Choral Evening in the Memorial Chapel. During the concert, the three choirs of the Pre-Prep, Prep and College showcased what they had done, in a relaxed manner. It was evident that everyone was excited about being able to gather again.



Pre-Prep Choir warming up in Brooke Chapel

Founders Day Service





We also had the opportunity to come together as a school for Bishops Praise and the Founders Day Service, both strengthening the feeling of togetherness after such a long time of solo activities.



Our weekly Chapel Services became a highlight when the Pre-Prep boys could once again praise God, singing in full voice, with all the actions. Not only did they listen to Reverend Monwabisi's stories each Monday, but each class also had a chance to prepare a story for Chapel to share with their fellow Bishops boys.



Grade R boys helping Reverend Monwabisi in Chapel





Mrs Nolte's class presenting the Bible story

The year was painted with many colourful events, ranging from Valentine's Day and Heritage Day celebrations, to Ash Wednesday, a VUSA visit and Character Day during Book Week.



Valentine's Day Chapel Service



Valentine's Day musicians



Heritage Day celebrations



Bishops and VUSA singing and dancing together



Character Day during Book Week



Several of our Grade 2 boys finished their Africorder Level I and received their certificates. Sam Burchell, Thomas George, Oliver Grave, Daniel Hobbs, Henri Kuys, Connor McGuire, Carl Muller, Pravar Naidoo, Zaid Parker, Mingjun Qiu and Aarik Sukha also received their Degree Black Belt in Recorder Karate. Sam Burchell (Distinction), Daniel Hobbs (Distinction), Mingjun Qiu (Distinction) and Carl Muller (Honours) excelled in their ABRSM practical examinations during the August/ September sitting this year.

Drama and Class Music lessons were in full swing, with boys being able to act alongside each other and participate in Orff Ensemble music-making. High levels of enthusiasm are created in an environment where the boys learn many dramatic and musical skills, without even realising they are working. It is always amazing to see how they grow in confidence as the year progresses and how they are willing to step out of their comfort zones to try out new challenges and make them their own.



Class Music: Orff Ensemble music-making



Drama boys in action





Grade 2 Dance-off

We celebrated the beginning of spring in style this year, starting the morning with a Family Chapel Service in the Memorial Chapel, followed by a delightful Grandparents' Concert in the Mallett Centre. The boys entertained everyone with their fun songs, rapping, acting and dancing, based on the theme 'Fairy Tales with a Twist'.



Grandparents' Day Chapel Service

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Grandparents' Day tea in the garden



Grandparents' Day: The Three Little Pigs changing into Goldilocks and the Three Bears Rap (Grade N)





Grandparents' Day: The Gingerbread Man being chased by Jack and the Beanstalk's giant (Grade R)



Grandparents' Day: The Frog Prince versus 007 (Grade 2)



Grandparents' Day: Little Red Riding Hood turning out to be Rapunzel (Grade 1)





Grandparents' Day: Little Red Riding Hood turning out to be Rapunzel (Grade 1)

The fourth term was a very busy one and the boys were geared towards practising for all the end-ofyear concerts. Our Grade N and R boys were an absolute delight in their costumes, singing and dancing beautifully in their rendition of the 'Smallest Angel Nativity Play' in the Memorial Theatre.



Nativity rehearsal for Grades N and R



Our older Grade 1 and 2 boys blessed us with a beautiful Carol Service in the Memorial Chapel. The singing and readings were really uplifting, and we also had the privilege of our support staff and interns doing a beautiful rendition of 'Mary, did you know?'.

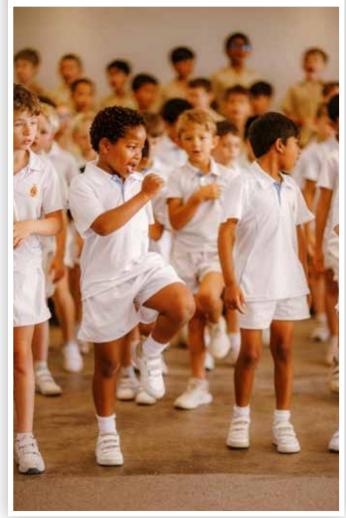


Nativity rehearsal for Grades N and R





Carols rehearsal for Grades 1 and 2







Musicians performing at the Music Concert



Carol Service:

Roman soldiers

Merry Christmas.

Christmas art

The year finally came to an end with a stage full of Pre-Prep musicians filling the Memorial Theatre and showing off their skills in the Annual Music Concert. There was great variety in the programme, ranging from classical pieces and movie music to jazz and, yes, even Imagine Dragons. The boys thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the audience and ended the year with a big boom. Thank you to all of them for their hard work throughout the year, to ensure a vibrant cultural programme at the Pre-Prep.

Desire Swanich



Music Concert: Pre-Prep Choir



Music Concert practice



SPECIAL EVENTS

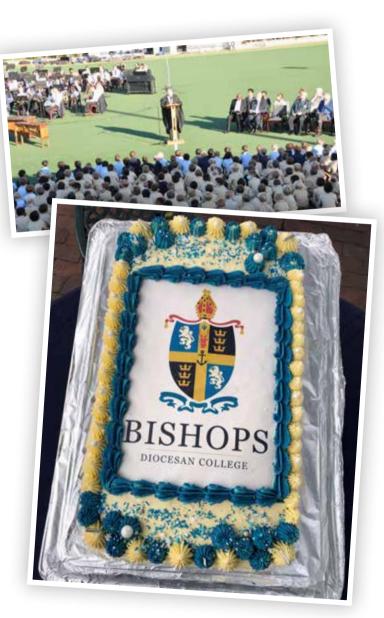
Founders Day

What a beautiful day we were given to celebrate Bishops' 173rd birthday. It was a true blessing to be able to gather as a whole school at the Woodlands Pavilion AstroTurf on 11 March 2022. Our Pre-Prep boys were in awe of the 'greatness' of Bishops as they could now see all the staff and boys unite for a short while at our Bishops Praise Service. With no whole-school gatherings taking place over the past two years, this was a special occasion indeed. We were very proud that Lubabalo Bam represented the Pre-Prep as a speaker at the service. He spoke about all the things he loves most about Bishops being his school.

A few morning activities at the Pre-Prep included making birthday crowns, writing birthday cards, cutting a giant Bishops cake for all Pre-Prep boys to enjoy, colouring in 173 candles to stick on a big cake, Bishops Museum tours, fun races and tours around Gray House.

With the carnival being prepared for all to enjoy later that afternoon, this was an all-round very special celebration day!

Heather Fraser











Gentlemen's Awards Celebratory Tea

Our Grade 2 pupils are awarded Gentlemen badges to wear for two weeks. They are voted for by their peers and their teachers. They are considered 'Gentlemen in training' and really work hard towards this honour. At the end of each term, we have a small tea where those who have earned their badges are inspired by other Gentlemen in their school to become the influencers of change and to motivate others to want to uphold these qualities of a Gentleman. What qualities do we, as a school, look for when identifying Gentlemen? We look at our pillars, which spell the word MITRE.



Manners

- Always be courteous and polite to everyone, regardless of their social status or background.
- Use proper table etiquette, such as chewing with your mouth closed and using utensils properly.
- Open doors for others, including women and the elderly.
- Use appropriate language and tone when speaking to others.

Integrity

- Keep your promises and commitments, and be honest in your dealings with others.
- Take responsibility for your actions and mistakes.
- Treat others with fairness and justice.
- Do what is right, even if it is difficult or unpopular.

Togetherness

- Be a good listener and engage in meaningful conversations with others.
- Show interest in others' lives and offer your support when they need it.
- Build strong relationships with family, friends and colleagues.
- Participate in group activities and show a willingness to compromise.

Respect

- Treat everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Avoid making derogatory comments or jokes that could be offensive to others.
- Use appropriate body language and facial expressions to convey respect.
- Honour others' opinions and beliefs, even if you disagree with them.

Empathy

- Show empathy towards others by putting yourself in their shoes and understanding their feelings and emotions.
- Offer your support and help when others are going through difficult times.
- Avoid judging others without knowing their circumstances or background.
- Show kindness and compassion towards others, even when it is not reciprocated.

Sharlene Groom



































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Readathon

The theme for Readathon 2022 was Fairy Tales. Fairy tales allow our imaginations to flourish, which is key to developing critical-thinking skills. The boys looked at and read some traditional fairy tales, then went further and examined fractured fairy tales, which are fairy tales authors have changed in a fun way. We looked at a few fairy stories to see how we could make them more meaningful to our South African context, as well as stories that show how we can save our planet. Lots of learning, fun and, most importantly, reading was the order of the day.

The parents were invited to come decorate the school and were so creative. The entrance, walkways and pathways of the Pre-Prep were transformed into an enchanted forest, just perfect for amazing and magical reading. Reading took centre stage as the Grade 1 and 2 boys spent their week reading as much as they could, whenever they could, in as many interesting places as they could, to complete their fun reading Bingo board as well as their Readathon book list. The boys who read the most in each grade were rewarded with 'magic beans' as well as a lovely book.

The week was filled with fun activities. We had visitors, including a few College boys and Prep and College staff, who joined us to spend time with the boys and read and share their favourite stories. There was plenty of excitement as grandparents came to visit and the boys got to entertain them with fairy tale-inspired songs. The Grade 1 and 2 boys celebrated the first day of spring with a Mad Hatters' picnic, wearing some crazy hats – the boys and their parents were so clever and creative. The Grade N and R boys had a fun Teddy Bear's picnic to celebrate spring. Finally, we ended our week with 'dress as your favourite character' day. Boys and staff joined in on the action and, once again, we were amazed by the lovely, clever costumes.

Such a magical week of reading, learning and fun!

Karen Wallace



































Valentine's Day is not just about romantic love; for little people, it's a perfect occasion to spread love and kindness in a variety of ways. For the boys at Bishops Pre-Prep, it's a perfect opportunity to learn the true meaning of love through acts of compassion and generosity.

Each year, the Pre-Prep community comes together to find a cause they can contribute to and share their love with those in need. Over the years, we have extended our love to both people and animals. This year was no exception, and when winter began slowly approaching, we decided to make a difference in the lives of animals by collecting items – used or otherwise – that could contribute to their wellbeing.

The response from Bishops families was overwhelming, and the recipients were immensely grateful for the generous contributions. Donations of dog kennels, bird cages, cat scratch poles and more kept arriving. The contributions have helped to feed, comfort and protect many vulnerable animals in need.

Valentine's Day at Bishops isn't just about material donations; it's a time to express appreciation and kindness to one another too. Amid the dressing up, beautiful decorations and gorgeous pictures, the children were reminded of the importance of kindness. They learnt that kindness resides within all of us, although it may sometimes hide and require a little more effort to find and show.

The day began in our beautiful Chapel, where we got to show our thanks for all we have and culminated in a heartwarming picnic on the lawns, where the children and staff gathered to celebrate their day of love and generosity. It was a beautiful, joyous occasion where they could once again 'share the love' and appreciate the power of kindness that unites them as a community.

Sharlene Groom











It was another wonderfully creative year in the Art room. The boys had fun expressing themselves visually through a variety of media. They observed different shapes and forms (inspired by themes covered in the classroom) and became skilful at using mixed media in their art pieces. During the year their work was displayed in the glass cabinets around the school and in the classroom. The boys also showcased their work on Grandparents' Day and at the Christmas Carol Evening. They can be so proud of their artistic achievements this year.

Dierdre Harris

ART







Art for Grandparents' Day























Art Club - Term 1



ATHLETICS REPORT

Athletics

The Athletics team was chosen from time trials held in the first few weeks of the term and was narrowed down to just five in each age group at the Prep Sports Day. Then we began the preparation for the Quadrangular and Pentangular. This was the first time any of the boys would compete against players from another school. The boys eagerly trained in the scorching sun and prepared for the big races. The day of the Quadrangular arrived and the boys were both nervous and excited. They were naturals and ran well and couldn't wait for the next event, which was the Pentangular just a week later. With no extra time to practise, we were thrown into more and longer races. The boys rose to the challenge and faced it with aplomb, displaying true Bishops sportsmanship. Although we didn't receive the same outstanding results as we did in the Quadrangular, our boys showed an immense amount of ability and remained optimistic. We were back in action in October, after a long break and only a few practices. We participated in the Paarl Boys' Primary School Athletics Meeting. It was an evening event and for the first time the boys were required to wear their athletics vests and tights. This brought immense pride to the boys, and they were eager to participate in the races. Our next event was the Rhenish Foundation Phase Athletics Day, just four days later. This was a day event with very windy, but hot conditions. The heat could not hold these boys back, and they were sensational, cheering one another on with passion. Throughout the season we have watched the team grow in confidence and have seen them encourage each other. We wish all the boys the best of luck for next year.

Amy Fernandez



Our amazing relay team



Bishops athletics team: Grades 1 to 7



















Fun Sports Day

On 17 March 2022, we were delighted to welcome so many parents back to one of our first major sporting events to be held since lockdown. Our Pre-Prep Fun Sports Day took place on a beautiful summer evening and was supported by many parents, grandparents and siblings. All boys from Grade N to Grade 2 took part in various fun activities. We eagerly watched as they all participated in sack races. The Grade 1 and 2 relay races were fast-paced and competitive, and it was fun to watch the Grade R and N boys climbing in and out of the sacks, crying with laughter as they hopped along. Other races included a bean-bag, egg-and-spoon, gumboot and a hula-hoop relay. The shuttle relay was the highlight for the boys. We watched on tenterhooks, hoping that the baton wouldn't be dropped too many times in the various races. This was an inter-class competition, and one could hear cheers of excitement from parents and boys as they shouted for class blue, red or green.

Once the boys had taken part in numerous events, their siblings had an opportunity to take part in a short

running race. After that, the most competitive relay races of the day took place. We held an inter-class parent relay race in the various grades and many parents were spotted warming up and stretching on the sidelines before competing in the shuttle relay races. Staff also ran a shuttle relay race and were pleased not to have too many hamstring injuries on the day.

After much cheering, clapping, running and generally having fun, parents were invited to purchase food from food trucks or enjoy a picnic supper on our beautiful fields. Many families stayed on even after the sun had set, as children ran around the field and played on the jungle gyms.

Thanks to all teachers, assistants, interns, support staff and parents who played a part in helping to make this such an enjoyable and memorable event. We look forward to watching these boys grow and develop further in their various sporting activities.

Cindy Anstey



Relay races at our Fun Sports day



Supporting our class teams at the Fun Sports Day



CHESS REPORT

CRICKET REPORT







Our boys have had a wonderful chess season under the leadership of Springbok player Remondo Solomons and his team of coaches. A few boys were chosen to be entered into our first tournament in September this year. Our group of eager Grade 1 and 2 boys were transported to Rondebosch Boys' Prep School by bus. They did extremely well and won the tournament. We are so very proud of them! The Grade R classes each had a term to learn the basics and we hope to see them in the Grade 1 chess groups next year.

Fiona Stuart

Grade 2 Cricket

The Grade 2s had a fantastic cricket season, learning, playing and practising teamwork. The boys have been coached in small groups and were even invited to a cricket festival at Rondebosch Boys' Prep School in the third term.

When asked about their thoughts on their cricket lessons this year, the boys said, 'I have had fun playing cricket this year!'. 'I have enjoyed learning how to bowl properly.' 'I liked whacking sixes!' 'I liked playing games to learn skills.' 'It's just epic!' 'I've enjoyed learning from the coaches because they are cool!'

We are exceptionally grateful to the young gentlemen who take time to coach these boys. On hot summer afternoons they never fail to plan exciting, interesting and meaningful learning opportunities for our boys. At this stage we still play with a slaz ball which is similar to a tennis ball but once we get over to the Prep, the boys are introduced to hard ball cricket and then the games begin!

Well done to all those involved with the boys from Grade R to Grade 2. It has been a fabulous year of fun.

Heather Fraser

SPORT - CHESS REPORT & CRICKET REPORT

















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Cricket Festival



HOCKEY REPORT

The Grade 1 and 2 boys had an exciting hockey season this year. They played in small groups on the Astro, focusing on skills development and improving their understanding of the game. Despite being young, they showed great enthusiasm and determination on the field.

At the start of the season, the boys faced a challenge in getting used to wearing shin guards and gum guards. The protective gear was essential for their safety, but initially it was a bit uncomfortable for them. As the season progressed, this challenge quickly diminished, and the players adapted well to wearing the necessary equipment.











The level of skill displayed by the boys on the field increased significantly throughout the season. They worked hard during training sessions and implemented the techniques they learnt during matches. It was impressive to see their progress and the improvement in their game.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the boys who played exceptionally well throughout the season. They demonstrated great sportsmanship, teamwork and determination. Their efforts were truly commendable, and they should be proud of their achievements.

Moreover, we are thrilled to announce that the Grade 2 players were invited to participate in the prestigious Rondebosch Mini Hockey tournament. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their skills and compete against other talented young players. We are extremely proud of all the boys who represented

our school in the tournament. They exhibited excellent sportsmanship and gave their best on the field.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the coaches and staff who assisted and supported us throughout the season, for their guidance and development of our hockey players. Their hard work behind the scenes did not go unnoticed, and we appreciate their efforts in creating a positive and enjoyable environment for the boys.

Overall, it was an exciting and successful season for the Grade 1 and 2 hockey group. They demonstrated growth in their skills, faced and overcame challenges, and had the opportunity to participate in a prestigious tournament. Congratulations to all the boys, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress in the sport.

Grade 1 and 2 hockey coaching team

SWIMMING REPORT

Swimming was, once again, an extremely popular extramural activity in which Grade 1 and 2 boys could take part. Many boys came to swim in the afternoons after school and we used the shallow and deep end at the Prep pool. We also had a number of swimmers training in our College pool to accommodate the large groups of boys who signed up for swimming. The afternoon sessions were used to improve swimming skills including stroke correction in various strokes as well as to help boys build up stamina enabling them to swim several widths. Many could swim lengths by the end of term 4. We were able to have fun swimming relays races in the afternoon swimming sessions by term 4.

Class swimming lessons for Grade 1 and 2 boys took place in the Prep pool and coaches from Headstart Swim School worked incredibly hard to assist boys to further develop their ability. We are exceptionally grateful to have swimming coaches with their expertise coach our class swimming lessons. Teachers could see how much the swimming had developed when we had our final lesson for the year. The boys enjoyed taking part in various fun races both individually and in a team.

We were delighted to take two U7 and three U8 teams to swim in a fun gala held at SACS. This was a low-key gala and the aim was to give boys the opportunity to participate and have fun with their friends from other schools. This gala took place on 17 November in the training pool at SACS. There were no place judges or





scoring of points. Boys swam relay races against SACS, Rondebosch, Wynberg and Western Province Prep School. It was so wonderful to see the excitement as boys dived into the pool to swim their races. Many were quite nervous, but all were eventually able to relax and enjoy themselves at the gala. Swimmers took part in backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and medley relays. Boys were allocated to swim according to their strength in various races. Our boys did us proud and were superb ambassadors for their school. There were many smiles and gasps of delight as they got in and out of the pool.





The pool area was overflowing with parents who came to support the boys.

Congratulations to all our swimmers. They are to be commended on their hard work and determination throughout the season. We look forward to many more fun and exciting swimming sessions and events next year.

Cindy Anstey

TAG RUGBY REPORT



At the Pre-Prep we had a wonderful tag rugby season. It was lovely to see all the Grade 1 and Grade 2 boys run onto the field in their colour T-Shirts. The different colours are used to divide boys into teams as they would be playing in a tag tournament at the end of the season. Another highlight of tag rugby was the opportunity to play on Saturday mornings. We allocated some Saturdays when the rest of the rugby players were playing away fixtures. This meant we had the Cemetery and Range fields to ourselves. Tag rugby is a winter sport, but players are encouraged to play barefoot. For some that is not so appealing on cold and frosty mornings, and we definitely had some of those. But after a run around the field to warm up, we were ready to go and take on the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques. Another important lesson to learn in any sport is the ability to lose graciously. This is an important life lesson and what better way to practise that than at tag during our tournament. We were impressed to see the wonderful sportsmanship and manners towards our fellow teammates. Well done, boys, you have made us proud.

Geordie Nolte























VAL SALV



SALVETE 2023

Grade N

Allie, Isa Andjelopolj, Leo Bastard, Roan Beesley, Jasper Berry, Samuel Besanko, Oliver Bowden, James Boytchev, Petyr Brander, Brodi Brown, Nathan Carter, Josh (2022) Constantinou, Matteo Cupido, Abubakr Dallas, Raef Di Pasquale, Rocco Dunn, Harrison Dyssell, Hunter Edwards, Thomas Featherstone, Casey Fernandez, Christian Fester, Eli Field, Connor Fuchs, Christian Goss, Cosmo Hamman, Alexander Hanekom, Elijah Hellebuyck, Daniel Hofmeyr, Michael Isaacs, Muhammad Johnston, Sterling Joomratee, Isa Zayn

Joseph, Mohammed Ebrahim Kalayamotho, Anesa Kew, Kaiyo Khan . Muhammad Lapere, Jude Lightbody, Renn Maddison, John Mafanya, Khaya Margetts, Rafferty Martin, Nate Maverengo, Daniel Mbanga, Sabatha Mcguire, Liam Mellor, Remi Miller, Mika Moir, Kennedy Naidoo, Ranav Naidoo, Rehan Peacock, Christian Pedlar, Alexander Proudfoot, Angus Rose, Aiden Shepherd, Matthew Shirley, Jordan Slamdien, Ebrahim Snaith, Joshua Soldati, Ngaba Sulaman, Amaan Sykes, Finn Tashe, Lulamile Walker, Matthew

Grade R-7

Beer, Jackson Chagan, Rishi Davidge, William De Waal Basson, Max Dupont, Sebastian Dustan, Tristan Dutton, Muhammad Khalid Harris, Cruz Hlengwa, Sihle lqbal, Maisun Isaacs, Raqueeb Johnston, Spencer Laurencik, Sevastian Luscombe, Thomas Maboko, Otondwa Palin, Roman Pentreath, Matthew Rehse, Nathan Reyburn, Nicholas Roberts, Marley (Returning) Rose, Oliver Smith, Benjamin Toweel, Matteo Ward, James Whiteman, Jack

Brinkhuis, Shafeeq Carter, Josh Collins, Conor Collins, Michael Galatis, Andrew Geary, Theodore Gubbins, Fionn Hendricks, Imaad Lowther, Nikolas Matjeka, Khumo Parkhurst, Jack Ralph, Joshua (Returning) Wides, Max

Grade N-7

VALETE 2022

Grades 1-7

Birt, Anthony Boddy, Charles Boddy, Henry Boddy, Oliver Budden, Ethan Constant, Nathan Davis, Daniel Davis, James Floor, Joshua Galatis, Andrew Grobler, Daniel Hackwill, Cassian Hawes, Connor Jonker, Cameron Joubert, Tristan Khan, Sarfaraz

Klerck, Jack Kolisi, Nicholas Matshoba, Athandile Modise, Tshiamo Nagindas, Vihaan Nelson, Jack O'Connor, Christian Osler, Jonty Pule, Mosia Ramjee, Shivam Soeker, Saeed Sussman, Jude Tian, Orlando Warwick, William





















inspires individuals









