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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

While reflecting on the past year, perhaps the greatest point to note is that it was completely unaffected by the pandemic that had plagued our world for three years. Bishops was back to full operation and this magazine is a record of the many activities that took place during a busy and productive year.

The new entrance to the College was completed and we are very pleased with the result, despite the inconvenience during its construction. Work began on the new Learning Commons, which also caused disruption as building in the heart of the school would, but the end result, a world-class academic facility that enhances the academic programme, will be worth it when it is unveiled in mid-2024 as part of the 175 celebrations.

Much time has been spent in preparation for 175 and the many projects planned will be reported upon next year. It is safe to say this milestone in our school's history will be celebrated well as we strive to look outwards, recognising our position in our city and our country.

The school faced challenges with power issues as, for the first time, we experienced load shedding and temporary solutions had to be found quickly. I am eternally grateful to our staff team that worked tirelessly to ensure that a

short-term solution was found and plans put in place for long-term, sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions for the future.

Cape Town experienced the worst winter in many decades and this old campus was battered at times with localised flooding and damage to certain areas. Again, the efforts of the staff ensured that the boys continued to enjoy their Bishops experience, largely unaffected.

Other notable events in the year included the Cape Town taxi strike, which had a significant impact on our staff and boys, and then the euphoria of the Rugby World Cup that gripped the school for eight weeks – the Springbok flag flew proudly on our flagpole when it was all done!

On the academic front, we congratulated the Class of 2022 that produced an excellent set of results in the National Senior Certificate examinations. The start of the year saw the release of a number of new technologies, the most important and impactful on education being artificial intelligence. The school has embraced these technologies as future tools while remaining aware of our need to remain critical thinkers, and retaining creativity and innovation as a vital life skill for our boys.



This year was also the final year at Bishops for one of our stalwarts, our Deputy Principal Mr Peter Westwood, and we bade farewell to Peter and his wife Caro with much sadness but also deep gratitude as we celebrated his more than 30 years of service to the boys at Bishops. We will be welcoming Mr Trevor van Niekerk to Bishops as our new Deputy Principal in the new year. The College Executive restructure saw Mr Joc Wrench appointed to the position of Deputy Head: Pastoral and Discipline and we wish him well for his tenure. This restructure separated various portfolios, with Sport now being treated as a separate entity.

The quality assurance process undertaken by OISESA as part of the ISASA evaluation and accreditation exercise went very well and the school was highly rated across all three campuses.

While the achievements of the boys at Bishops are wide-ranging and excellent, as can be seen from the following pages, it remains our desire to develop goodness and kindness in our boys. We released our Values Statement that was developed in consultation with the boys and have tried to reinforce the values of Courage, Humility, Integrity, Kindness and Respect in all we have done. Our Human Rights curriculum, while still a work in progress, had a good start as we acknowledged various significant moments throughout the year and encouraged boys to engage deeply on issues around human rights, personal freedoms, women's rights and so many more.

I hope you enjoy paging through a year in the life of Bishops and appreciate not only the variety of activities that took place but also the quality of achievement that continues to amaze me.

Tony Reeler

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COUNCIL NEWS

The writing of this report has given me a good opportunity to contemplate my first year as Chairperson of Council and share my experience with you. It has been a year of learning and appreciation. Bishops is a complex and busy organisation with the main goal of educating and socialising young men to make a positive contribution to society. The seriousness with which everyone from academic staff to administrative and support staff tackle their respective roles is admirable and inspiring. There is little doubt, if any, as to the purpose of the school and our goal.

My biggest surprise has been how busy the role of Chair can be, and I suspect a large part of the blame lies with me and my desire to immerse myself in the activity of the school in an attempt to learn more about the school and the machinery that delivers on the expectation of pupils and parents.

My second big insight is, how committed parents are to the school and how aligned they are to the mission of producing great young men who will show up confidently and well-equipped for society, ready to make a positive difference to the world.

In 2023 the school lost a guiding light in the form of Raymond Ackerman, whom I had the great fortune of engaging with in his outgoing role as the patron of the ODU. He was sharp and witty as always during our engagement and it is a tragic loss to the Bishops

community and to his admiring family and friends who continue to honour his remarkable legacy.

The school took leave of Peter Westwood after 32 years of service and welcomed the new Deputy Head Trevor van Niekerk to Bishops.

During the year the Council bid farewell to members Dave Burton, Moshe Apleni and Graham Molyneux after their extensive and exemplary service to the school. We are pleased to welcome Clinton Clarke to the Council as the Head of the Finance Committee and Delene Mark as Head of the Diversity, Equity and Belonging portfolio. I am excited to have them join the Council and am grateful for the contribution they have already made. Bobby Couves and Nida Hendricks have also retired from being observers at Council and we welcome Minah Koela and Bruce Darné to Council as the new Parents Association observers. Martin Bey has also replaced outgoing ODU Chair Wilbur van Niekerk on Council and we are grateful to both Martin and Wilbur for their roles in the ODU and on Council. Council members volunteer their time, and I am happy to report that we have an engaged and robust Council that asks the right questions and takes the time to deliberate the issues that should be considered. Council and the Chair of Council need to tread the fine line between oversight, advice, guidance and operational execution. Council must ensure that the Principal and his team are equipped to execute the plans agreed by Council and should avoid getting

into the operational execution except when good governance demands this. Tony and I meet weekly, and I can comfortably report that both of us understand where our respective roles begin and end and I am fortunate to have inherited a good process of engagement from Simon Peile, the outgoing Chairperson.

The relationship between the school and the Anglican Church has strengthened, in no small measure attributable to the presence of The Right Reverend Bishop Joshua Louw, Bishop of Table Bay, Diocese of Cape Town, and Canon Delene Mark, on the Council. As a society we are negotiating many changes in the way we work and live. The pressures exerted on our boys from many quarters are immense and having the counsel of the Church available to us as Council, Executive and parents has been very helpful. Bishops is a values-based organisation that strives to provide some structure in our community, and the alignment with the Church is an important pillar for the school that we have worked to strengthen during the past year.

Operationally, the Finance Committee together with Sean King, the Business Manager, had to manage the impact of load shedding that finally impacted Bishops after being shielded from this for the past few years. The financial impact and the provision of power to ensure the continuity of learning and the provision of services at the boarding houses saw the Finance Committee under the leadership of Graham Molyneux's and the Building Committee under Greg Dean's respectively pull together to present a sustainable energy solution that will help the school avoid further disruption. Despite the financial pressures, Sean and the Finance Committee have presented a 2024 budget which the Council accepted and approved.

The new Learning Commons is the biggest capital project undertaken at Bishops for many years and I am happy to inform you that the project is proceeding within budget and on time, and I am sure the boys and teachers are excited to get to use this exciting new facility. I am sure the inconvenience being suffered in having to navigate routes around the building site will be well rewarded. I am grateful to Greg Deans for agreeing to serve for another year on Council to oversee the completion of the project.

This year saw the first cohort of A Level students engaged in the Cambridge programme and, despite the pleasing results, there have been some learnings from the past year. The school is working with parents, staff and the boys to prepare this first cohort for their post-school studies, both locally and internationally.

It was encouraging to host a meeting in September with the College Parents Association, Messrs Tony Reeler, Peter Westwood, Warren Wallace and parents on discipline at the school. I wish to thank the PA for setting up the forum and the parents for attending and engaging in a very constructive way on the subject. The meeting was aimed at understanding the school's philosophy on discipline, hearing concerns from parents and finding better ways to work together in the interests of the boys. I found the meeting very useful and look forward to more engagement with the Parents Association on matters that impact our broader Bishops community.

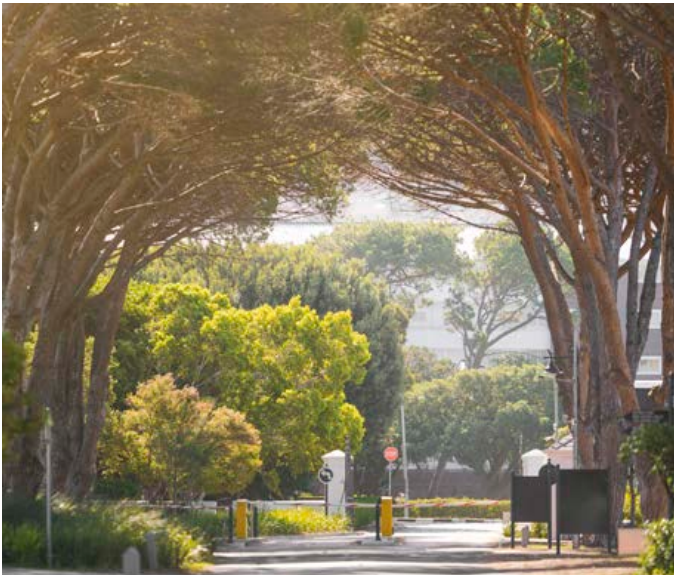
The Diversity, Equity and Belonging (DEB) Committee of Council under Delene Mark's leadership has reviewed its Vision and Mission Statement, which has been endorsed by Council and is now available on the school website. The DEB has actively sought to entrench the

value of respect and I encourage you to view the new Vision and Mission Statement. The DEB also invited two more parent members to join the committee and I look forward to hearing from the committee at our next Council meeting.

I hope that I have been able to present Bishops as a busy and dynamic place, with an engaged Council, Executive team, inspired boys and supportive parents. We have good structures in place to deal with issues as they arise and the communication between the structures is working well. I appreciate the feedback I have received and continue to receive from the various stakeholders at the school and value your support and encouragement in this role.

Best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous year ahead.

Crispin Sonn



THE VUSA ACADEMY

These pages of the Bishops School Magazine will come alive with stories of connection, community, and compassion as we reflect on a remarkable year at VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy. The spirit of collaboration between VUSA and Bishops has flourished on and off the rugby field.

Mandela Day

One of the highlights is the celebration of Mandela Day, when Bishops and VUSA children engaged in a Langa clean-up day. The event was not just about the clean-up but also offered a profound lesson in respecting the environment and each other. In line with Madiba's vision, it was a powerful example of the transformative impact of collective action, unity and shared responsibility.

Golf Day

We are grateful to the Bishops College PA, which made VUSA the primary beneficiary at this year's Charity Golf Day. Despite threats of rain and storms, the community rallied together for a fantastic day, raising R120 000. The funds raised have allowed us to acquire additional coding licences for the 2024 afterschool programme, with 50% of funds supporting other existing PA charities.



The 24-Hour Cycle Challenge

The incredible success of this year's Cycle Challenge, which raised R1 million, echoes the words of Margaret Mead: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.' We are thankful not only for the funds raised but also for the spirit that the community brought to the event. The funds generated will be invested wisely in a three-year contract for a dedicated teacher and programme manager for the afterschool programme, ensuring our organisation's continued growth and success.

VUSA volunteers

One of the remarkable dimensions of our journey has been the engagement of Bishops boys and parents in volunteering within Langa township. The spirit of community service has bridged the gap between diverse backgrounds, fostering understanding and empathy.

Our gratitude extends to the ECD Angels, a group of parents whose selfless commitment every Tuesday morning brings joy, care and learning to the children of Dalukhanyo Creche in Langa. These real-life angels volunteer their time each week to provide access to play dough, paint, stories, songs, puzzles and activities – elements not typically part of a regular creche day at many township centres. Their efforts contribute significantly to the children's development, and the weekly visit has become a highlight.

College boys, guided by the ethos of service, also venture into Langa weekly, contributing their time and efforts to make a positive impact. This volunteering experience goes beyond the classroom, providing a

unique opportunity for their personal growth and a deeper understanding of the realities faced by children in different circumstances. The 'Top G' boys, led by Caden Chuang and Landa Tsobo, are working on growing this programme and have collaborated with girls from Herschel to provide invaluable support in English, Maths and rugby to VUSA children attending the afterschool programme.

The spirit of philanthropy is also evident in the Prep School, with special mention due to three boys in particular: Tom Pearce collected hundreds of pairs of shoes in a shoe drive, Nicholas Turck donated his pocket money to plan a fun afternoon and lunch for the VUSA U12s, and Charles Traill set up a slushy machine station at the Christmas party for all the children. By actively participating in philanthropy, these young boys are not only demonstrating compassion but are also growing into empathetic and socially responsible individuals. These acts of kindness provide the boys with a tangible connection to the impact of their actions. It becomes a first-hand lesson in the positive change they can effect in the lives of others. The joy and gratitude witnessed within the VUSA community serve as a mirror reflecting the profound impact of their contributions.



Bishops and VUSA outings

The Grade 4 and VUSA U10 outing to Total Ninja, made possible by a generous Bishops family, exemplifies the community's commitment to providing diverse experiences for our children. Furthermore, Kate Briggs of Culture Connect tours works with Bishops Prep Art teacher Sue Johns annually to plan incredible outings to art galleries, always followed by a delicious meal. This year's experience was an outing to the National Gallery at the Iziko Museum for a group of Bishops boys and VUSA children, followed by a walk in The Company's Gardens and a special lunch at 6 Spin Street Restaurant.

We are grateful to Bishops Prep for always including VUSA children in pre-season matches, soccer tournaments and even this year's carnival. Grade 6 and 7 families hosted the annual VUSA Christmas party at Lutgensvale. Our children look forward to all excursions, but the ones at Bishops are always a favourite as they provide an opportunity to connect with old and new friends.

To the entire Bishops village, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Every smile, every bit of care, every hour spent, every cent donated, every introduction made, each contribution, big or small, has a profound and lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve. Together we are creating new opportunities for our VUSA children, one act of kindness at a time.

For more information on VUSA, please visit the website www.vusarugbyacademy.com or contact Nikki Matthews in the Trust Office (nmatthews@bishops.org.za).

Nikki Matthews



THE ROBERT GRAY AWARD

The Robert Gray Award is the most prestigious and only award that the school can bestow on an OD who has made a significant and exceptional contribution in his field of endeavour, or to society in general. The Principal, Chair of Council and Chair of the ODU form part of the selection committee, with final approval from the College Council. The medal was awarded three times in 2022 with the award ceremonies taking place in 2023. The recipients were Bishop Christopher Gregorowski (1956, G), Dr Greg Mills (1979, O) and Professor Haroon Bhorat (1986, G). The following are the citations that accompanied the awards.

Bishop Christopher Gregorowski

Bishop Christopher was born in 1940, entered Bishops in 1953, matriculated at 16 years of age in 1956 in Gray House, had a brief engagement with the secular world in 1957 during which time he was called to the ordained ministry. It was 'no bolt of lightning but a quiet and firm conviction' (his writing). Upon acceptance for ordination, he started his tertiary studies in 1958 at UCT, receiving the Dean's Medal along the way. He then went to Cuddesdon Theological Seminary in the UK for preparation for ordination, became an ordained deacon in 1963 and priest in 1964, commencing a 35-year-long parochial ministry. He became a bishop in the Anglican

Church in 1998. Sixty plus years later, Bishop Christopher remains active in witness and ministry.

Committed to self-improvement, Bishop Christopher, during furlough in the UK, obtained a Diploma in Pastoral Studies from the University of Birmingham in 1973 and then in 1992 he graduated with an MA from UCT obtained through part-time study while he was full-time Rector of All Saints Church in Somerset West.

Bishop Christopher's active protest and action against the evils of apartheid started in 1958 at UCT with vigils day and night outside Parliament, organising and participating in mass meetings on campus and recruiting students to join in active protest. In his own words, this was the beginning of a lifetime of witness against apartheid and a commitment to work for freedom, justice and the alleviation of poverty. In his early days of ministry, the reviled Group Areas Act was being aggressively applied and again he was actively involved in protest, attending hearings and speaking out.

A major development in Bishop Christopher's spiritual life took place three years into his ministry when 'motivated by a desire to minister among African people, learn their ways and build bridges of understanding' he, at his own request, moved to the Transkei for six years,

during which time he became fluent in isiXhosa. That was significant in the late 1960s.

Bishop Christopher (then Reverend Christopher) achieved special prominence during his time as Rector of St Thomas right here on our doorstep. As a result of his isiXhosa fluency, he was also ministering at the informal settlements in Modderdam, experiencing first-hand the living conditions of the communities there. During the worst of very wet weather conditions in Cape Town in 1977, the government demolished homes of the residents living in the informal settlements. On his initiative, St Thomas Hall became an emergency shelter and up to 350 people were housed on the church grounds. There was much volunteer help and support but there was also much criticism and animosity, with raids by officials from the former Bantu Affairs, and watching and threatening from the security police. Throughout these unfortunate events, Bishop Christopher displayed great courage, deep compassion and concern for his fellow man, strong leadership and unwavering commitment to his calling.

Many years later, during his tenure as an active Bishop, Christopher was instrumental in the founding of a new

department within the Anglican Church called 'Fikelela – reach out'. In his words: 'Our aims included... the education of young people in sexuality and enabling them to be positive influences among their peers; supporting people with HIV/AIDS; educating the church at large in supporting and ministering to them; and playing our part in removing the stigma that was most prevalent when the pandemic was at its height.' Fikelela established a home in Khayelitsha for 40 children with HIV whose parents had died of AIDS. In retirement, Bishop Christopher continues to serve on the steering committee. The Director of Fikelela describes Bishop Christopher as 'a beacon of hope...' and writes: 'His wisdom, his point of engagement is at such a high level and always (with) the best interests of staff and children at heart', and 'he is an exemplary model of being the hands and feet for the vulnerable and marginalised...'

Another most admirable part of Bishop Christopher's life has been his long-distance running. He has completed 10 Two Oceans ultra-marathons and 19 half-marathons, and 10 Peninsula Marathons, all as fundraisers for Fikelela or other charities. Between 1975 and 2010 he authored five books; four of which are aimed at children. The much acclaimed *Fly, Eagle, Fly* was written



Bishop Christopher Gregorowski



after Christopher and Margaret lost their third child, a daughter, at age seven, to the life-threatening illness with which she had been born. In the 1990s Bishop Christopher served on the College Council, and his wisdom and clarity of thought shone through with the challenges that were being faced then.

Now, by receiving the Robert Gray Medal, Bishop Christopher has come full circle in his Bishops career.

Dr Greg Mills

Dr Greg Mills was born in 1962 in Cape Town, attending first Forres School, then Bishops Prep, where he boxed under Mr Herbie Selfe, twice winning the school finals; played first team Prep rugby and ran for the school in the Triangular. He came to College in 1976 as a dayboy in Ogilvie, played hockey in the 2nd XI, and continued his athletics career. By then he had already started to participate in motorsport, in karting. This sport had been a longstanding family interest, and he was yet another member of the family to excel at it, receiving National Colours as a schoolboy. After school, Greg went to UCT where he earned his BA Honours Degree in African Studies; after which he went to the UK to further his studies, being awarded an MA *cum laude* in Strategic Studies. After received high honours for the course, he enrolled for a PhD which he received from Lancaster University in 1990 with the topic on counter-insurgency warfare in Southern Africa. While at Lancaster, he was appointed Dean of Students, captained the rowing team, earning his blue, and played first team lacrosse and rugby for both his college and the university. There he raced in the British kart championships, earning a place to represent Britain at the World Championship in 1985.

Greg is very proud that his PhD was submitted on the historic day when Nelson Mandela was released from prison in February 1990; which meant that Greg was happy to return to South Africa. After teaching at the University of the Western Cape and UCT, respectively, he became the Director of Studies of the SA Institute of International Affairs, and then from 1996 to 2005, its National Director. When the Oppenheimer family inaugurated the Brenthurst Foundation in 2005, Greg became its first Head. The purpose of the Foundation is to strengthen economic performance in Africa at the highest level – with many of the Heads of State of Africa. Examples include being the strategic adviser to the Presidents of Rwanda and Malawi at different times; and setting up and running the Presidential International Advisory Board in Mozambique and the Presidential International Advisory Committee of Malawi.

Dr Mills devised the Ghanaian government's 'Ghana beyond Aid' turnaround strategy and at the time of receiving this award, was serving as the strategic adviser to the President of Zambia. He has also sat on the Danish Africa Commission and on the African Development Bank's high-level panel on fragile states; and served with the rank-equivalent of Major-General in four deployments to Afghanistan with the British Army as the adviser to the commander. He was based in the Presidential Palace in Afghanistan until the fall of Kabul in August 2021, facilitating the terms for a regional peace settlement. He has also worked extensively with the military in Colombia, and with a variety of African governments in both improving the conditions for peacebuilding and investment, including through the Zambezi Protocol on the natural resource sector.

Greg is the author of many books: *Why Africa Is Poor*; *Africa's Third Liberation*, which he penned together



Dr Greg Mills



with former Nigerian President Obasanjo; *Making Africa Work: A Handbook for Economic Success; Democracy Works; The Asian Aspiration: Why and How Africa Should Emulate Asia* (again with President Obasanjo, and former Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn); and, more recently, *Expensive Poverty* (which details the failings of aid, and suggests several ways to improve development outcomes); *The Ledger: Accounting for Failure in Afghanistan*; *Better Choices*, about the current South African economy; and finally, *Populism*, a book on competitive African politics.

Greg met his wife, Janet, a World Championship and World Cup rower, on a rowing tour to Henley in 1992. Janet joined him in Johannesburg in 1994 where they have lived since. They have three children, Amelia, Beatrix and William, all national sports awardees.

Greg's many hobbies include motorsport, having received his national colours, as well as cycling. Greg is currently working on *Rich State, Poor State* examining the effects of a state when it makes economic and political reforms. Further recent research has drawn him to Ukraine several times, including a visit to that country in December 2022 with Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.

Professor Haroon Bhorat

Professor Haroon Bhorat was born in Roodepoort and came to Bishops Prep in 1978, as a member of Brooke House, matriculating from the College in 1986, as a member of Gray House. He won the Prize for Biblical Studies and another for General Good Work in his Matric year. At school, he was known for his strong political views during the struggle years of the 1980s. His university career was stellar, first at the University of Cape Town from 1987 to 1991 reading for an

Economics Degrees, after which he did his MA and PhD in Economics at the University of Stellenbosch. His first appointment was as a Lecturer in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town, where he has remained ever since. Today, he is Professor in the School of Economics and Director at the Development Policy Research Unit. He has also studied at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has been a research associate at Cornell University in New York.

Professor Bhorat has a long list of fellowships and serves on many advisory boards, not least as a member of the South African Presidential Economic Advisory Council to President Ramaphosa. He has been an Economic Advisor to former South African Minister of Finance Pravin Gordhan and to Presidents Thabo Mbeki and Kgalema Motlanthe. In terms of his global public policy roles, Professor Bhorat is a member of numerous international committees and panels including the Advisory Board of the UNDP's 2020 Human Development Report, and the World Bank's Advisory Board of the Commission on Global Poverty. He is on the advisory board of the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP), and UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and the International Economics Association. Professor Bhorat was an advisor on the South African Parliament's High-Level Panel on Acceleration of Change and Transformation. He is regularly consulted by Ratings Agencies, local and international investors on both South African and African growth and market dynamics.

Professor Bhorat is that rare breed of economist who is able to move seamlessly between high-level engagements with leaders in the private sector, public service and academia. Professor Bhorat has an *h*-index of 43, ranking him as one of the most cited South African economists globally. His work has been hugely influential

in policy making in South Africa and he continues to be called on by private and public sector leaders on issues of economic growth and development.

Professor Bhorat is on the board of two JSE-listed companies, as a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of Sygnia Ltd and as an Independent Non-Executive Director for Pick n Pay Stores Limited. He is also Non-Executive Chairperson of the Nimble Group.

Professor Bhorat is married to Dr Najma Shaikh, a former Bishops Council member and they have three children – Taahir, an OD, and twins Aliya and Samiya.

Professor Bhorat is a novice birder, a lifelong Liverpool FC fan and part-time runner.

Paul Murray



Professor Haroon Bhorat



COLLEGE

STAFF NEWS

New teaching staff

Lydia Barnett (Afrikaans)
Jacqueline Dupont (Resource Centre Manager)
Mouton Joubert (History)
Japhta Makwena (Afrikaans)
Kirsten Raasch (Economics)
Julianne van Zuydam (Mathematics)
Michelle van Zyl (Mathematics)
Caitlin Whittaker (AS Level Life Sciences)

Interns

Cathryn Baird (BSU)
Jamielee Clogg (Mathematics)
Caitlin Eagle (BSU)
Lwazi Madi (SPW)
Geelbooi Molefe (Mathematics)
Khets Ngcobo (Geography)

New support staff

Dr Colin de la Harpe (School Doctor)
Niel Michau (Biokineticist)

New House Directors

Sean Henchie (Gray)
Campbell Smith (Mallett)

New Assistant House Directors

Shaun Hewett (Ogilvie)
Sa-eed Slamdien (Birt)

Wayne Tucker

Long Service Awards

5 years

Hama Mtowodzwa
Sa-eed Slamdien
Julian Vincent
Monwabisi Peter
Denise Frank
Tony Ndevu
Shaun Abrahams
Unathi Cengani
Jody October

10 years

Bronwyn Gabriels
Eric Ras
Chris Ekron
Campbell Smith

15 years

Rhoda Manie
Sebastian Stemmett
Keith Warne
Sonya Hamdulay

20 years

Deirdre Slemon
Channel Strydom

25 years

Graeme Klerck
Leon Glanvill

35 years

Gloria Bassett



STAFF FAREWELLS

Doreen Lottering (36 years)

Doreen Florence Lottering, or Aunty Doris as she was known to hundreds of boys and staff, joined Bishops in 1987 at the age of 27. She was the second youngest of 13 children. When she heard of the position at Bishops, her late father told her that because Bishops was an Anglican school it was a good place to work, and she would be well looked after. Mrs Lottering packed her bags and headed to Cape Town from Knysna. Mrs Lottering was in School House for 33 years. During that time, she worked with six House Directors and eight House Mothers, and then in 2019 moved to the Bishops Cleaning Department, where she became a caring presence to all the boys at the Pre-Prep. While she is a mom to Granville and has two grandchildren, she has been a mother to many young people over the years and had a positive influence on all those, young and old, who have had the privilege to cross her path. We thank her most sincerely for her service to our Bishops community and wish her a well-deserved retirement.

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Doreen Lottering

Gloria Bassett (35 Years)

In the words of Graham Robertson, Gloria is ‘rock solid, professional, supportive, has a wicked sense of humour, is stoic and will be sorely missed’. She has many pseudonyms and is known as Gloria, Glorious (Warwick Richter and others), Gloriaaa (Joc Wrench), or Gloria in excelsis Deo, (sung in three-part harmony by Mark Allnutt, Nic Howes and Andrew Westwood every time they came into class).

Gloria started at Bishops in 1988 and was one of only about four female staff then, and she was probably the youngest, which couldn’t have been easy. She taught all the Subject Music classes from Grade 8 to Grade 12 and was super-organised and always ahead in the syllabus. By the time the boys reached Matric, they would have finished their syllabus the year before and could spend the year with extension work, consolidation, and preparation for the final exams. She had a no-nonsense yet caring approach, which the boys respected. She was friendly, helpful, and inspiring to me and now, 34 years later, the same qualities apply.

When Mark, Joc and I came to Bishops some years later, the academic work was divided between us, and Gloria was able to split up her academic load and include accompanying the junior woodwinds. She was always quite self-deprecating about her abilities as an accompanist, but she is a very fine pianist and a sensitive accompanist.

But her real passion and area of expertise is theory and harmony. She has the title of Queen of Harmony in the Music Department, and it is because of this that our Matric marks are always so good. She extended her area of expertise to teaching ABRSM theory to extra-



Gloria Bassett

curricular boys needing the ABRSM Grade 5 theory qualification, as well as extension ABRSM exams in Grades 6, 7 and 8. She spent countless hours teaching in the passage upstairs in the music block, doing what she called her ‘tricks’ for getting these boys to the required level in very little time. She combines hard work with nurturing and a sense of humour.

One of her other skills is being 10 steps ahead on everything – she sees the larger picture and is always looking ahead, seeing every detail, and working out what needs to be done, which is why she fulfilled her role as Academic HoD so well. In her 14 years as HoD, everything ran smoothly, everyone knew what was expected and what was coming up; what we didn’t know, we didn’t need to know as Gloria took care of it.

She never made a song and dance about what she did, she just got on with it.

I don’t think Gloria is aware of the impact she has had on Bishops, the boys, and the staff. The boys have great respect for her and enjoy her approach and humour (although there have been some who have said she is a bit scary!). The words ‘kind, understanding, sympathetic’ have been used by many to describe her and this is the essence of her character – Gloria always puts everyone else first and, no matter what she is dealing with, she will still ask you how you are and be interested in your answer.

This caring nature made her a fabulous tutor. Mervin Walsh said, ‘She inspired me to be a better tutor through her calm, yet “don’t mess with me” demeanour and professionalism. She cared deeply for all entrusted to her. She was the Bishops Tutor Goat (Greatest Of All Time).’ Gloria later took up the position of Assistant House Director in Birt House and is remembered for her ‘absolute loyalty and thorough commitment to the cause’. After stepping down as Assistant House Director, Gloria ran the Civics programme. As Peter Westwood commented, ‘This was a thankless task, but she was highly organised and very patient, and even facilitated some important changes.’

And now, Gloria has decided to retire. I will miss her talking to herself as she works – our rooms are opposite each other and we often work with the doors open and I hear her commenting on things and giving herself instructions or exclaiming loudly over something. I will miss our morning conversations when we make a cup of tea and coffee and then discuss all manner of things. I will miss the friendship we have at school, and the female bond that we have in the Music Department. Gloria, as

you leave and find that cottage in the mountains, know this (with acknowledgement to A.A. Milne and Winnie the Pooh):

You are braver than you believe
Stronger than you seem
And smarter than you think
But most importantly, you are more loved than you know.

Andrea Rutter

Peter Westwood (32 Years)

Peter was a stooge in School House in 1984 and joined the teaching staff in the Science Department in 1992. He was appointed by John Gardner without even having an interview: how times have changed. Peter joined a very robust Science Department with formidable characters like John Lightfoot, Case Rijdsdijk, Hugo Leggatt, Charles Curry, and Kenny Williams. Neil Berens was Head of Department and towards the end of Peter’s first year told him that he was not his initial choice for the position, but that he was now happy to have him in the department: tough love indeed!

Peter recalls that there were vigorous debates during departmental meetings – they were all great scientists who just loved their science. They were more concerned about the science than results, which was not the case for Peter, and so he started developing a reputation for getting good results from the boys he taught. Current HoD Anne Stevens says that this continued throughout Peter’s teaching career: they had a name for it in the department – the ‘Westwood Effect’. I asked Peter if he had a highlight that he could identify from his long career at Bishops and he said that it would be teaching

Science. I think that is amazing – after all that he has done at this school – he is still a teacher at heart. He is also a very honest teacher and says that almost all the Matrics he taught last year were smarter than he is.

Peter was a very good tennis and squash player in his day. He coached tennis for many years and served as the Teacher-in-charge of Tennis. Peter, Mark Hanley and Grant Norton took a combined tennis, squash and golf tour to Australia way back in 1999. Peter played competitive squash against other staff members, and in the second league in a team that included our top schoolboy players.

Peter’s winter sport commitment was rugby and he landed up coaching the 4th XV. In 1996 the 4th team players came up with the name Wild Boys for their team – and some years they really were wild boys playing in this team. I have watched a lot of Wild Boy rugby over the years and always wondered what Peter said to his group of boys in his halftime huddles. Peter in charge of the Wild Boys always seemed incongruous to me (he does say that in some years the team should have been called the Tame Boys due to their lack of enthusiasm).

We acknowledged Peter on Sports Day for his unwavering loyalty to the javelin event: 32 years of standing alone, often in a howling wind, calling up boys to attempt to throw the javelin, and then having to measure their throws. This really was a thankless and, I imagine, pretty joyless job, and yet Peter did his javelin duty year after year. At least he can say that he is the only staff member around who witnessed Selborne Boome throw his record throw of 59.2m in 1992.

Peter has been involved in every Adventure Course and Epic since 1992. He has lots of fond memories of these

end-of-year activities. I used to live in Jackson Close and knew that it was nearly time for the Adventure Course when I saw him going off on jogs in a vain attempt to get fit for his upcoming hike – running was not something Peter did on a regular basis.

Peter ran the school’s Astronomy Society for several years, and since becoming our Deputy Principal has been in charge of the 10 Club. He would invite Anne Stevens along to some 10 Club meetings so at least there was one staff member there who understood what the boys were talking about.

Peter made a huge contribution to the life of the Christian Union in his early days here. He ran the boarder cell group where he played the guitar and led the worship sessions. He has served as a lay minister in the Chapel throughout his time at Bishops. Previous Chaplains he served under include Michael Bands, Trevor Tyers, David Brooke, Martin Coomber, Terry Wilke and Bob Commin – names that bring back so many memories. Peter helped on numerous Confirmation Camps with Trevor and Martin – some of those camps were at High Noon with Tony Noon. Peter has lived on campus and attended the Sunday evening service in Chapel every Sunday for 32 years. This is an extraordinary commitment to our Christian worship at Bishops. Peter is a humble man who testifies to God’s great faithfulness to him: Peter has shown great faithfulness to God and the church and has been a great witness of his faith to all the staff and boys at Bishops over these many years.

Peter was clearly destined for high office as he was appointed as the Assistant Ogilvie Housemaster at the end of his first year here when Mark Hanley left Ogilvie to take over Founders House in 1993.

In the second term of 1996 Peter joined Stuart West in School House as his assistant. In 2002 Stuart was promoted to a deputy position in the school and Peter took over as Housemaster of School House. Peter looks back at the five years he spent as School House Director as being an extremely happy and fulfilling time in his life. He worked such long hours in School House and so Caro was delighted when Peter was appointed as the Deputy Head of Pastoral in 2007 – she felt she got her husband back again.

Peter served as Deputy Head of Pastoral for 17 years under Grant Nupen and Guy Pearson before being appointed as Deputy Principal six years ago. Peter is



Peter Westwood

reported to have said, ‘I don’t like meetings’ when he was appointed to this position – just think how many meetings he has attended over the past 17 years!

Peter has been involved in top management of our school for so many years, making daily contributions to the life of the school. He has overseen so many areas of school life and guided us wisely through many changes. An example of this is how he implemented the current Grade 12 leadership programme, and the mentor-mentee relationship. He deserves enormous recognition for the leadership role he has fulfilled for nearly two decades in our school. He has also been a huge support, confidante and pillar of strength to the principals with whom he has served. I know that there have been some stressful times for him, but I hope that he can look back on a job well done. More than 30 years in one school is a remarkable achievement. His calm leadership, sage advice, gentle smile and his deep care for all with whom he worked – staff and boys – will be sorely missed.

I finish with the words I used in a farewell speech to Peter:

‘We wish Peter and Caro everything of the best for the future – whatever that future may hold. Peter has been nagging staff to fill in their calendar entries every term for the past six years – how nice that he now has an open calendar ahead of him: we hope that you truly get to unwind and relax and breathe.

In the Gospel of Matthew (Ch 16 vs 18), Jesus says to a disciple, “*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.*” Peter, you are a faithful disciple and you have been a rock in this school – to me personally, to many other staff members, to countless boys, and to the greater Bishops community. I have been blessed

or inspired by every Chapel talk you have ever given – your sincerity, honesty and faith came through in each message.

You have run the race set before you with endurance – great endurance I would add.

I am quite sure that God would say similar words to you as he did to Jesus at His baptism – you are a beloved son of mine, with whom I am well pleased.

You have been the embodiment of our school vision – you have lived among us humbly and courageously, upholding the Christian faith in the Anglican tradition.

Well done, good and faithful servant.'

Phil Court and Tony Reeler

Felicity Clemence (30 years)

It all started for me in June 1996, but Felicity had already been at Bishops for a couple of years before then. Imagine life without email and technology. At least we had electric typewriters! At least we had electricity! Those days the Admissions office was annexed off the Reception office behind a partition screen. After some renovations and additions to the Principal's secretary's office, the Admissions office was relocated and the Principal's suite and team were established.

What a joy it was to share an office with the most sincere, friendly, generous, supportive, intelligent and witty colleague one could ever wish for.

Working with Felicity was like spending the whole day with one of your best friends. I can honestly say,



Felicity Clemence

during the two decades we spent as colleagues, there was never a bad exchange of words between us. On the contrary, on most days there would be something to giggle or laugh about – on occasions side splitting! Many people would comment on the happy atmosphere they encountered when entering our office. No wonder Bishops was my happy place, and it was mainly due to Felicity's easy and relaxed demeanour. But don't for one moment think there wasn't a lot of hard work going on. She has an incredible work ethic. Work for us was fun, despite the challenges of the constant changes in technology.

As you know Felicity has wonderful grace and poise. One day she had ushered in a prospective family to interview at her desk but, on this occasion, as she sat down, she missed her chair and ended up on the floor, but no problem to her – without missing a beat (and I don't think she even blushed), she lifted herself off the floor, pulled her chair forward and got on with the interview. We had such a good laugh after the parents left! Over the years, we also shared the ups and downs of raising our respective families and grieving the loss of our respective mothers. She is such a stalwart, when I took leave during term time, she didn't hesitate to fill in for me and managed both jobs.

Felicity served under several Principals, namely Clive Watson, Grant Nupen, Guy Pearson and Tony Reeler, not forgetting the short time when Michael King stood in as Principal, while we waited for Grant Nupen to join the school, as well as under the late Vernon Wood.

Felicity is mentioned in the Bishops 150 history and is sure to be in the Bishops 175 – what an amazing career!

Wendy van Heerden

Stephen Carletti (29 Years)

There are many great teachers in the world, but the one thing that separates a great teacher from a master teacher is the life spice called 'passion'. Passion is what a student picks up on, it is the thing that ignites exploratory energy, it is what gives students the impetus to continue when they struggle, and it is the thing that ultimately connects a teacher and student. Stephen not only knew how to connect with but also how to transfer his passion to his pupils.

Stephen is a rare all-round musician. He had a stint in KwaZulu-Natal with the NAPAC Singers and in the '80s and '90s was one of the most sought-after professional tenors in South Africa, specialising in oratorio and recitals. He was a go-to person in the music world as Stephen could sight-read anything – and never faltered!

In addition to his reputation as a singer, Stephen is also certainly one of South Africa's top composers and arrangers. As a student, he was the recipient of the prestigious Priaux Rainier Composition Prize, which is shared by the Royal Academy of Music and the University of Cape Town. His compositions and arrangements have been performed as far afield as the UK, USA, Australia and Russia. Stephen is known to produce compositions and arrangements through 'all-night' sessions! It is this passion that has resulted in the incredibly sophisticated compositions being written and performed by young composers in the Bishops Music Department. His ability to make the composing process look easy is extraordinary!

Stephen, an OD, returned as a teacher to Bishops in the early '90s at the request of the then Director of Music, Garmon Ashby, to start a Voice Department. At that stage, it was not 'cool' to sing, but over the years Stephen has certainly changed this perception – the result of all his hard work being that singing is now one of the largest instrument groups taught here. His insistence on standards and determination to achieve perfection is legendary! This expectation of quality is seen annually during the Eisteddfod period and particularly during the ensemble rehearsals – boys eagerly waiting outside his door, with the clear message of 'just do not be late' a hallmark of those rehearsals! Stephen's influence on Simply Blue over the years has been remarkable – he has taken the level of musicality

from ordinary to extraordinary and demanded a sense of professionalism from the boys. The result: sophisticated performances with subtle nuances.

Over the years Stephen has developed meaningful relationships with the boys and his ability to extract musicality from them goes way beyond the norm.

Besides voice teaching and composition and arrangement, Stephen has a deep passion for musicals and theatre, and this is another area where we as a department have been so fortunate to have had him on the staff. Most departments scratch around on the scores and try to make the arrangements of a particular song work. This is not Stephen's style. He believes in customising the arrangements to suit the singer best. Through this he has always been able to take the music of a musical to another level – to the awe of everyone involved.

As a department, we are truly sad to see him go, but we are so grateful for all he has done for the boys and the Music Department, over many years. Stephen, thank you so much for sharing your creative soul, for always being prepared to create something at the drop of a hat but, most importantly, thank you for being prepared to share your musical passion in all its forms with countless generations of Bishops boys.

We now stand back and wait for the next phase of Carletti compositions and look forward to you carving beauty, through your music, into the hearts of humanity!

'I'm an adventurer. I like invention, I like discovery.'
- Karlheinz Stockhausen

Mark Mitchell



Stephen Carletti



A GLANCE AT 2023 ACCOLADES

Extraordinary

Battle of the Bands

Our rock band, Leave it Blank, came third in the Cape Town Battle of the Bands held at the V&A Waterfront. They won a R10 000 prize for the Music School and performed to 2 000 audience members. They have grown into one of Cape Town's most talented up-and-coming bands. Congratulations to Julian Pilkington, Oliver Frankel, Liam Chester and Edward Cruise.

International Science Fair (ISF)

Aadil Dawood secured a well-deserved silver medal for his project on the spectrometric analysis of urinary metabolic byproducts forming as a result of physical exercise. His original project partner, John van der Watt, could not attend the competition.

Karting

Joseph Oelz was selected to represent South Africa in karting in 2021 and 2022. He was due to race in the World Final in Bahrain in December 2021, but another strain of Covid-19 prevented that trip and the SA team was unable to attend. However, he went to the World Final in Portugal in 2023 and finished 14th overall out of the world's best 72 drivers. He was the highest-finishing South African and the youngest in the premier DD2 category, where ages range up to 32 and which also



Tony Reeler (Principal), Joseph Oelz and Ronald Jacobs



Joseph Oelz on the race track

included former F1 driver Rubens Barrichello. He joined the international circuit to try to improve his chances of further success in what he hoped would be his selection to the 2023 World Final to be held in Bahrain once again. Joseph also received his senior Protea colours for motorsport for his achievements overseas representing South Africa. In recognition of his SA representation, he received a Distinction Tie.

Mayor's Science and Innovation Fair

David Lewis, Noah Macnab and Daniel-Reid Diedericks earned substantial accolades at the inaugural Mayor's Science and Innovation Fair. The project undertaken by Lewis and Macnab skilfully converts carbon dioxide into soap and earned third place overall, winning the duo a R10 000 cash prize. Additionally, the Mayor contributed a R20 000 cash prize to the school, which will further solidify the Science Department and Democritus Society's commitment to advancing scientific endeavours. Although Daniel-Reid Diedericks did not secure an individual prize, his project was included among the top 20.

Academics

Matric Results

The Matric Class of 2023 achieved exceptional results. The highlights are as follows: 157 pupils wrote the NSC examinations and a 99.4% pass rate was achieved; 98.1% achieved a Bachelor's pass. There were 524 subject distinctions (3.34 per candidate); 16.6% of all subject results were above 90%, and 45.3% of all subject results were above 80%. There were 63 A aggregates (40% of the class), and 13 boys achieved an aggregate of 90% and above. The top student was Kaspar Holm with an aggregate of 96.0%, followed by Zuhayr Mohamood with 94.6%, and Michael Ritz with 93.4%.



Zuhayr Mohamood, Michael Ritz and Kaspar Holm

Nine distinctions were achieved by Michael Ritz and Ilyaas van Graan, and eight achieved by Adam Buckham, James Collins, Daniel Fletcher, Kaspar Holm, Michael Kruse and Zuhayr Mohamood. Seventeen boys achieved seven distinctions, 17 achieved six distinctions and 12 achieved five distinctions. 34% of the class achieved five distinctions or better. Jamie Chester scored 100% for Dramatic Arts and Kaspar Holm scored 100% for German. At the Western Cape Education Department Awards Ceremony, held at Leeuwenhof, Bishops was recognised as the top academic school in the province! In addition, Bishops was the top-performing school in Mathematics (shared with Herschel) and the top-performing school in Physical Sciences. Our school dux, Kaspar Holm, was in the Top 40 in the province.

The following boys received awards at the National English Olympiad:

Gold: Jamie Chester, Jacob Fried

Silver: Hasheel Govan (Silver Plus), Divakaran Govender (Silver Plus), Matthew Walker (Silver Plus), Michael Kruse, Richard Mason, Zuhayr Mohamood, Jody Syndercombe, Stuart Whitelaw, Joshua Traut, Zac Miller

Results from the National IT Programming Olympiad:

Gold: Nico Schreuder, Gabriel Comitis, Matthew Brodziak

Silver: Yusuf Davenhill, Katlego Setai, Michael Ritz

The UCT Mathematics Competition had almost 8 000 entries from 130 schools. The overall result for each school is based on the scores of the top 30 students.

Gold award winners (individuals):

Hamaad Badroodien (8), Jeremy Liddle (4), Matthew Griffin (10), David Tripe (10), Solly Nankin (7).

Round 2 of the UCT Mathematics Competition, called the UCT Mathematics Challenge, is an invitational for the top 30 individuals and top 10 pairs in each grade. This was followed by an invitation for 50 students to write Round 3. Jeremy Liddle achieved a silver medal and fifth place overall. Six boys qualified for Round 3 of the South African Mathematics Olympiad. Pupils who qualify for Round 3 are the top 100 junior and top 100 senior students in the country. Jeremy Liddle, Tommy Winfield, Jonty Bresler, Michael Kotze, Ilyaas van Graan and Dylan van Coeverden de Groot made it to this final round. This year Bishops placed as the top-performing school in the Western Cape and runners-up nationally. Jonty Bresler and Michael Kotze achieved honourable

mentions and placed in the top 50. Jeremy Liddle placed first provincially in Round 2 and achieved fifth place nationally after Round 3. Jeremy Liddle also placed fifth nationally after the final round at the University of Witwatersrand Mathematics Competition.

The Science Expo participants once again made Bishops proud, and the following medals and prizes were awarded:

Gold: John van der Watt and Aadil Dawood (Spectrometric analysis of metabolic byproducts forming as a result of physical exercise)

Royal Society of Chemistry Award: John van der Watt and Aadil Dawood

Silver: Grant Weich (School lab synthesis and theoretical investigation of YBCO superconductor)

Bronze: Matthew Griffin (Investigating the effect of monochromatic frequencies of VIS light on photovoltaic cells)

Culture

Koame Kota was accepted for the A Cappella Academy's intensive training camp which was held in Los Angeles. Koame auditioned in January for this course, which is open to a cappella singers between 12 and 18 years of age around the world. Not only was he accepted but he also received a full scholarship for the 10 days.

The African Relations Society committee members for 2023/2024 were Sihle Dyosi (Chairperson), Lukholo Sedina (Deputy chairperson) and Immanuel Magongwa (Treasurer).

Akshay Thakersee took part in the Western Cape Schools Chess Championships and won the U17 Boys



African Relations Society committee members

Open section. He was selected to represent Western Cape Schools at the Nationals.

Both the junior and senior teams won their debates at the Rotary Debating Competition, making Bishops the first school in 20 years to have both teams winning their respective leagues. Senior team: Ben Anderson, David Brunt, Caden Chuang, Jacob Fried and Ché Nanoo. Junior team: Noah Macnab, Daniel von der Heyden, Oliver Frankel and Singa Mayoyo. Matthew de Jager and Daniel Bursey were selected as part of the WCSDB junior squad.

Interact committee members for 2023/2024 were Rohit Patel (President), Pablo Slaven (Vice-president), Matthew Griffin (Secretary), Alex Laspatzis (Communications), Luke Carter (Marketing) and Fayaaz Allie (Treasurer).

Ben Anderson, Jamie Chester, Jacob Fried, Divakaran Govender and Ché Nanoo all competed as part of Team South Africa at the World Individual Public Speaking



Senior Rotary Debating Competition winners

and Debating Championships. They gave an excellent account of themselves at a competition with more than a hundred competitors from all over the world. Ben Anderson won the Debating category, convincingly defeating other grand finalists from China, Canada and the United States. He placed third at the competition overall. He was also a finalist for Interpretive Reading and Persuasive Speaking. Jacob Fried was a finalist in Impromptu Speaking and Debating. He placed 25th overall.

Jamie Chester placed 24th overall. This means that all three of the top speakers from Africa hailed from Bishops. They were all awarded Distinction Ties for representing their country. The team also gave a stellar performance at the National Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championship in Durban. All six boys (Caden Chuang, Immanuel Magongwa, Milan Sandri, Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager and Maximus Sandri) placed in the top 30, and Caden Chuang was a finalist in the Interpretative Reading category. Caden placed sixth

overall and Matthew placed 15th overall. Caden and Matthew will form part of the South African team that will compete at the World Championship in Canberra, Australia.

Sport

Daniel von der Heyden won a silver medal in the U18 Decathlon at the Western Province Combined Athletic Events Championships.

Renzo Olmesdahl was selected to represent WP in the South African Bodyboarding Championships.

Ryan Caffery was appointed as head cheerleader.

Patrick Gilson was appointed captain of the Climbing Club.

1st XI cricketers, Adnaan Lagadien and Peyton Leigh, were selected to attend the Cricket South Africa (CSA) U17 Regional Camp. Five provincial cricketers represented Western Province at various national cricket weeks:

- WP U16:** Adnaan Lagadien
- WP U19:** Kashief Joseph
- WP U16:** Waco Bassick
- WP U16:** (for the second successive year) Litha Mbiko
- WP U16:** Singa Mayoyo

Conner Rogers won the Regional Enduro Series for 2023 at the young age of 14.

Kieran Hollis won bronze in U15 Foil and Joshua Diggle won silver at the Cape Youth Fencing competition and the Cape Open. Daniel and Aidan Richards reached the



Adnaan Lagadien

last 16 and Daniel won bronze in the semifinals. Joshua Diggle won gold in U17 Foil. At the Western Cape Fencing Competition, Daniel Richards won a gold medal in U20 Epee and Aidan Richards won a bronze medal.

Sebastian Dorward was appointed as the captain of golf. Daniel Heyneke competed in the SA Gymnastic Games Gymnastics Nationals and placed 10th overall in South Africa (and third in the Western Cape).

Jack Crafford was selected as the captain of hockey. Several hockey players participated in provincial tournaments:

- U18A:** James Grieve and Joshua Mettler
- U18B:** Robert Veldtman
- U16B:** Luc Dicey and Litha Mbiko. Robbie Veldtman, James Grieve and Josh Mettler were selected to the SA U17 team.

Zuhayr Mohamood and Cuan Sides were selected to the KSI Karate national team to represent South Africa in the KSI Karate World Championships. Both acquitted themselves well with Cuan only knocked out in the bronze medal round of the Kata section. South Africa won the tournament, with Finland and the USA in second and third place.

Aidan Marsh was selected captain of road and trail running.

The Western Cape Rowing Championship results were impressive. Sebastian Cheminias, Didi Marx, Jett Bacher, Josh Traut and Joseph Power won first place in the U19 Coxed Four, and Jack Breslin, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt and Matthew Maurel won first place in U16 Coxless Four. The U14s achieved first-place finishes in all the Scull, Quad and Octuple divisions. Jordan Planting and Stuart Hudson placed third in the U15 Double at the VLC Championships.



Western Cape Rowing champions

Results from the SA Schools Championships were as follows:

- Third place U14 Scull (1x):** Benjamin Redfern
- Third place U14 Quad (4x+):** Sam Buda, Benjamin Redfern, Gabriel Elsley, Edward Potgieter and Yazeed Lalkhen (cox)
- Second place U14 Oct (8x+):** Daniel Bowers, Jesse Morgan, Benjamin Redfern, Gabriel Elsley, Edward Potgieter, Adam Carter, Sam Buda, Roman Waltman and Yazeed Lalkhen (cox)
- First Place U16 Coxless Four (4-):** Jack Breslin, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt and Matthew Maurel.

Jett Bacher, Didi Marx, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt and Matthew Maurel were selected to the Western Cape Rowing squad.

Nic Allison was appointed captain of rugby. Five of our 1st XV players were selected to wear the famous blue-and-white hoops of Western Province at various tournaments: Gilermo Mentoe, Aidan Norris and Haashim Pead represented the WP A team at Craven Week and Shaywan Blankenberg played for the Provincial B team. Our prop, Nashe Chahwahwa, travelled to Johannesburg as a member of the WP Academy team. Haashim Pead, Gilermo Mentoe and Aidan Norris were selected to the SA Schools Rugby side and awarded Distinction Ties.

James Morkel was appointed captain of squash.

Kai Zander was appointed captain of surfing. Josh van Wyk was selected to represent Western Province for the second year running in the National Surfing Championships.

Luc Bestel competed in the South African National Swimming Championships and brought home impressive results and times. Rhys Haupt attained three personal bests in the 200m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m freestyle at the South African Short Course National Swimming Competition. We look forward to a wonderful swimming season. Luc Bestel made the final of the South African Swimming Championship and swam the fastest time in South Africa for U13, missing the current record by a split second. He placed 15th overall as the youngest in the competition. A Distinction Tie was awarded to Joshua Mettler, who was selected to represent SA Schools for swimming at the U18 African Zone International event.

Jack Crafford was selected as the captain of tennis. Cayden Mushonga was selected to represent WP in the National Touch Rugby Tournament.

The following boys were selected to WP Water Polo teams:

- U14A:** Oliver Badenhorst, Harry Ford
- U14B:** James Hugo
- U15A:** Matt Fenn, Michael Mafunda, James Malan (captain), Timothy Young
- U15B:** Boytjie Fyfer, Anthony Lampe, Noah Viuff
- U16A:** Noah Edmunds
- U16B:** Milo Letschert, Owen Cross
- U19A:** Jordon De Sousa, Jabulanni Sibiya.
- U19B:** Thomas Truter, Ross Stewart, Cameron Moon, Bryn Parry

Awards

Full Colours

Athletics: Bafokeng Lehloenya, Daniel von der Heyden, Joe Phillipson

- Chess:** Michael Kruse, Akshay Thakersee
- Cricket:** Cole Crawford
- Drama:** Ben Anderson, Jamie Chester, Duncan Carter
- First Aid:** Johann Steyn, Michael Comititis
- Golf:** Sebastian Dorward (re-award), Adam Buckham, Michael Newton
- Hockey:** Jack Crafford, Dylan van Coeverden de Groot, James Grieve, Joshua Mettler, Robert Veldtman, Zac Heyns, Ilyaas Van Graan
- Music:** Benjamin Karlein
- Rowing:** Jett Bacher, Didi Marx
- Rugby:** Nic Allison, Shaywan Blankenberg, Ayanda Bonoyi, Nashe Chahwahwa, Merlin Fransman, CJ Gordon, Richard Horton, Gilermo Mentoe, Tapiwa Nkumanda, Aidan Norris, Haashim Pead, Olo Sopotela, Zach Willemse
- Sailing:** Ross Collins, Richard Mason
- Soccer:** Lutho Cutshwa, Ollie Chevallier, Evan Noussis, Matthew Forsyth, Ben Isserow
- Surfing:** Josh van Wyk
- Squash:** Dylan van Coeverden de Groot, Nic Macdonald, Nicholas Basson
- Tennis:** Jack Crafford, Nicholas Leith
- Water Polo:** Trento Lambrechts, Jordan De Sousa, Ross Stewart, Thomas Truter
- Half colours**
- Athletics:** Reece Quin
- Chess:** Yusuf Balim, Josh Egypt, Aiden Marsh, Jody Syndercombe, Stuart Whitelaw
- Cricket:** Andrew Dallas, Thomas Jacobs, Matthew Brodziak, Ollie Chevallier
- Debating:** Singa Mayoyo, Daniel von der Heyden, Oliver Frankel, Noah Macnab, Luke Carter, Matthew Walker
- Drama:** Jean du Toit, Duncan Carter, Thomas de Waal, Bafokeng Lehloenya, Koame Kota

- First Aid:** Josh Traut, Christopher Leith, Stuart Whitelaw, Divakaran Govender
- Golf:** Thomas Jacobs, Michael Cadiz, Jack Buckham
- Hockey:** Sam Berrisford, Oscar Blatch, Bradley du Toit, Christopher Gray, Thomas Ludlam, Thomas Malan, Andrew Raubenheimer, Albert Steyn
- Music:** Benjamin Swift, Bradley Calow, Stuart Whitelaw
- Rugby:** Wa-keem Fortuin, Kashief Joseph, Trento Lambrechts, Lucca Mynhardt, Alex Smith, Christian Steward
- Sailing:** Zuhayr Mohamood, Michael Lawson
- Soccer:** Bilaal Mohammed, Zev Oaker, Paballo Magadla, Ben Sachs
- Squash:** James Morkel, Tristan Swanich
- Tennis:** Jack Frater
- Visual Arts:** Tristan Carter, Thomas Cullum, Didi Marx
- Water Polo:** Alexander Smith, Adam Buckham, Cameron Moon, Bryn Parry, Ross Walker, Ross Stewart, Heath Blackwell, Noah Edmunds

Jerseys

Academic

Ryan Ferreira, Hasheel Govan, Divakaran Govender, Jody Syndercombe, Ilyaas van Graan, Adam Buckham, Michael Comititis, Jonty Bresler, Brett Jenman, Luke Moorgas, Daniel Kushner, Noah Macnab, Matthew de Jager, Ketan Govan, Jeremy Liddle, Cameron Macbeth, Naethan Mol, Maximus Sandri, Tommy Winfield, Kieran Hollis, Matthew Walker, Grant Weich, Louis Du Preez, Christopher Gray, Peyton Leigh, Joseph Oelz, Michael Kotze, Arun Nayar, Nikolaos Augoustatos, Stefan Dixon, Nic Macdonald, Nic Caldwell, Robert Forrest, Rohit Patel, Yusuf Balim, Jack Crafford, Bilaal Mohammed, Ben Sachs

Ties

Distinction

- Karting:** Joseph Oelz
- Public Speaking:** Ben Anderson (re-award), Jamie Chester, Jacob Fried, Divakaran Govender, Ché Nanoo
- Rugby:** Haashim Pead, Gilermo Mentoe, Aidan Norris
- Swimming:** Joshua Mettler

Academic

Sam Berrisford, Jack Crafford, Stefan Dixon, Koame Kota, Jack Noussis, Dane Rogers, Benjamin Karlein, Avi Naidoo, Alexander Newton, Gabriel Comititis, Luke Davidge, Max Fair, Joseph Lee, Veer Patel, Xavier Petersen, Samuel Stavely-Alexander, Sebastian von Bormann, Daniel Bursey, Ben Couves, Matt Couves, Matthew de Jager, Aarav Desai, Luc Dicey, Theodore Forsyth, Ketan Govan, Oliver Howie, Benji Koch, Matt Kriel, Jeremy Liddle, Cameron Macbeth, Michael Mafunda, Max Marshall-Smith, Derek Meyer, Naethan Mol, Billy Oriander, Matthew Ramsay, Maximus Sandri, Zuhayr Sirkot, Troy Stockdale, Alex Tadross, Tommy Winfield, Joe Bolus, Sam Dalley, Sebastian du Toit, Dylan Martin, Gavin Martin, Yaqeen Omar, Pablo Slaven, Nic Weir, Sebastian Jack, Danyaal Omarjee, Zac Miller, Alex Savva, Yusuf Balim, Zachariah Coovadia, Thomas Rowand, Michael Whitelaw, Reece van Wyk, Benji Bechis Finotto, Liam Day, Jay Haskel, Jack Howard, James Morkel, Joseph Power, Dylan Todd

All Rounders

Noah Macnab, Pablo Slaven, Rohit Patel, John van der Watt, Michael Ressel, Matthew Maurel, Massi Hunt, Edward Cruise, Thomas Ludlam



All-Rounder Tie recipient Pablo Slaven

African Relations

Nashe Chahwahwa, Sihle Dyosi, Wa-keem Fortuin, Gilermo Mentoe, Uzoma Ngcwangu, Lukholo Sidina, Christian Stewardson, Zachary Berman, Firoz Ebrahim, Lihle Kakaza, Yazeed Salaam, Milan Sandri, Luke Carter, Jordan Petersen, Bohlale Koela, Jonty Bresler, Yanga Soyaya, Cayden Mushonga, Luke de Klerk, Troy Geyer, Thato Oliphant, Iviwe Dadamasi

Debating

Luke Carter, Matthew de Jager, Jeremy Liddle, Liam Hacking, Daniel Bursey, Joshua Whitehorn, Matthew Walker

GIN

Malick Majiet, Nic Macdonald

Interact

Cameron Redfern, Fayaaz Allie, Pablo Slaven, Matthew Griffin, Craig Harrod, Connor Fletcher, Michael Ressel, Luke Carter, Alex Laspatzis, Ra’eed Bhagoo

PR

Fayaaz Allie, Ben Anderson, Nicholas Basson, Andrew Betty, Nic Caldwell, Iviwe Dadamasi, Yusuf Davenport, Lihlumelo Daweti, James de Jager, Nicolas Dow, Sihle Dyosi, Firoz Ebrahim, Robert Forrest, Cameron Giles, Ben Hendrikse, Brett Jenman, Michael Kotze, Joseph Lappin, Michael Lawson, James Le Feuvre, Bradley Lowndes, Thomas Ludlam, Immanuel Magongwa, Zac Miller, Munya Mtombeni, Rohan Murray-Cooke, Bryn Parry, Rohit Patel, Nicholas Reid, Milan Sandri, Graham Seaward, Cameron Wilson

Quadrangular

Sam Berrisford, Wa-keem Fortuin, Mu’aath Ganief, Kaspar Holm, Callum Jenman, Gilermo Mentoe, Alexander Newton, Reece Quin

Service

AV: Tristan Dahl, Nic Kaye, Matthew le Roux, James Short, Nicolas Bosini, Brett Jenman
Bell Ringing: Ryan Caffery, Kaspar Holm, Zach Willemse
First Aid: Jett Bacher, Michael Comitis, Divakaran Govender, Christopher Leith, Johann Steyn, Joshua Traut, Stuart Whitelaw, Landa Tsobo, Yanga Soyaya, Pablo Slaven, Thomas le Grange
Hockey Umpiring: Zac Heyns, Devon Marshall, Cayden Smith, Dylan de Groot, Ilyaas van Graan

13 Year

Nic Allison, Nikolaos Augoustatos, Jett Bacher, Sam Berrisford, Oscar Blatch, Roston Bosini, Matthew Brodziak, Tristan Carter, Nashe Chahwahwa, Jamie Chester, Michael Comitis, Thomas Cullum, Andrew Dallas, Liam Day, Josh Egypt, Ryan Ferreira, Daniel Fletcher, Fabian Gaertner, William Gibbs, Hasheel Govan, Austin Graaff, Craig Harrod, Jack Howard, Thomas Jacobs, Kayan Jaga, Callum Jenman, Kallan

Jones, Andrew Kleye, Nic Macdonald, Devon Marshall, Ziyaad Moolla, James Morkel, Solly Nankin, Xhanti Ngxangane, Josh Petersen, Thomas Rowand, Antony Smith, Johann Steyn, Benjamin Swift, Josh Traut, Dylan van Coeverden de Groot, Timothy Walsh, Jack Whitaker, Stuart Whitelaw, Andrew Williams-Ashman.

Wayne Tucker



HOMAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2023

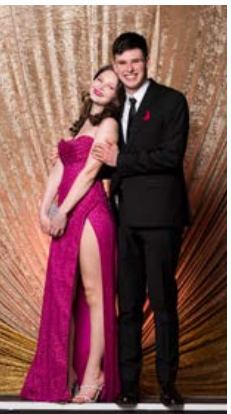


Matrics 2023



13-Year-Tie recipients









Founders House



School House



Birt House



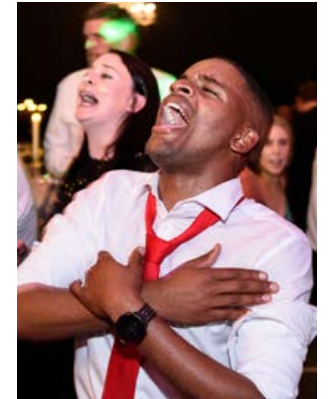
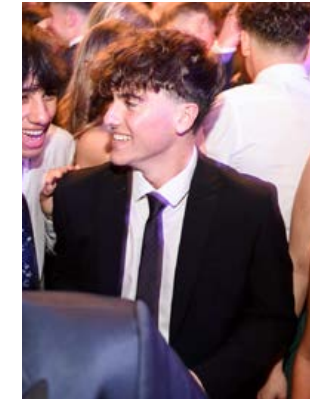
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White House



Gray House

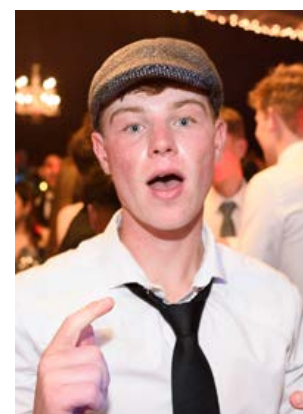


Ogilvie House



Kidd House





SPIRITUALITY



REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This marks my fifth year as the Chaplain of Bishops Diocesan College. As I write this message, our 2023 matriculants are getting closer to finishing their exams. The majority of them started at College in 2019, the same year I officially took the position of Chaplain at Bishops. Looking back at this year, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude.

Given all that has happened thus far, I can attest to and agree with all who noted and acknowledged God's presence in all that took place within the life of the school. Our boys, staff, and all who are associated with this magnificent school have continuously expressed gratitude and appreciation for God's hand in all aspects of our school. Starting each week by gathering together and ending each week with God is one of the life-giving experiences cherished by all religious people associated with our beloved Bishops Diocesan College. It is my hope and prayer that Bishops would hold on to this important undertaking. Without God at the centre of our school, I do not believe we could have achieved all that we have done this year.

Our time in both chapels remains one of the most rewarding and life-giving experiences according to

our boys and staff. Whenever I am in either of the two chapels, there is a staff member or a young person seated or kneeling close to the sanctuary. This is one of the testimonies affirming the importance of both chapels. All our chapel gatherings on Monday, Thursday, and Sunday's Evening Prayer are well attended by boys. On several occasions, staff and young men of Bishops have conveyed and shared positive comments about our chapel and Eucharistic services.

It has come to my attention that the chapel service attendance of staff is not meeting the expected standard. While this is not a major concern, it has been observed, and the principal has emphasised publicly the significance and obligation for everyone to participate in all school gatherings, including assemblies, chapel and Eucharistic services.

Staff and young men of Bishops continue to offer constructive feedback and criticism, both of which are well received. Looking back, involvement of staff and our young men in the spiritual component of the school has grown. Our altar servers team, lectors, and lay ministers' participation has increased greatly, and I am grateful for the incredibly positive response and support



that I continue to receive in my ministry at Bishops. Acknowledging the outstanding contributions within the spiritual component, I find it impossible to highlight any specific individual or ministry. Every person fulfilling a role in the chapel space has not only met but also exceeded the requirements and expectations placed upon them. I am delighted and well pleased with all our chapel messages shared by visitors, and new and long-serving members of staff. New staff members have come on board, and it is very exciting and refreshing to see and hear from them.

Reflecting on our three 2023 College evensongs, I express immense gratitude to the Reverend Grant Peers, Reverend Father Michael Lapsley SSM, and the Reverend Rene August, each of whom delivered impactful messages. Reverend Grant Peers led us into faith, drawing from his personal journey. His message, infused with humour, not only captivated our attention but also conveyed the profound insights that God had planted in his heart. This was followed by the Reverend Father Michael Lapsley SSM, who shared his journey of healing after surviving a letter bomb during exile. Father Michael's message resonated deeply with our community, prompting him to return and share more



with inspired Grade 8 students from White House. His engaging presence and willingness to connect with young people left a lasting impression.

Our third College Evensong in August featured the distinguished guest speaker Reverend Rene August. She delivered an exceptional biblical message highlighting the role and importance of women in our school and the broader community. In addition to her role as an ordained Anglican priest, Reverend August serves as a Global Peace Building Specialist, travelling extensively for her work. Her message seamlessly aligned with this year's Women's Day celebration within the chapel space.

This year presented its share of challenges, yet the guiding hand of God has kept our community united during these testing times. As we approach the year's end, there is a tinge of sadness as we bid farewell to one of our longstanding lay ministers, Mr Peter Westwood, a beloved and respected figure in our community who is retiring. We expressed our appreciation for him during the start of the third term Eucharist and our Carol Service, held earlier than usual this year. Peter's poignant homily at this year's Remembrance Service underscored the depth of his character. His profound understanding

of the chapel space as not only sacred but also central to our collective endeavours, coupled with his ability to articulate and share God's word, will be sorely missed.

In closing, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Mr Marvin Bester, whose unwavering support and care for our boys, as chapel warden and lay minister, are not only commendable but also deeply appreciated. Marvin's steadfast support has made my ministry more enjoyable and lighter, thanks to his unwavering commitment and understanding of what it means to know and serve God. A special thanks to our altar servers, lay ministers, and everyone who has contributed to making this a spiritually

fulfilling year. Your continued support is invaluable. To my wife, daughters, and the young men of Bishops Diocesan College, thank you for your support. You are the driving force behind my daily commitment to serving God through His people, and I am grateful for each of you.

Pro Fide et Patria.

Reverend Monwabisi Peter



ACADEMICS

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD ACADEMICS

In 2023, the activities of the Academics pillar were characterised by sensory overload. Loud sounds and fresh sights, accompanied by more dust than we would prefer to smell, touch or taste. This has been what we experienced as we witnessed the changing landscape of the building site, soon to be the new learning centre in the academic nucleus of the school.

Our attention was drawn away from the building at one stage by the reality of the impact load shedding was having on our school. This concern was short-lived, thanks to the strategic and nimble financial footwork of our business manager, Sean King, and his dynamic team. They prioritised academic continuity and found solutions that would avoid any disruption to our academic programme. We are very grateful to them.

Our Cambridge International stream has started well. Our inaugural group consisted of 19 very capable boys taking English Language and Literature AS and Mathematics AS; 17 taking Afrikaans IGCSE and two taking French IGCSE; 16 Physics AS; 10 Chemistry AS; seven Economics AS; one Biology AS; five History AS; and five Computer Science AS Levels.

Thanks must go to the staff involved in relaunching the Cambridge International Assessment at Bishops, under the efficient, highly organised and tireless Wayne Tucker, who has managed the role of exam officer in addition to his other roles in the school.

We are using our new management system, iSAMS, to report on the Cambridge stream, which is proving to be a useful pilot for the migration of the whole school system in 2024.

As part of our Diversity Equity and Belonging work, we have felt the need to conduct a subject audit to ensure that we have reflected on what and how we teach, the message it sends and the values it consolidates in the classroom to all stakeholders.

The Big Ideas programme continues to thrive, and this year we had 27 boys participating. It aims to equip Bishops boys with 21st-century skills, like problem-solving, creativity, empathy and an awareness of the world they live in.

Stephen Carletti and Gloria Bassett are retiring from the Music Department. We thank them for their 29 and 35 years of service, respectively.

2023, with its sensory cacophony, has required a lot of the same, but also a lot of something different from the staff. They say, 'Teaching is not just a job, it's a calling.' To the staff of Bishops in 2023, I say, 'You have answered with a heart full of love.' We thank our teachers for their energy, enthusiasm and passion for all that is personally required of them every day in the interests of our boys, and very often beyond the call of duty. I salute you.

Michelle van Schalkwyk



GRADE 12

PRIZE-GIVING

**Address from the Principal**

Good morning, and may I endorse the words of welcome from the Chair of Council on this special occasion where we acknowledge the efforts of the Matric Class of 2023. I welcome you all – special guests, staff, parents and boys – and hope that you will enjoy the moment with us, followed by the Valedictory Service in the Chapel.

I begin my address with thanks to those who have supported the College this past year. To the members of Council, my sincere thanks for their wisdom, guidance and oversight of the school's operations and for the time they have put into serving Bishops. I'd like to make special mention of our new Chairperson, Crispin Sonn, who has supported us well, bringing much in the way of management skills and incisive leadership to the role. His support during our weekly meetings has been greatly appreciated and I thank him deeply for his advice and guidance.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with the OD Union and my thanks go to outgoing Chairman Wilbur van Niekerk and incoming Chairman Martin Bey for their support and understanding of the Bishops community of ODs – often a complex task requiring consummate skill in dealing with people with differing expectations.

My thanks extend to the Parents' Association, led by Bobby Couves, who has managed his role with aplomb, being supportive of the school and its structures while answering the needs of, and many questions from, the parent community.

I thank the College Executive team for the role they play. It is a pleasure to work with a united group of educational leaders for whom doing what is right is greater than

what may be popular, and whose support I have felt constantly. Not only do they oversee daily operations, but also the strategic direction of the College and I thank them for their insight and commitment. My sincere thanks go to Michelle van Schalkwyk, Warren Wallace and Mark Mitchell for how they have led the College.

Any good school relies on a group of new pupils each year and our Prep does wonderful work with their boys, giving us almost half our intake at College every year. My sincere thanks go to Greg Brown and his team of Karen Dallas, Chris Groom and Sharlene Groom for the work they do with our young Bishops boys. Greg Brown also sits on the Bishops Executive and brings a calm wisdom, deeply caring nature and often an impish sense of humour to our team, and I thank him for his constant support of the College and me.

Our school operations are led by our Business Manager Sean King, who oversees all matters financial and operational. His team of support staff is simply wonderful, going out of their way to make education possible, often under trying conditions such as when Eskom finally found the switch to ensure we too experienced load shedding, and when the winter floods made life very difficult indeed. Sean and his team work very long hours in service to our boys, often unnoticed, and I thank them sincerely for all they do.

I left one member of the Bishops and College Executive out of the above tribute because he deserves special mention today. Peter Westwood leaves Bishops at the end of the year after more than 30 years of service. This is a remarkable achievement, and he is a remarkable man. Seldom do things get Peter down and he brings a deeply spiritual, caring presence to our meetings and our school. Peter is often the man who will think

differently about something, always with other people and their needs at the front of his thoughts. He carries a world of invaluable experience with him when he leaves but he goes with our deepest appreciation and very grateful thanks for everything he has done. His insightful comments and his unerring support for the school and for his fellow staff members are examples to us all. Talking of support, Peter is the first to admit that he can only do what he does and be who he is, because of the support he enjoys from Caro, his partner and wife of many years, and his family. Caro, no tribute to Peter would be appropriate without recognition of the part you have played, and I thank Team Westwood for over 30 years of remarkable service to thousands of boys and the Bishops community.

We will be welcoming Mr Trevor van Niekerk to our school as our new Deputy Principal and I know he will build upon the solid foundation Peter has laid. Trevor will make his own mark on Bishops as Peter leaves us after a remarkable stint and remarkable service. Thank you, and please accept our grateful appreciation for an extraordinary job so well done!

Our departing College academic staff this year have more than 100 years of experience at Bishops among them and in addition to Peter, I pay tribute and thank Gloria Bassett in our Music Department and Felicity Clemence, our Admissions Officer, who both have served more than 30 years here – a remarkable period of service. The last retiree, Stephen Carletti, has over 25 years here and we will be sad to see these icons of Bishops retire. We thank them and wish them well. We also bid farewell to Mr Linda Plaatjie, one of our cleaning staff, who leaves Bishops having started here in 2005. We thank Mr Plaatjie for his service to our school.

My thanks go to our Chaplain, Reverend Monwabisi Peter, for the role he has played in the life of our boys and our school. Many boys speak to the Chaplain and ask for advice or words of comfort in difficult times, and he is to be thanked for all he does for our boys in our weekly Chapel services, so vital to the core of our school, but even more so in the work he does with those individuals who need his calm advice and guidance.

My thanks go to my PA, Shelley Windell, who continues to support me without fail and does so in a consummately professional yet also deeply caring manner. Always warm and welcoming, Shelley is the perfect PA and I cannot thank her enough for how she has made the job her own in such a special way.

My individual thanks go to my wife Rose. We celebrated 30 years of marriage this year and for 20 of those 30 years she was the wife of a Headmaster – a difficult role to play sometimes! Her advice is deeply appreciated but her support and unconditional love even more so. Thank you.

There are two groups to thank. Firstly, our academic and support staff, who often go the extra mile for our boys. I am amazed at the level of involvement of our staff and their attitude of making it happen – always for the boys. Long hours, and weekend and holiday activities are normal at Bishops, but so too is collegiality, support, professional growth and opportunity. My grateful thanks go to all staff and I hope that as you see the Class of 2023 depart, you will do so in the knowledge that you have played a vital part in their development.

And to the Class of 23 – thank you. In this, the first Covid-free year in the past four, you have risen to the challenge of restoring a Bishops experience for all our boys. You

have seen much change – physically in the creation of a new entrance to our school and the beginning of the building of our Learning Commons. Yet the change you have seen most is within the hearts and minds of our community as we have strived through our new Human Rights curriculum to address matters more important than buildings – how we respect and treat each other as human beings. You have been deeply involved and can look back on a good year of high achievement and success, particularly in this area.

Leading the Class of 23 were four fine young men. Head of School Nic Allison is a man of few words, yet one to whom you listen carefully when he does speak. Fiercely proud of his school, Nic has played such a vital role in our varied successes, and his ability to unite a school community with a diverse range of interests is remarkable. Nic is a deep thinker, fiercely protective of those he trusts and works with. I have come to value his advice greatly. Well done, Nic, and my thanks to you and your parents, Leanne and Gareth, for all you have given Bishops this year.

Ben Hatty bounced back remarkably after his setback at the start of the year and was an example of resilience and determination as he was resolved to make the most of his Matric year. Ayanda Bonoyi was a quiet leader, thoughtful and measured, yet deeply supportive of the school as he led the boarders with dignity and presence.

The fourth member of the team, Nikolaos Augoustatos, led the SRF and took this body to unprecedented heights with his efficient running of meetings and his determination to make the SRF a body of significance and influence. He has certainly set the bar high in this regard.

One member of the Class of 23 is not here with us today and I pay tribute this morning to Ethan Mattison who tragically passed away after a dreadful accident in his Grade 11 year. Ethan was a young man who loved life. He should have been here but is not and we pause here for a moment to honour his memory.

I begin my closing remarks with a poem by Cecil Day-Lewis in which he recounts his emotions as a parent as he witnessed his son grow.

Walking Away

*It is eighteen years ago, almost to the day –
A sunny day with leaves just turning,
The touch-lines new-ruled – since I watched you play
Your first game of football, then, like a satellite
Wrenched from its orbit, go drifting away*

*Behind a scatter of boys. I can see
You walking away from me towards the school
With the pathos of a half-fledged thing set free
Into a wilderness, the gait of one
Who finds no path where the path should be.*

*That hesitant figure, eddying away
Like a winged seed loosened from its parent stem,
Has something I never quite grasp to convey
About nature's give-and-take – the small, the scorching
Ordeals which fire one's irresolute clay.*

*I have had worse partings, but none that so
Gnaws at my mind still. Perhaps it is roughly
Saying what God alone could perfectly show –
How selfhood begins with a walking away,
And love is proved in the letting go.*

Your son walked away from you when he started school and walks away again now. He will do so again – when he leaves for university perhaps, or an overseas experience, and finally when he leaves your home to set up his own, perhaps with a life partner, perhaps on his own. This is one of the hardest things for parents to endure – I know, having had two of my own children leave home and not be where they should be at the dining room table or lying sprawled on the couch. They go, as Day-Lewis describes, to ‘find no path where a path should be’. The path we want to prepare for them is gone and they find their own.

And they encountered hardship along the way, these past 13 years, hardships that tested them, yet became ‘ordeals which fired their irresolute clay’. Ordeals and moments that helped form them and grew them into the young men seated here today. And as parents we had to learn the hardest lesson of all, that ‘love is proved in the letting go’.

So, we let our boys go today from the relative safety and familiarity of school. But we let them go happily. Not because we want to get rid of them, but because they are ready and it is right. They need to go out into their own brave new world and become who they are to become. None of us knows truly what that will look like. We have hopes for them, we have helped them with plans, but we simply don’t know. We must trust them; we have to have hope and we have to have faith in them. Martin Luther King said: ‘Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.’ And today they take that step.

We are filled with last-minute pieces of advice for those who leave us and worry if we have managed to tell them everything they need to know. The answer is an obvious

‘no’ – not because we haven’t tried or want to cut them loose to see if they can survive. It is simply because there is too much to tell and too much they will need to figure out on their own.

So, what is my last piece of advice to our boys today? It comes from a phrase I read some years ago when our world started to go mad as social media exploded and people felt entitled to express whatever opinion they had whether it was based on truth or not, whether it hurt or not, with scant regard for the opinions of others. The phrase, in the form of a question, was ‘is dialogue dead?’

The word dialogue is defined as ‘an exchange of ideas or opinions on a particular issue, especially a political or religious issue, with a view to reaching an amicable agreement or settlement’. Notice the use of the word ‘exchange’, implying that we each have an opportunity to share our own thoughts, to state our case, and then the phrase ‘reaching an amicable agreement or settlement’, which implies, firstly, that we actually want to reach an agreement and, secondly, that we are prepared to adjust our own standpoint in order to do so.

My concern is that we have become a world where true dialogue does not really exist anymore. We say it does, but we seem to be more interested in expressing our own point of view as forcefully as possible without a genuine interest in another’s. We listen with a view to formulating a response, a riposte, a counter-argument instead of listening to listen. We seem to have made up our minds and are not willing to budge.

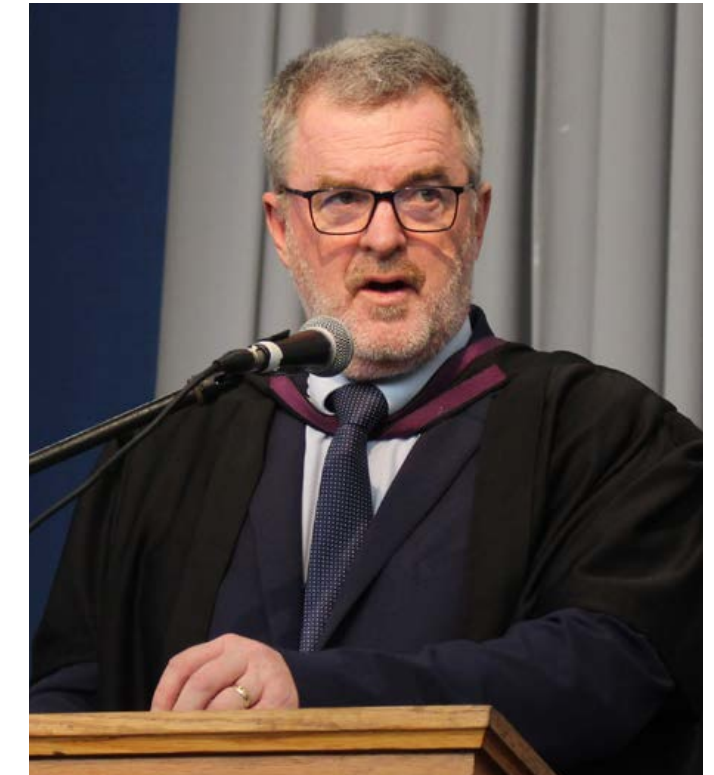
‘If you start a conversation with the assumption that you are right or that you must win, obviously it is difficult to talk.’ – *Wendell Berry*

This world is filled with comments sections, reviews, X (aka Twitter), other platforms and, of course, artificial intelligence. In a world of conflict where one side insists they are right and simply doesn’t listen, my hope for our boys is that they are able to determine right from wrong, are able to discern truth from lies, are curious enough to dig deeper before coming to their own opinion. That they are able to think about something, form an opinion, but then have the courage to engage in true dialogue – a robust yet respectful exchange of ideas. Boys who don’t cling on to ideology but who question, consider alternatives and then, even after having formed their own thoughts and ideas, are able to respect the ideas of others or even change their own. It is not a weakness to admit we are wrong. It is instead a great strength to show that reasoning can cause change in thought and opinion.

And so, Class of 23, with this final message I wish you well. Be open to dialogue, be open to changing how you think. You carry with you all our best wishes as you walk away one final time from school into a world of opportunity. May you be safe and healthy, and may you have, as I said to you last Thursday, time. Time to be what you were either destined to be or time to determine what destiny you choose for yourself.

God speed and good luck.

Tony Reeler



Report from the Head of School

Good morning, Mr and Mrs Reeler, Mr Sonn, special guests, members of staff, parents and Matrics of 2023.

It is surreal to be standing before you all for the last time, doing my last-ever speech for, God willing, a long time to come. By this time of the year, I am sure you are all probably as tired of hearing my voice as I am, and now it's time to hand over to next year's leaders.

Like every good thing, it must come to an end. Matrics, I would like to think that under our leadership, Bishops has continued to thrive. Our time to represent the Mitre is now over, but we have represented this badge well, as true Bishops gentlemen. The values that Bishops has instilled in us will stand us in good stead as we go out into what some parents refer to as 'the real world'.

Driving through the Bishops gates 13 years ago, I was incredibly worried about the journey that lay ahead. I wasn't sure if I'd be able to fit in, let alone make any friends. But when I walked onto the playground for the first time and saw a bunch of other awkward boys staring back at me, I somehow knew I was going to be okay. My time at Bishops has held many of my fondest memories. From that night on Epic, which was straight out of a survival movie, and the weekly socials at the tuck shop during double Maths, to running out from under the poles on the Piley Rees, life at Bishops has been full, fun and varied.

As much as I enjoyed my role as self-proclaimed Bishops tennis reserve captain, my rugby career at Bishops will hold some of my fondest memories when I look back on my school days. Being able to lead a team for which I only dreamt of playing when I was young, and being

able to run onto a hallowed field that only the very few are privileged to touch, was a massive honour for me. From the dark moments in the Steve Mac conditioning blocks, to the team dinners on a Friday night, I have learnt so much from this incredible opportunity. I was never the biggest, strongest or fastest, but I realised I had a strong leadership ability that could benefit my teammates. During difficult times, my grandpa would say to me, 'Nic, always remember the game is worth more than the prize,' to which I often responded, 'That is complete rubbish, Grandpa.' But even through the highs and lows, this sport has taught me great discipline, tested my character and developed my leadership abilities, allowing me to grow into the man I am today. A special thank you to Wes Chetty, from whom I have learnt so much about the game of rugby and about being a great Bishops gentleman.

I always understood the magnitude of this important role as Head Boy, but only after being asked by many Grade 8s to follow them on Instagram did I truly understand the impact I had on the younger grades. It was something I must admit I took for granted before stepping into this role. I felt truly humbled to be in such a significant position that meant so much to these younger students. I wanted to leave a legacy that students could look up to and, ultimately, inspire future generations. The Bishops journey I have experienced is, and will be, so different to everyone else's, past, present or future, because the opportunities and possibilities Bishops provides us with are so unique and numerous that everyone's experience at Bishops tells a different tale.

Earlier on in the year, I gave a speech at the Ten Club about whether success is determined by us or our environment. As much as I would like to think I have had some influence on who I have become, I am nothing

without the people around me and the opportunities provided to me by this amazing institution. To my fellow Matrics: I could not have asked for a better group to lead. The faith you placed in me has been a constant reminder that I do not represent the title of Head Boy, but rather the community of Bishops. We will always have a bond as we will always be the Class of 2023. We missed out about a year of our school lives during the pandemic. Some left Bishops and we lost one of our friends, Ethan, tragically. But those of us here today all have a bond that can never be broken. We are the Class of 2023.

A special thank you to my deputies, Ben and Ayanda, and head of the SRF, Nikola. Our relationships, your support and perspectives have meant the world to me. To my teachers, I am grateful for your support and passion for this institution. I consider myself lucky to have formed relationships with most of you that have truly shaped the man I have become.

Mr Reeler, it has been a privilege to work so closely with you. Your leadership shines bright in this school and I am often amazed at your great commitment and absolute dedication to our school. Mr Wallace, I am grateful for everything you have done for me this year – your door has always remained open despite your very busy schedule. You are a true mentor to the boys of this school. Father Monwabisi, your unwavering support for all of us gives us such strength to tackle the challenges that come our way. I really appreciate our relationship. Finally, I'm sure he thought he could get away without being recognised, but Bishops is losing an amazing teacher, leader, and servant to the Bishops community. Mr Westwood, you have served Bishops with humility and always upheld the traditions that make this institution such a special place. I wish you

well in your retirement. Please give a round of applause to Mr Westwood for his dedication to, and passion for, Bishops.

To my mom, there are not enough words in the world to express the love and gratitude I have for you. You are the embodiment of strength, love and compassion and I am forever blessed to call you my mom. Your unwavering support and care have shaped me into the person I am today and have been an inspiration in guiding me through life's triumphs and challenges. You have done so much for me and the school this year. I am so grateful for you.

To my dad, you are not only my father but also my role model, mentor and hero. You have made me the person I am today, and I am forever grateful for your love and guidance. Your strength, integrity and hard work have always inspired me to strive for greatness. Your belief in my abilities has given me the confidence to pursue my dreams and conquer any challenge that comes my way. I love you both.

My thanks wouldn't be complete without reference to the grounds staff, cleaning staff and catering staff. In many ways, you are the glue that keeps the Bishops community together – always with friendliness, kindness and compassion. We are deeply grateful for the hours that you give, manicuring the Piley, cooking meals and cleaning and, most importantly, imparting wisdom to us boys with a ready joke and a smile. We are certainly going to miss you next year.

At my very first speech to the school a year ago, I said: 'To me leadership is an action not a position. It is not about titles or work hours. It's about relationships. Relationships with teachers, coaches and peers.

The cliché of leaving the jersey in a better place than you found it is often talked about. Ultimately, our time at Bishops will come and go, but it is how we want to be remembered that is the big question.'

And here I stand a year later, with our Prize-giving and Valedictory under way. I hope that I have upheld my values as a leader and that we, as the Class of 2023, have left the jersey in a better place.

Before I end, I want to share one of my favourite lines from the poem *If* by Rudyard Kipling, told to me by an old teacher and House Director of Van der Bijl House at the Prep, Mr Shuttleworth. It has resonated with me since he read it to me in Grade 3 and particularly during this year of leadership. 'If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same, yours is the Earth and – which is more – you'll be a man my son!' Success and failure are inevitable in life's journey. But if we can remain true to ourselves and our values during times of great triumph and during times of great struggle, that is where true leaders are made.

Matrics, this is not a goodbye, but rather a 'see you later'. It will be hard to let go of what has been our routine for five or more years, but when one door closes another opens. Go out into the world and make us proud. Because, at the end of the day, you must be able to say, I am proud of the man I am, and I am a proud Bishops boy.

Pro Fide et Patria – For Faith and Fatherland.

Thank you.

Nic Allison



ACADEMIC PRIZES

- Adam Buckham:**
General Good Effort Prize
- Alexei Pouroullis:**
General Good Effort Prize
- Ben Levy:**
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Ben Sachs:**
General Good Effort Prize
- Benji Bechis Finotto:**
Helen Liddell Geography Prize
- Brandon Matyeba:**
IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) (shared)
- Dane Rogers:**
Visual Arts Prize
- Daniel Egerer:**
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Divakaran Govender:**
General Good Effort Prize
- Joseph Mudge:**
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Koame Kota:**
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
- Lutho Cutshwa:**
IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) (shared)
- Solly Nankin:**
Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Further Studies Mathematics (shared)
- Matthew Brodziak:**
Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Further Studies Mathematics (shared)
- Nicholas Macdonald:**
General Good Effort Prize
- Ross Collins:**
Mathematical Literacy Prize
- Benjamin Hatty:**
Stanley Clarke History Prize (shared)
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize*
- David Brunt:**
Economics Prize
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize*

James Chester:
Dramatic Arts Prize
Further Studies English Prize

Nicholas Allison:
The Thresher Prize for Physics (shared)
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Stuart Whitelaw:
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Iyaas van Graan:
First Pauling French Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Jody Syndercombe:
First Pauling French Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Oliver Hufton:
Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize
Music Prize (shared)
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Daniel Fletcher:
Accounting Prize
PricewaterhouseCoopers Prize for Mathematics and Accounting
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

James Collins:
Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared)
Information Technology Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

Zuhayr Mohamood:
First Pauling French Prize (shared)
Victor Lewis Prize for Life Sciences
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

SPECIAL PRIZES

James Chester
The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading
The Writer’s Prize
The HJ Kidd Speech Prize

Divakaran Govender
The Hands Memorial Essay Prize

Malick Majiet
Die JSM Viljoen Afrikaanse Skrywersprys

Devon Marshall
Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer

James Chester
Senior Dramatic Arts Trophy
Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research

Benjamin Hatty
The Warham Searle Prize for Southern African History

James Collins
Michael Cameron Computer Prize

Solly Nankin
The Solomon Prize for Excellence in Competition Mathematics (shared)

Ilyaas van Graan
The Solomon Prize for Excellence in Competition Mathematics (shared)

Kayan Jaga
Rembrandt van Rijn Prize

Gavin Dingley
Leonardo da Vinci Prize

Dane Rogers
The Sam Butler Drawing Prize

Richard Mason
The Pierneef Cup for Art

Michael Comitis
The Piano Prize

Jean du Toit
The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir

Koame Kota
The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared)

Ntemi Kidha
The Prize for the Most Improved Musician

Oliver Hufton
Instrumentalist’s Prize (shared)

Kaspar Holm
The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Huistaal Instrumentalist’s Prize (shared)
The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared)
The Graham Coote Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble

The Brian Guillemard Prize for Major Contribution to Music in the School

Zuhayr Mohamood
Rotary Club of Claremont Service Above Self Award

Koame Kota
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (F)

Kaspar Holm
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (S)

Lutho Cutshwa
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (W)

James Chester
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (G)

Michael Ritz
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (O)

Nikolaos Augoustatos
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (K)

Michael Newton
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (B)

Bradley du Toit
Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (M)

Hassiem Pead
The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport

Aidan Richards
The Speciality Trophy for Smaller Sports (shared)

Daniel Richards
The Speciality Trophy for Smaller Sports (shared)

Dylan van Coeverden de Groot
The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport

Trento Lambrechts
The Jamison Trophy for Sport

Michael Kruse
Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Stanley Clarke History Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
Third in Grade Twelve

Michael Ritz
Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared)
Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science
Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve

Kaspar Holm
Old Boy’s Prize for Physical Science
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Music Prize (shared)
The Thresher Prize for Physics (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
DUX: First in Grade Twelve

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Ayanda Bonoyi
Principal’s Award

Benjamin Hatty
Principal’s Award

Zuhayr Mohamood
Principal’s Award

Koame Kota
The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm

Ilyaas van Graan
The George Hodgson Prize

Nicholas Allison
The Philip Stent Trophy

Merlin Fransman
The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy

Lutho Cutshwa
Ubuntu Award

Hassiem Pead
The OD Merit Trophy

Kaspar Holm
The OD All-Rounder’s Trophy

GRADES 11 - 8

PRIZE LIST

GRADE 11

Andrew Raubenheimer:
Visual Arts Prize (shared)

Arun Nayar:
Computer Science AS Level Prize

Christopher Gray:
General Good Effort Prize

Daniel De Rauville Rohm:
French IGCSE Prize

James Le Feuvre:
General Good Effort Prize

Joseph Oelz:
General Good Effort Prize

Liam Reid:
Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)

Lihlumelo Daweti:
isiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) (shared)

Luke Moorgas:
General Good Effort Prize

Noah Bouwers:
isiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)

Justin Pillay:
Music Prize

Rohan Murray-Cooke:
History Prize (shared)

Sebastian McAdam:
Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)

Sihle Dyosi:
isiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) (shared)

Theodor Scheder-Bieschin:
History Prize (shared)

Thomas de Waal:
Visual Arts Prize (shared)

Thomas Welsh:
General Good Effort Prize

Yusuf Davenhill:
Information Technology Prize

Brett Jenman:
Afrikaans IGCSE Prize
General Good Effort Prize

Ben Anderson:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize

James Grieve:
Life Sciences Prize
Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences

Jordan De Sousa:
General Good Effort Prize
Geography Prize

Nicholas Basson:
General Good Effort Prize
The Pauling French Prize

Nicholas Caldwell:
Academic Excellence Prize
Strakosch Prize - Science AS Level

Zac Miller:
Further English Prize
General Good Effort Prize

Caden Chuang:
Accounting Prize
Further Mathematics Prize
General Good Effort Prize

Jonty Bresler:
Mathematics AS Level Prize
Physics AS Level Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Strakosch Prize - Mathematics AS Level

Prize for Third in Grade 11 Cambridge Curriculum

Peyton Leigh:
General Good Effort Prize
Prize for Third in Grade 11 NSC Curriculum (shared)

Rohit Patel:
Physical Science Prize
Strakosch Prize - Physical Science
Prize for Third in Grade 11 NSC Curriculum (shared)

Louis du Preez:
Dramatic Arts Prize
Mathematics Prize
Strakosch Prize - Mathematics
Prize for Second in Grade 11 NSC Curriculum

Michael Kotze:
Biology AS Level Prize
Chemistry AS Level Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Strakosch Prize - Biology AS Level
General Good Effort Prize
Prize for Second in Grade 11 Cambridge Curriculum

Jacob Fried:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
English Language and Literature AS Level Prize
History AS Level Prize
Economics AS Level Prize
Prize for First in Grade 11 Cambridge Curriculum

Milan Sandri:
Academic Excellence Prize
Afrikaans Prize
Economics Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Life Orientation Prize
The Edna Hodgson Prize for English
Prize for First in Grade 11 NSC Curriculum

GRADE 10

Daniel Kushner:
Junior English Writing Prize

Brad Baker:
Accounting Prize

Christopher Du Toit:
General Good Effort Prize

Connor Fletcher:
General Good Effort Prize

David Tripe:
Further Mathematics Prize (shared)

Jack Buckham:
General Good Effort Prize

Jack Gomes:
Economics Prize (shared)

John van der Watt:
General Good Effort Prize

Liam Chester:
Further English Prize

Matthew Maurel:
Information Technology Prize (shared)

Max Marr:
isiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)

Michael James:
Information Technology Prize (shared)

Oscar Peignon:
The Pauling French Prize

Richard Collins:
Mathematical Literacy Prize

Yanga Soyaya:
isiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)

Oliver Frankel:
The Paul Murray History Prize

Gabriel Comititis:
Information Technology Prize (shared)
Music Prize

Noah Edmunds:
Dramatic Arts Prize
General Good Effort Prize

Samuel Stavely-Alexander:
Academic Excellence Prize
Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences

Daniel van den Heever:
Academic Excellence Prize
The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize

Matthew Griffin:
General Good Effort Prize

Academic Excellence Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Zavier Petersen:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Founders House)
Michael James:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (School House)
Reece van Wyk:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (White House)
David Lewis:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Gray House)
Michael Ressel:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Ogilvie House)
Matthew Griffin:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Kidd House)
Pablo Slaven:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Birt House)
Christopher du Toit:
Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Mallett House)
David Lewis:
Academic Excellence Prize
The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared)
Strakosch Prize - Mathematics (shared)
Prize for Third in Grade 10
Matthew Walker:
Economics Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Prize for Second in Grade 10 (shared)
Grant Weich:
General Good Effort Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Strakosch Prize - Physical Science
The Andrew Henderson Memorial Life Sciences Prize
The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize
The OD Prize for Afrikaans
Visual Arts Prize
Prize for Second in Grade 10 (shared)
Noah Macnab:
English Prize
Geography Prize
Further Mathematics Prize (shared)
Academic Excellence Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)

Strakosch Prize - Mathematics (shared)
The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared)
The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared)
Prize for First in Grade 10 (Archbishop West-Jones)

GRADE 9

Alec Alfaro-Mclaughlin:
French Prize
Ben Couves:
The Social Impact Trophy (shared)
Michael Whitelaw:
The Social Impact Trophy (shared)
Daniel Bursey:
General Good Effort Prize
Derek Meyer:
General Good Effort Prize
Leo Cobbledick:
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) (shared)
Lulibo Nyawula:
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) (shared)
Matthew Kriel:
Big Ideas Prize (shared)
John van den Heever:
Big Ideas Prize (shared)
Michael Mafunda:
General Good Effort Prize
Aarav Desai:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Naethan Mol:
Academic Excellence Prize
Visual Arts Prize (shared)
Tommy Winfield:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Maximus Sandri:
Dramatic Arts Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Headmaster's Junior English Speech Prize
Junior Reading Prize

Troy Stockdale:
General Good Effort Prize
Visual Arts Prize (shared)
Prize for Third in Grade 9 (shared)
Matthew De Jager:
Academic Excellence Prize
Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
General Good Effort Prize
Practical Music Prize
Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences
The Charles Morris Essay Prize
The English Verse Prize
Prize for Third in Grade 9 (shared)
Ketan Govan:
General Good Effort Prize
The Gladys Manning Memorial Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Prize for Second in Grade 9 (shared)
Cameron Macbeth:
Academic Excellence Prize
Afrikaans Prize
Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
Geography Prize (shared)
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Non-practical Music Prize (shared)
Strakosch Prize - Physical Science
Prize for Second in Grade 9 (shared)
Jeremy Liddle:
Further Mathematics Prize
Academic Excellence Prize
Bizony Cup
Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
English Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Geography Prize (shared)
History Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Life Sciences Prize
Mathematics Prize
Non-practical Music Prize (shared)
Physical Science Prize
Strakosch Prize - Mathematics
Technology Prize
Prize for First in Grade 9

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Cameron Macbeth:
English, Mathematics, History, Physical Science, Technology
Matthew de Jager:
English, Geography, Life Sciences, Big Ideas, Technology
Maximus Sandri:
Afrikaans
Jeremy Liddle:
Afrikaans
Emihle Magadla:
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
Matthew Arends:
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
Ketan Govan:
Mathematics, French, History, Life Sciences
Derek Meyer:
Dramatic Arts
Samuel Clarke:
Dramatic Arts
Matthew Ramsay:
Economic and Management Sciences
Billy Oriander:
French
Troy Stockdale:
History, Life Sciences, Technology
Camden Cedras:
IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)
Zak Ndindwa:
IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)
Aarav Desai:
Life Orientation, Physical Science
Michael Mafunda:
Practical Music
Daniel Bursey:
Practical Music
Matthew Kriel:
Non-practical Music
Landi Moyo:
Non-practical Music
Tommy Winfield:
Physical Science, Technology, Further Mathematics Prize

Oliver Howie:
Visual Arts, Big Ideas
Theodore Forsyth:
Visual Arts
Alex Tadross:
Big Ideas
Naethan Mol:
Technology, Further Mathematics Prize

GRADE 8

Alexander Love:
Further Mathematics Prize
Brent Cowden:
Non-practical Music Prize
James Hugo:
General Good Effort Prize
Kiyan Govender:
General Good Effort Prize
Lorenzo Dupont:
French Prize
Nikkiran Govender:
Dramatic Arts Prize
Tristan Brunton:
General Good Effort Prize
Yazeed Lalkhen:
General Good Effort Prize
Edward Wild:
General Good Effort Prize
Practical Music Prize
Nicholas Henry:
General Good Effort Prize
Technology Prize (shared)
Alexander Horrell:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Visual Arts Prize (shared)
Callum Jones:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Sean Bailes:
Academic Excellence Prize

Afrikaans Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Technology Prize (shared)
Kaleb Pillay:
Academic Excellence Prize
Economic and Management Sciences Prize
English Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Geography Prize
History Prize
Physical Science Prize (shared)
Prize for Third in Grade 8
Arman Patel:
Academic Excellence Prize
General Good Effort Prize
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Life Sciences Prize (shared)
Physical Science Prize (shared)
Prize for Second in Grade 8
Hamaad Badroodien:
Academic Excellence Prize
An OD's Mathematics Prize
General Good Effort Prize
IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
Life Orientation Prize (shared)
Life Sciences Prize (shared)
Physical Science Prize (shared)
Visual Arts Prize (shared)
Prize for First in Grade 8

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Hamaad Badroodien:
English, Economic and Management Science Prize, Geography
Arman Patel:
English, Mathematics, Economic and Management Science Prize, Geography, History, Practical Music
Alexander Horrell:
Afrikaans, Life Orientation
Kiyan Govender:
Afrikaans, Non-practical Music

Daniel Cable:
IsiXhosa (First Additional Language)
Kaleb Pillay:
IsiXhosa (First Additional Language), Life Sciences
Sean Bailes:
Mathematics
Tristan Brunton:
Life Orientation, History
Christopher Reid:
Dramatic Arts, Physical Science. Technology
Jack Grout:
Dramatic Arts
Tommy Tanfield:
Dramatic Arts
Edward Potgieter:
Economic and Management Science Prize
Yazeed Lalkhen:
Economic and Management Science Prize, Practical Music
Alexander Love:
French Prize
Nikolas Lowther:
French Prize
Tristan Theys:
French Prize
Jeremiah Sanya:
French Prize
Edward Wild:
Life Sciences
Travis Turner:
Practical Music
James Hugo:
Non-practical Music
Joe Edward:
Physical Science
Edward Potgieter:
Visual Arts
Damien Barnard:
Visual Arts



MOLTENO LIBRARY

2023 has been a year of great change for the Molteno Library. A new Resource Centre Manager was employed in January and the building renovations commenced shortly thereafter. The space has quite literally been revamped from the inside out. I moved to Cape Town from Johannesburg where I managed the libraries at St Stithians Boys' College and more recently, Dainfern College. How exciting it is that I have joined Bishops Diocesan College at the dawn of a new era as our newly renovated building will be unveiled during our 175th celebration in 2024.

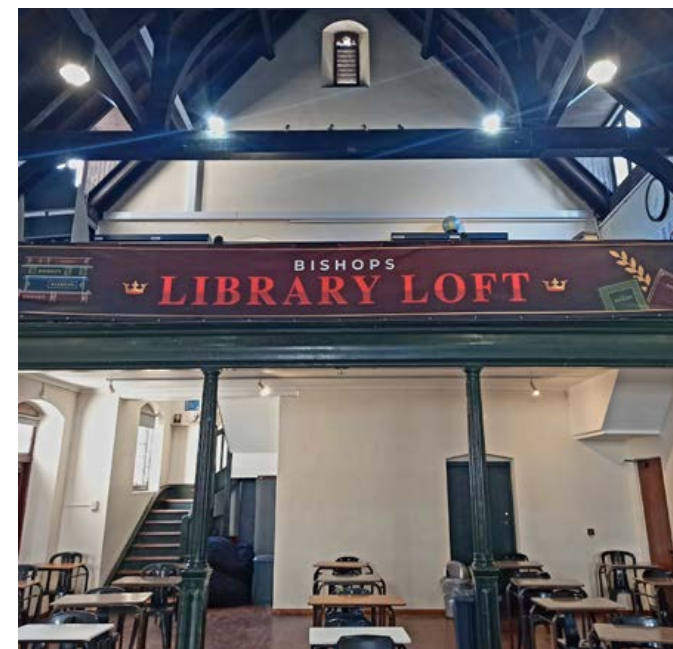
We have established a temporary library in the Old Gym and called it the 'Library Loft', as we have created an intimate reading space upstairs in the loft area. Most of the books in our catalogue are in storage along with the furniture, but we have a healthy selection of fiction titles accessible to students and staff. To satisfy our avid readers, we have signed up to an online library called OverDrive, where there are hundreds of books on offer. We have a running wish list for students and staff to request books of their choice and I make sure those requests are fulfilled.

The Old Gym is a shared venue; breaks and Open Periods are therefore an eclectic mix of different

activities. We have a group of young men who religiously frequent the Library Loft and they have fondly become known as the frequent fliers. Although the space is small, the boys choose to spend their time in the loft, reading, eating lunch, or connecting with friends. We are greatly looking forward to the opening of the new building, but this little space will be missed. The beanbags have provided moments of rest for students who do not feel well; the round four-seater table has become a workstation for those finishing homework or wanting to play chess. When all the available chairs have been used, the boys will sit on the floor, just to be in the space, even though there are many tables and chairs downstairs in the Old Gym for the students' comfort.

We thank the staff, students and families for their patience and understanding while the building renovations are taking place. All the frustrations and inconveniences will be long forgotten when we are enjoying the magnificent new space. As C.S. Lewis stated: 'Onward and Upward. To Narnia and the North!'

Jacqueline Dupont



BIG IDEAS

Building on the success of the 2022 Big Ideas curriculum revamp, the Social Impact Trophy was introduced this year, honouring Luke Carter, Deen Fortune, Josh Macdonald and Pablo Slaven, from the class of 2022. They raised R400 000 to purchase a house for Vuka Nomtobhoyi Orphanage in Langa.

For the first time, one class of Grade 9s joined the 2023 Big Ideas curriculum. Led by Rebecca Zeppel, Chris Hale, Wandile Nzuzi, Nikki Gerhardi and Jacky Dupont, the 27 boys started with an orientation introducing their 2023 pilot project, and took a trip to the Red & Yellow Creative School of Business.

The pilot project involved creating an educational activity book for Vuka Nomtobhoyi's children. They organised stationery drives, sought printing sponsorships, and sold hot chocolate at sports events, under Michael Mafunda's effective leadership.

Throughout the course, the class enjoyed enlightening sessions with numerous remarkable guest speakers, frequently sourced from our Bishops community, who not only challenged their thinking but also served as a source of inspiration. Additionally, the students embarked on educational outings to Earth Hub Farm,

delving into the intricacies of regenerative agriculture and its significance in our society. Another noteworthy excursion took them to Jakes Gerwel Tegnies, a profoundly inspiring community project in Bonnievale that aims to empower and upskill young individuals.

Once the formal project groups were formed, the groups attended a workshop with Richard Perez at the UCT Design School, identifying problems and solutions. By the end of Term 4, the class had formalised their project plans. Projects included developing academic resource web pages for underprivileged students, fundraising for GrowBags at Beautiful Gate to enable them to farm fresh produce, supporting Diocesan Scholars post life at Bishops, building a grey water system at Earth Hub Farm, and installing vertical vegetable gardens around Vuka Nomtobhoyi.

The class learned the importance of group work and community buy-in to ensure a successful project. They faced setbacks with resilience, pursuing adjusted projects and gaining invaluable experiences.

Rebecca Zeppel





CULTURE

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD CULTURE

As an educationalist, one of the questions one regularly has in one's mind is 'is it relevant?'. It's risky to be teaching something that has no relevance or is outdated. The real challenge, as a school, is to be continuously engaging with how and with whom, in order to ensure that we are exposing ourselves to the variety of truths that will lead to our thoughts and actions becoming relevant to us and our society.

When one looks at the current conflicts around the world, so many of them are caused by forms of greed or through a desire to dominate. These are human behaviours that have caused misery to millions of people over the millennia, and which every generation has subconsciously sought to avoid but which, inevitably, just repeat themselves.

So, as an educationalist, should one of our questions be: 'How do we ensure that the generation under our care does not repeat the mistakes of those who came before?' Well, I believe it is through stepping away from core repetitive learning, and 'playing' more! It is about removing the constant drum of assessment, marking grids or textbook consultation. It is about meeting people with a passion for something out of the ordinary; it is about engaging with people and their stories; it is about acting a character in a play that challenges you

to stand in someone else's shoes; it is about heated debates (especially those in which you argue against what you believe). The sensation of having to find a reason for a behaviour which is foreign to you, is when you start shifting your social construction of reality, which in turn leads you to the understanding of another's point of view. Is understanding another point of view not the start of being able to negotiate a new way of being, a new pathway or a new relationship? When the boys in the Eisteddfod plays this year thought through the topic #DoWeRise?, were they thinking of winning or were they thinking that in order to 'rise', they needed to work together as a whole? Did they consider that dominating behaviour was not the only way to rise? My hope is that through all the society meetings, role play in the Drama classes, the moments of awkwardness in dance, the nerves of a musical performance, that everyone involved became a bit more aware of the need to understand that difference is not a threat, but a connecting point.

Finally, I do hope that when we engaged with the school production, *The Shakespeare Revue*, we remembered that laughing is also something that connects us all!

Mark Mitchell



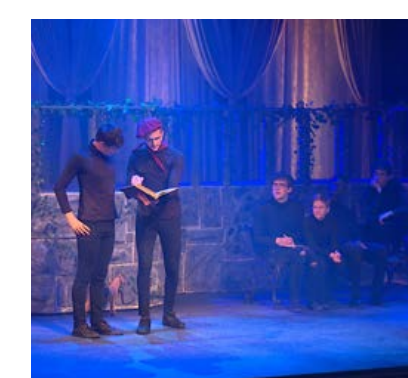
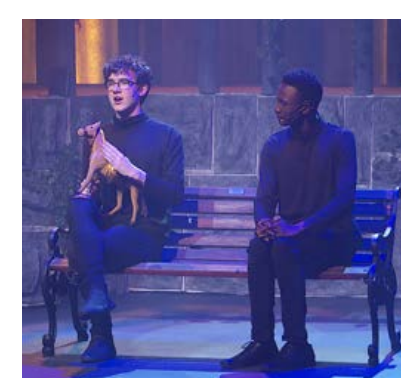
DRAMATIC ARTS

Shakespeare in Revue

It was an evening of sparkling sophistication and unabashed fun, celebrating the delights of the Bard in comic writing and music. Bishops was delighted to present the delicious cabaret-style cocktail of sparkling songs and hilarious sketches inspired by Shakespeare. It was our hope that audiences would be enthralled, entranced and entertained – and all without a doublet and hose in sight! The cast of Ben Anderson, Julian Boeddinghaus, Duncan Carter, Jamie Chester, Thomas de Waal and Bafokeng Lehloenywa was joined by vocalists, Tristan Carter, Jean du Toit and Nick Weir, and special guest stars, Stephen Carletti, Nimba Mahlati, Yanou Pienaar and Nadia Snyman.

I have nothing but respect and gratitude for the incredible people I worked with on the production. Every year, we are fortunate to have *many* talented people both on stage and behind the scenes who contribute in their own special ways. This year was no exception and I owe a special thank you to all the individuals who, in essence, gave up an inordinate amount of time, all while juggling exceedingly hectic first-term academic, sporting and cultural schedules, to make the production a success. A very special thank you to Maestro Carletti, Anni Goedhals, Jess Adriaan, Kieran Cattell, Frank Moody, Wesley Cupido, the Bishops maintenance crew, and Sarah Slemming and her team from Eagle Lighting. And isn't it wonderful to be back in the Memorial Theatre?

Wayne Tucker



MUSIC

'The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between.' - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

One of the things many musicians struggle with is the concept of silence. It is silence that gives sound meaning; it creates impact and, most importantly, is essential for our art to exist. As the year comes to an end, and as the department space becomes quieter as the days retreat into the holidays, I am more and more aware of the life that music brings to the building and especially to the daily life of Bishops boys. I always say that *all* Bishops boys are part of the Music Department because of the weekly hymn practices that we hold in the Chapel. It is a wonderful time for us as a school to celebrate our connectedness as human beings by singing together. It is this weekly session that, I believe, creates the phenomenon of the Bishops Inter-House Singing Competition. Besides this weekly experience, the boys have also been exposed to multiple performances – from string trios to rock bands – at the regular assemblies.

We have also held our usual more focused concerts this year, starting with the Ensemble Concert in March. This was an evening of wonderfully relaxed music-making where we, for the first time since 2020, felt the ensembles were once again coming back into their own. Even more rewarding was the fact that the venue was packed! Aside from this concert, we have also held

our termly lunchtime concerts as well as the evening quarterly concerts. Thanks to the OD Union/John Peake Music School Concert Series, we listened to staff member Daniel Brodie perform an unforgettable piano recital, playing in such a manner one wondered how he managed to get his fingers across all the keys in time!

In the third term, we joined the Eluvukweni Church Choir from Crossroads for a Sunday afternoon concert to raise funds to help the community build their new church. The programme involved the ensembles from both the Prep and College Music Departments as well as two combined Prep and College ensemble items. Following this concert, Simply Blue and Fusion (from Herschel) presented an evening of a cappella music-making with some extraordinary musicality being demonstrated.

In the third term, the College Choir combined with the Herschel Choir in a festival Evensong that included the performance of John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' (which we dedicated to Peter Westwood). There was also a full brass ensemble accompanying the hymns.

The fourth term saw our annual Composers' Concert. This year we included a number of electronic compositions – a genre that is becoming more and more popular – that the boys had worked on. Included in the concert were piano works, trios, jazz ensembles

and a work for full symphonic orchestra. Later in the same week we were treated to a Rock Band Concert at the Brass Bell Theatre in Kalk Bay. It was such a joy to see the professionalism and ease with which the boys handled their stage presence.

A week later we held the Vocalist Concert in the Hyslop Hall. This concert showcased all the boys who take voice lessons at Bishops, whether their voices have broken or not. Again, it was so rewarding to see such a varied programme of music and we were so impressed at the boys' ability to manage the diverse interpretation skills needed.

This year the Bishops String Ensemble was the recipient of the Gold Medal for the Best Ensemble at the KAE Eisteddfod, and the Bishops Rock Band was awarded third place at the Battle of the Bands at the Waterfront. The Wind Band was awarded high honours and the Jazz Band a diploma for their performances.

Sadly, we say goodbye to two staff members who have shared their vast knowledge, skill and time with Bishops boys over many years. Firstly, Gloria Bassett, who for many years was the Head of Academic Music. Gloria's teaching skills are legendary and her dedication to the development of Music as a subject at Bishops has been absolute. It is due to her expertise and guidance that our Matric Harmony results have always been exceptional. In addition, she has spent many extra hours teaching theory to extracurricular pupils, and enrichment harmony to those who want to further their harmonic skills. Her passion for the subject and her extremely caring nature for the boys will be missed.

Secondly, we say goodbye to Stephen Carletti. Stephen was responsible for the development of the

Voice Department at Bishops – over his many years of input, it has grown into the largest section of the Music Department. His influence on the Bishops Eisteddfod Inter-House Singing Competition, and especially on the development of the ensemble section (along with his extraordinary compositional talents) has been truly appreciated. His skill as a composer and his ability to teach composition has created the most extraordinary set of young composers, the likes of which have not been seen in any other school. We wish them both great joy in their journey ahead and once again thank them both for the huge contribution they have made to the musical life here at Bishops.

I have always enjoyed the words of the singer Aretha Franklin: 'Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening.'

I do hope that during 2023, the music performances that have taken place in our daily spaces have both uplifted and encouraged boys into new spaces and that, hopefully, these performances have allowed boys to engage further with music during their time here at Bishops. If this is the case, we have had a successful year, and as we close the department doors on this year, the silence that overtakes the building will again rejuvenate the space in order for us to experience another year of deep music-making in 2024, as we celebrate 175 years of Bishops.

Mark Mitchell

SIMPLY BLUE

Simply Blue, led by Jean du Toit and Koame Kota, began this year with the challenge of 10 new members, having only retained three singers from the year before! Despite an extraordinary number of disruptions to our rehearsal schedule, the boys did well to put a well-balanced programme together for their annual handover show in the Memorial Theatre. The show was a great success, in no small part due to the fabulous contribution of Sean Howard and Kieran Cattell (OD). We were also beautifully entertained by our guests, Herschel's a capella ensemble, Fusion, and by several fabulous solo items from the ranks of Simply Blue. At the end of the evening, the new group for 2024 was introduced, led by Ben Anderson and James Grieve. They performed their first song as a new group and already show great promise for next year.

*Stephen Carletti,
Musical Director*



VISUAL ARTS

Over the past three years, my journey with my Grade 12 Art class has been nothing short of inspiring. These young men began their artistic endeavours with me in Grade 10, and together, we have embarked on an incredible creative odyssey. Witnessing their growth has been a privilege I hold dear as a teacher. As we navigated the world of art, each student delved deep into their chosen mediums and, in the process, unravelled the unique narratives that define them. It's remarkable to see how these boys have evolved not only as artists but as young men, full of determination and passion for their craft. The body of work they've produced in their senior year is a testament to the countless hours of hard work and unwavering dedication they've poured into the subject. Their artworks reflect their personal growth, and I couldn't be prouder of the creative and resilient individuals they've become.

*Husain Essop,
Teacher-in-charge*



Che Nanoo



Grade 12 Art Class



Didi Marx



Craig Harrod



Tapiwa Nkumanda



Timothy Walsh



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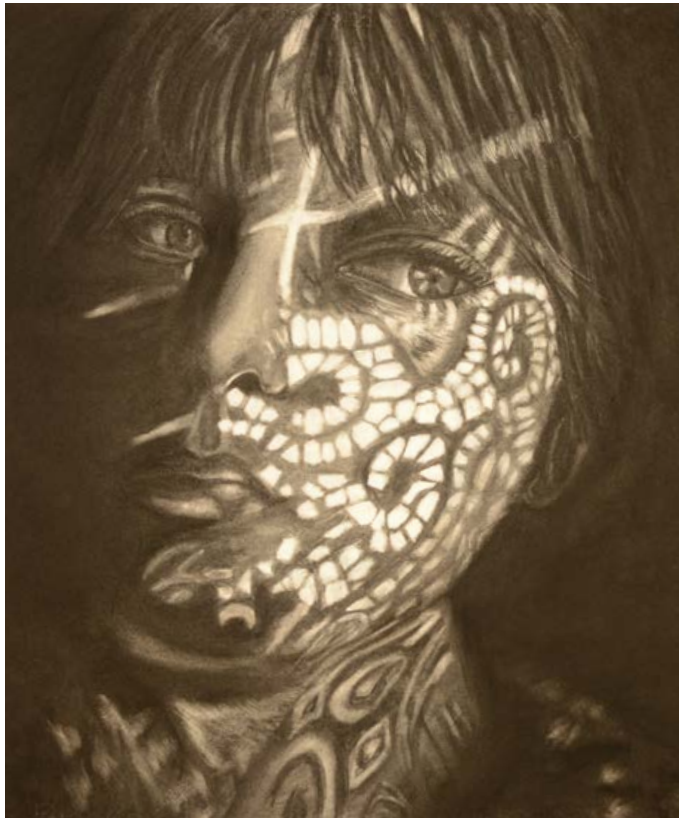
Thomas Cullum



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Kayan Jaga

EISTEDDFOD

The Bishops Eisteddfod is always a time of intense energy, the coming together of the Houses like no other time in the year and, most importantly, it is a time to create and a time to have fun. 2023 saw the full energy of the Bishops Eisteddfod once again emerging. For the first time since 2019 (and Covid-19), all sections took place. This year we were also able to add a new section: the ORMS Drone Challenge. Here the creativity of the Houses was pushed to the extreme – each House had to create a human pattern consisting of a certain number of boys in school uniform, and then photograph it from above using a drone. What was so rewarding was to see many Houses creating their House logos with great results. The Film section also exposed the sophisticated humour of some of the boys through the theme ‘Make me Laugh!’ We had a full theatre for Drama (Theme: #DoWeRise?) and a filled-to-capacity CTICC for the Bishops Interhouse Singing Competition (Set Song: ‘Burnin’ Love’ by Dennis Linde). This year the Houses certainly took the overall standard of the Interhouse Singing to a new level of performance, with the final results being extremely close. The Eisteddfod is always about celebrating the creative processes of our humanness. It is also a time to be able to express thoughts, a time to revisit and comment on experiences and, most importantly, a time to express a desire for change going forward. All of this is evidenced through Drama Monologues, Solo Singing, Poetry and Art. Sometimes in life, we have to extract our stories from

our daily walk and turn them into cameos on a stage for us to have more clarity about what is happening around us. I do hope that this year’s Eisteddfod has shown our community the value of the Arts in the boys’ lives. I hope that when we are overwhelmed by our daily lives and what we have to process, we all will remember that Theatre and the Arts are there for us to be able to stop and quietly begin to make sense of the distorted stories that society presents to us. And to those creatives in our midst, please use your creative skills to help people gain clarity and to ensure that the associated stories of our future are not cast in stone but are malleable and pliable. I encourage all of you to switch on your creative souls and seek solutions through stories of newness rather than through fear of change.

After the much-contested competition, the final awards were as follows:

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| • Prelim Owl | White House |
| • Visual Arts Owl | Gray House |
| • Drama Owl | Gray House |
| • Speech Owl | Gray House |
| • Music Owl | Gray House |
| • Interhouse Singing Owl | Mallett House |
| • Boarding House Owl | School House |
| • Overall Eisteddfod Owl | Gray House |

Mark Mitchell







SOCIETIES

African Relations

The African Relations Society, under the adept leadership of Ayanda Bonoyi, Lutho Cutshwa and their dedicated committee, enjoyed a remarkably successful year marked by several notable achievements.

The inaugural cultural evening held at the Mallett Centre was a resounding triumph. It drew enthusiastic participation from students and staff representing diverse schools. Numerous schools contributed to the evening’s success with outstanding and high-quality performances making it a standout event. The second notable achievement was an enchanting celebration of diverse cultures, featuring a breathtaking showcase of various talents. In addition, the society actively engaged with cultural events at neighbouring schools, providing our students with the opportunity to showcase their talents and cultural appreciation.

On Heritage Day, our society organised food stalls offering a wide array of delicacies from various cultures. This event not only satisfied our culinary cravings, but also underscored the importance of communal dining in fostering camaraderie among students and staff. The diverse and tantalising flavours and cultural capital on offer left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The talent show, a collaborative effort with Herschel, and orchestrated by the newly established committee, added an electrifying dimension to our society. This

event was not only entertaining; it also provided a platform for highlighting the diverse talents within our community.

Amid these celebrations, our consistent meetings served as the bedrock of our society. These gatherings provided safe spaces for open dialogue, shared experiences and the exchange of ideas. As we wrap up the year, we remain united and eagerly look forward to a promising year ahead.

Aneen Kritzinger,
Teacher-in-charge



Bird Club

I had no idea how the pieces of the puzzle would fall into place when I proposed that Bishops starts a Bird Club, but the year turned out to be a fascinating one on the birding front. I always knew that Adam Buckham was a keen birder and had heard that his father, Mike, was and still is, Chairman of the Cape Bird Club (CBC), which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2023. So, in November last year, Mike and I sat down and chatted. A few weeks later my wife and I attended our first CBC meeting – the annual bird club quiz at Bishops – after having been dormant members for many years. To say we were ‘hooked’ is an understatement.

Mike very kindly accepted our invitation to launch the Bird Club under the chairmanship of Adam. We invited Penny Dichmont to the meeting – she sits on the CBC committee and heads the lively and active youth portfolio. Penny took it upon herself to invite Peter (1950 OD) and Jenny Steyn, so we had birding royalty present. It was a huge honour to meet Peter and our conversation resulted in an amusing backflip around terminology – this meeting could not be the inaugural meeting, since back in 1950 he was the Secretary of the then Bird Club at Bishops. So, we called it our ‘resurrection’ meeting instead.

Adam organised two outings for us in Term 1: a visit to Strandfontein and another to Kirstenbosch. These were preceded by enlightening talks on the birds of the areas we were visiting. What added to the quality of these meetings was the fact that he took most of the photos shown. It was therefore no real surprise that he won the Youth Category of BirdLife South Africa’s photographic competition run in conjunction with Canon, with Mike Buckham winning the Endemic Species Category.



While the second term is as long as the first, it is made ‘shorter’ in terms of running meetings, thanks to public holidays and exams. We were privileged, however, to have Owen Davies (uncle to Matthew Owen in Grade 10) speak to us on his work with wind farms and the technology that is being deployed and developed to not only situate these in areas that will have the least impact on birds (in particular) but also help to shut the farms down if birds that could be affected are nearby.

Our intention is to welcome boys and their families to all our meetings – what was quite amusing was the number of parents who joined us for meetings and outings as they were interested but their sons were not!

*Graham Robertson,
Teacher-in-charge*

Christian Union of Bishops (CUB)

The Christian Union of Bishops (CUB) had another successful year. Boys continued to meet weekly on Wednesdays during open lessons to discuss and debate issues around the Christian faith. Topics covered this year included Christianity vs Evolution; Evidence for Jesus, his death and resurrection; Christian masculinity; and Christians and rock music, among others. Boys enjoyed the healthy debate and sharing of diverse opinions over a cup of hot chocolate and some ‘man-sized’ choc-chip cookies.

Members also attended Schools United, held at Sans Souci, which is a gathering of the Christian Unions of various schools across Cape Town, as well as a Youth Connect event at Cannons Creek High and a quiz night at Herschel. The committee organised our own quiz night, which was attended by around 80 people from various schools around Cape Town. The quiz was brilliantly mastered by Joc Wrench, with Leighton Ronne from St James Church, Kenilworth, as the guest speaker. The evening turned out to be a huge success.

Thank you to the Matrics who served on the committee, namely Daniel and Aiden Richards, Nashe Chahwahwa and Michael Ritz. Their efforts were largely responsible for maintaining the momentum, attendance and membership. We finished off the year with some very inspiring testimonies from these Matrics on how their faith has grown over the last five years. We pray that you will all continue to walk faithfully with our Saviour as you move forward into tertiary education.

*Keith Warne,
Teacher-in-charge*



Dance

After a two-year break we were able to run a Dance Society again this year. Bishops Matrics and Herschel Grade 11s met at alternating venues to learn the dance steps to the waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha-cha, sokkie, rumba and rock 'n roll. We had a final formal evening in the Woodlands Pavilion with dance cards and competitions – everyone looked very smart and enjoyed the evening. All too soon we were dancing the last waltz!

Phil Court,
Teacher-in-charge

Debating

With their sharp wit, eloquence and unwavering determination, the young minds of the Debating Society left an indelible mark on the debating scene, attesting to their exceptional talent and dedication. At the forefront of these remarkable achievements is the formidable debater Caden Chuang. Displaying a level of skill and intellect beyond his years, Caden achieved an extraordinary feat by securing the second position in the prestigious Cape Town Open University Debating Competition. This incredible accomplishment marks the highest ranking ever achieved by a high school student in this fiercely competitive tournament. The Cape Town Open is renowned for being one of the most challenging debating competitions in Africa, where high school students have the opportunity to face off against seasoned university graduates and students. Caden's outstanding performance against opponents older and more experienced than him is a testament to his talent, resilience and ability to rise to the occasion. Not only did he achieve personal success, but his team also made waves throughout the competition. With their

exceptional teamwork and persuasive arguments, they reached the semi-finals, becoming the youngest high school team ever to reach this level in the Cape Town Open. This achievement speaks volumes about the potential and calibre of the Debating Society.

Adding to the list of accomplishments, Daniel Bursey and Matthew de Jager were selected for the Western Cape Schools Debating Board's junior team. This recognition is a testament to their intellectual prowess and demonstrates their potential to make a lasting impact in the world of debating.

Nadia Snyman,
Teacher-in-charge

Democritus

In 2023, Democritus rocked the scene with hard work and dedication.

Next-level robotics and 3D printing: We built Arduino Primo robots from scratch and did maze challenges. Buckle up for 2024, we're crafting a joystick-controlled, tank-like rover with 3D printed parts. Yes, we're getting our own 3D printer – a first at Bishops!

Funds in the bag: Thanks to Noah Macnab and David Lewis' heroics at the Mayor's Innovation Fair, they snagged R20 000 for Democritus and R10 000 for themselves. Add in another R10 000 from a previous bridge-building competition, and we're on the 3D printer express.

Competition swagger and science showstoppers: SAICE, Aqualibrium, Mayor's Fair – we owned them all. Our winnings? Pumped back into top-notch gear. We

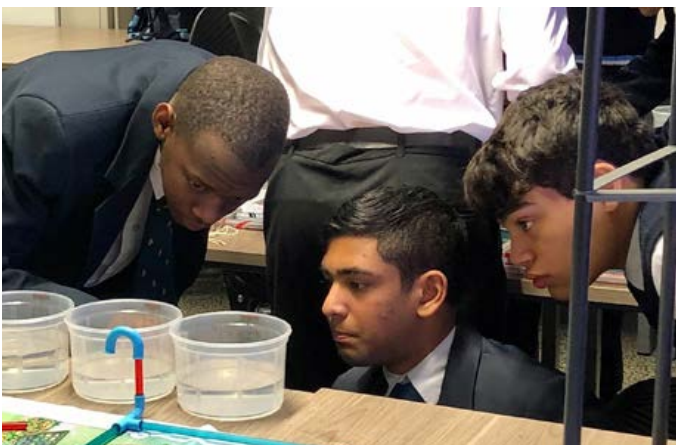
also wowed at the 2023 Bishops Open Day with mind-bending demos. Get ready for an encore early next year.

Jet-setting with science: Democritus is gearing up for an overseas Science tour – the 'Across the Alps Tour' – hitting Italy, Switzerland and France in June 2024. This epic adventure wasn't just a spontaneous decision; it was a dream nurtured in the lab of the Democritus Society, and two years in the making. Apart from exploring the scientific wonders of Italy and France, we've been granted an exclusive booking to visit CERN (The European Organization for Nuclear Research) in Geneva, Switzerland. Picture this: a backstage pass to the CERN Control Centre and a journey underground into the Large Hadron Collider to witness the CMS particle collider in action. With 31 boys, several of whom are Democritus members, and three teachers, we're getting ready for the science adventure of a lifetime.

Top of Form

If you're interested in joining the society, get in touch with our members during our weekly meetings every Thursday in Open lesson from 1pm to 1.45pm. See you there!

Lizelle Swanepoel,
Teacher-in-charge



Drama

Menzi Mkhwane Creations is a theatre company founded in KwaZulu-Natal by passionate and dedicated theatre practitioners. Their primary mission is to deliver stories to audiences using the powerful and expressive language of the arts. They brought a wonderful experience to Bishops, Herschel and St Cyprian's at the Memorial Theatre with their fresh rendition of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. The production captured the essence of absurd theatre, showcasing great energy and physicality while incorporating various theatre techniques. The use of minimalistic props and effective utilization of the performance space enhanced the overall experience for the audience.

Nokuzola Gololo,
Teacher-in-charge



Forum

Chair: Zachariah Coovadia

There were several interesting meetings held during the year. Mr Bill Coetzee of Youngblood Consultants, a data company 'enabling businesses to collect data wherever it is, to store it safely, to get it to whoever needs it, and to structure and visualise it so it is unambiguous and enables confident decision making', addressed the society, providing the members with different potential approaches to AI. While our students would be expected to be savvy in this area, Mr Coetzee certainly challenged the members with a wide range of models that exist, emphasising the fast rate at which this industry is growing. The second talk was by Dr Paul Murray who spoke on the topic of the confluence of science and religion. Tim Jenkin, the South African writer, gave a riveting talk on his escape from Pretoria Central Prison along with Stephen Lee and Alex Moumbaris after being incarcerated for political activity. Verity Price addressed the society as a former world champion of public speaking. Her theme was 'Telling the story in us'.

Paul Murray,
Teacher-in-charge

Interact

Teacher-in-charge: Husain Essop

The Bishops Interact Society enjoyed another busy year of growth and outreach. Interact invited VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy to the first Fun Frenzy event since 2019. The children played games like Red Rover and Ultimate Frisbee and received a gift from the Interact Society. Another notable event was the society's second annual Fun Day with Vision Child and Youth Care Centre, which included a tour of Bishops,



a cupcake-decorating workshop, games, a movie and lunch. The usual civvies days were also held, raising funds for organisations such as the 9Miles Project. A new committee was elected, and some long-serving and committed members were awarded their Interact ties to honour and commemorate their time and service to the club. Mr Husain Essop led the club with immense empathy, initiative and enthusiasm and is appreciated for all that he has offered Bishops Interact.

Yanou Pienaar

International

Mr Reeler gave us a very interesting talk about his trip to South Korea to visit his son who is living and working there. When he got home, he said he realised that the size of the entrance hall of the Principal’s House is larger than the apartments in which most people live there. Emma Dorrington shared her experiences of backpacking and hiking around South America. Her photographs of Torres del Paine National Park in southern Chile were spectacular. We also had three speakers on one evening telling us about their trips over the mid-year holiday. Andrew Betty shared highlights of the History Tour to France. Thomas de Waal spoke about the Fencing Tour to Germany, and Mr Steyn told us about the cruise his family took on the Mediterranean. His highlight every day was sitting at an outdoor café enjoying a cup of coffee and watching the world go by. At our final meeting, David Court (OD) spoke to the boys about his experience of working at a ski resort in the Rocky Mountains in the US and the subsequent travelling he did through Brazil and Argentina, using the money he’d made during the ski season.

*Phil Court,
Teacher-in-charge*

Lingua Franca
Chair: Richard Mason

There were several interesting meetings held during the year. Mr Geoffrey Ashmead (OD) addressed the society on the question of corruption in the business world in South Africa, giving accounts of actual examples. The message was to be prepared to fight corruption. Dr Murray spoke on the topic of university life at Cambridge, with an accompanying slide presentation. Dr Mubeen Goolam (OD) of UCT presented a talk on stem cells. A combined Forum and Lingua Franca meeting featured Tim Jenkin in a follow-up to a previous talk on his experiences in Operation Vula, which involved underground work from London.

*Paul Murray,
Teacher-in-charge*

Literary

Although the Literary Society did not meet as often as usual this year, the discussions on all things book and film were stimulating, diverse and substantial, and we look forward to continuing to grow the society as we move ahead from strength to strength.

*Yanou Pienaar,
Teacher-in-charge*

Museum and Archives

Dr Paul Murray hosted the Forum for Schools Museums and Archives in Term 4 at The Mitre. This is a society of teachers in the Peninsula that meets to discuss relevant issues. The society facilitated the award from the Blue Plaque schools project born out of the recognition of

Bishops as an important heritage site in South Africa. The Museum is open to visitors during office hours. Please contact Paul Murray via email at: pmurray@bishops.org.za

*Paul Murray,
Teacher-in-charge*

Public Speaking

The Public Speaking Society has had another full and successful year. Our membership has grown in leaps and bounds, especially among the juniors. This bodes well for the future of public speaking and critical thinking at Bishops and, dare we say it, for the leaders of the future.

Term 1 closed with Ben Anderson, Jamie Chester, Divakaran Govender, Jacob Fried and Ché Nanoo competing in the World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships in Durban. Students from around the world – including our five Bishops boys – thoroughly enjoyed a triumphant return to in-person competition. Jacob Fried placed 25th, Jamie Chester 24th, and Ben Anderson won the Debating category, placing third overall.

The second and third terms were spent not only enjoying meetings but also preparing for the National Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championship, once again held in Durban. We took a young and largely inexperienced team consisting of Caden Chuang, Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager, Immanuel Magongwa, Milan Sandri and Maximus Sandri. Nokuzola Gololo kindly accompanied the team as a second adjudicator. They gave an excellent performance: all six boys placed in the top 30, with Matthew de Jager placing 15th overall, and Caden Chuang making the

Interpretative Reading Final, and then placing sixth overall.

Caden Chuang, Matthew de Jager, Samuel Clarke and Immanuel Magongwa have been selected for the South African team that will be competing in Canberra, Australia, in April 2024.

*Clea Shultz-Mofokeng,
Teacher-in-charge*



Science Café

The Science Café featured two engaging talks this year. Narusha Isaacs-Klein, a PhD candidate in astrophysics, shared insights into the basics of her field and her journey in astronomy, emphasising youth empowerment and the exciting adventures within astrophysics. In another event, Associate Professor Greg Calligaro discussed the intricacies of lung transplantation, drawing on his expertise in pulmonology and his role as the medical lead of the heart and lung transplant service at Groote Schuur Hospital. These talks provided a diverse and informative experience for attendees, showcasing the breadth of scientific knowledge and its impact on healthcare and astrophysical exploration.

*Marvin Bester,
Teacher-in-charge*

Ten Club President: Peter Westwood

The Ten Club, a society comprised of 10 Matric pupils, gathers five times throughout the year. At each meeting, two different members have their turn to present a 20-minute speech on a topic that interests them before the group engages in discussion and debate. The Society, originally named *The Literary and Sociological Society*, was founded in 1927 by Principal Hubert Kidd.

The first meeting of 2023 began with presentations from Oliver Hufton and Jody Syndercombe. Oliver spoke about the likelihoods and possibilities of the fast-approaching Fourth Industrial Revolution – namely artificial intelligence and 3D-printed organs – and what these developments could mean for the human race. Jody delivered his speech on consciousness

and AI, explaining the paradox of consciousness with relevance to AI and the dangers that may arise from the development of conscious AI. The topic brought about discussion on the future of the world with AI and the recently released ChatGPT, and whether it should be used in schools.

David Brunt started the next meeting with his speech on immortality. He introduced the topic by explaining the possibility of humans achieving immortality and summarised the ongoing and intriguing research into reducing the rate of ageing. He continued to describe a world in which humans are immortal and discussed the various effects immortality could have. The topic inspired intense debate on religion, ambition and morality in an immortal world and whether immortality was appealing to the members of the group. Nic Allison followed with his speech on success and the subjectivity of success in our world. He went on to share his experience of success and comment on the extent to which success is determined by external factors such as the time of year when one is born.

The third meeting held presentations from Stuart Whitelaw and Zuhayr Mohamood. Stuart spoke about the omnipresence of war throughout human history and the significant cost that arises from war. He spoke about the glorification and propaganda of war and evaluated whether true world peace is ever truly achievable. In the second half of the evening, Zuhayr introduced his speech by outlining the origins of science and religion, and their purposes in our lives. He concluded by arguing the compatibility of the two sources, stating that both science and religion are sources we should make use of in understanding the world.



Michael Ritz kicked off the fourth meeting of the year by exploring how a person’s thoughts can shape their reality. He discussed the correlation between a person’s thought patterns and their happiness and explained how living a life of significance rather than pursuing success was pivotal in finding one’s fulfillment. In the presentation that followed, Divakaran Govender elaborated on the view of ‘Why we can’t stop climate change’. He focused on the prevalence of consumerism and capitalism in our society and humanity’s failure to take adequate action due to the detrimental prioritisation of economic growth.

At the last meeting of the year, Kaspar Holm presented an alternative perspective of the education system, arguing that the education system should focus more on understanding as opposed to rote learning. He argued that the modern education system stifles creativity and natural intelligence in children. To conclude the

final meeting, Michael Kruse introduced his speech by explaining how the Western World largely neglects the issue of poverty and spends disproportionately on space exploration. He continued to weigh up the benefits and detriments of spending money on space exploration as opposed to reducing poverty in the world. The topic inspired discussion on whether space exploration was an issue of humanitarian aid or human exploration and the viability of pursuing both issues at the same time.

We thank Mr Westwood for his excellent service as president of the Ten Club over his tenure as Deputy Principal and wish him well in his retirement. Ten Club has certainly been an incredibly enjoyable and enriching experience for the whole group.

*Zuhayr Mohamood,
Secretary*

The Historical Bench

Chairs: Caden Chuang and James Collins

There were several interesting meetings held during the year. Caden Chuang presented his talk on Open AI and ChatGPT, which got interesting responses from the members. The next talk was on the topic of South Africa's position in BRICS and the potential for this organisation to grow (presented by Dr Paul Murray). Caden then presented a talk on China as a growing partner for trade with South Africa. The final talk was by Daniel von der Heyden, who presented an outline of the history of the Arab-Israeli question. Staff from the Philosophy Society and other societies also attended. This society is driven by the students and concentrates on geopolitical issues. It was started by Dr Murray in 1999, the year Bishops turned 150.

*Paul Murray,
Teacher-in-charge*



PASTORAL

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD PASTORAL

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

The House system has continued to be core to the success of the College with the care of the boys in the hands of wonderfully caring and competent staff. 2023 saw two new House Directors in Sean Henchie (Gray) and Campbell Smith (Mallett). Both settled quickly into their roles and put their many years of leadership in the pastoral, academic and sporting spheres to good use in their care of the boys. In addition, Sa-eed Slamdien (Birt) and Shaun Hewett (Ogilvie) moved into the open Assistant House Director positions, and they have both added significantly to the pastoral care in their own unique ways. Bishops really is blessed with the quality of staff when it comes to pastoral care. 2023 had seen many boys move to boarding and all three Houses are almost full. This is a compliment to all the staff who work so hard to create a home-from-home environment. The upgrades to the dormitories are almost complete now and upgrading the studies is next.

The 2023 Matrics proved to be a strong and caring group of leaders and they added to the pastoral care of

the boys by example and a hands-on approach. It was one of those years when many rose to the challenge of ‘servant leadership’ and grew as people through serving the boys in their care. Nic Allison, Ben Hatty and Ayanda Bonoyi were fine examples and together with Nikolaos Augoustatos (Student Representative Forum Chairman), they formed a well-balanced and energetic senior leadership team for the Matric group. Nikolaos led the SRF superbly and they played a particularly significant role through the year, with 53 boys awarded distinctions for leadership. The Grade 11s went off on the leadership camp to Rocklands, led by Angus Firth, and the reports of their engagement and behaviour that came back were very encouraging for Matric leadership 2024.

The Bishops Support Unit (BSU) had a particularly busy year, which points to an increasing need for both emotional and academic support. The latter has seen several new initiatives, including the use of computer software that can take the place of readers in exams, and even tests. Peter Farlam and Marileen Harrod have had to deal with many complex issues through the year and one does have to wonder whether the emotional effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still being felt more deeply than one might imagine. Linked to the BSU in terms of care for boys in need has been the continued



help given to Diocesan scholars in various programmes led by Chris Ekron. He has been aided by a number of caring staff in these programmes and has made an increasingly significant impact.

The San has never had a busier year and Sisters Carryn Boden and Anita Groenewald have been extraordinarily busy at times. We had to enforce some stricter rules to counter the boys who were using the San as a means of getting out of tests or not handing in work! Dr Colin de la Harpe was appointed as the new school doctor and has proved to be excellent! Sister Boden has continued

to run the San with much enthusiasm and joy and is a great blessing to us all.

It has been my privilege to fill the role of Deputy Head of Pastoral since 2007. Over this time I have worked with many wonderful men and women who care for our boys. My thanks to them all! Mr Joc Wrench was appointed to take over the Deputy Head Pastoral role from the start of 2024 and I wish him all the best.

Peter Westwood

FOUNDERS HOUSE

House Director: Willem Steyn
Assistant House Director: Barry Emms
House Mother: Lorraine Chateau
Tutors: Glen Gibbon, Joc Wrench, Sam Mofokeng, Chris Hale
Head of House: Ayanda Bonoyi
Deputy Head of House: Koame Kota



Once again, Founders showed our sporting dominance from the beginning of the year, but we were unlucky to be runners-up to White House as they claimed the three-peat by winning Sports Day, Relay Sports and Heats Week.

In the winter terms we flourished once again and enjoyed a successful rugby showing as we won all our games and dominated Inter-House rugby. This is where the big boys show up and we did not disappoint. Many of our boys were involved in the 1st team and 2nd team set-up, with two of our Matric leaders, Ayanda Bonoyi and Tapiwa Nkumanda, being chosen on a consistent basis. Austin Graaff joined them on tour to Johannesburg just before the season commenced.

Founders had one of the most successful Eisteddfods ever this year, coming second in the Inter-House Singing section. This was due to the hard work of Koame Kota and his team. The boys worked hard, and the results showed.

Well done to the Richards twins (Aiden and Daniel) for representing South Africa in fencing this year, competing against top countries.

The Variety Show was well received by the parents and teachers as the boys showcased their talents and brought smiles to people's faces on a hot Sunday afternoon. It was a successful event that helped raise funds and was an enjoyable day for all.

We would like to thank the Matric leaders of 2023 and their devotion to Founders which led to our success this past year.

Floreat Founders!

Lukholo Sidina and Ross Stewart





SCHOOL HOUSE

House Director: Leon Glanvill
Assistant House Director: Bradley Smith
Tutors: Nelson Mogodi, Keith Warne,
 Julianne van Zuydam, Mouton Joubert
House Mother: Denise Frank
Head of House: Kaspar Holm
Deputy Head of House: Olo Sopotela



Living and working in a historic building is such a privilege. It certainly comes with the challenges of damp, faulty plumbing and now, erratic electrical supplies though. School House was once the school's classrooms and the headmaster's residence. Yet, like all buildings and significant places, the structure is made alive because of the people who occupy its halls. School House is blessed to have a very inclusive population of boys and staff. They make a family that is both quirky and dynamic. That is one of the reasons it could be considered the best House in the school. This variety has allowed School House to build on the rich traditions and values of Bishops while embracing the changes South Africa faces. The main objective this year has been to build on and enhance the House's pride and passion.

By the end of 2023 all the major dorms in the House had been renovated. Thanks to the demanding work of a complete range of people and the support of the College, School House stands proud as a modern, forward-looking establishment gracing the campus.

The journey for 12 Grade 8 boys started with anxious days as they grappled with a new school. Before long, they felt right at home and won a standing ovation for their performances at the cabaret. I want to thank Kaspar Holm and Olo Sopotela for their outstanding leadership of these boys. The Grade 9 lads were all consumed by what Bishops had to offer and their College life is already flying by. Didier Marx and Bradley Calow helped to calm this rambunctious bunch of lads. As I write, the Grade 10s have bought their food to put in boxes for EPIC. Serious debates as to whether a particular brand of tuna is better than another can be heard in the passages. Our Grade 11 group is a loyal and proud one. They have already made a positive start to their leadership in the House under the pastoral guidance of James Louw and David Brunt. Zach Willemse and Ryan Caffery poured their hearts and souls into the House, helping with discipline and wise words. Gilermo Mentoe sizzled on the sports field and became a wise companion to the lads. Luke Oellermann, Christopher Leith and Che Nanoo never once let the House down



and shone as individuals in debating, Simply Blue and supporting House activities. Kudos to Christian Steward for his loyalty to what was right and his support for the House. Ben Norton found Matric quite different to what he expected, and Brandon Matyeba was wise in his role on the Diversity and Transformation Committee. Brandon won the 100-Yard Journey Trophy for his caring leadership and selfless acts. Joshua Benians and Thomas Barker grew in stature and had to manage some complex challenges as young adults. Both are fine young men. William Jones was the quiet and ever-present supporter of the House, with a wonderful sense of humour. Ben led any challenge that took place in the House – from quad sports to 'owning' any game in the Rec room.

At the end of the first term, we said a fond farewell to Dorris Lottering. She was an outstanding mentor and member of staff for 33 years. We also had a memorial service for Meshak Massinga. Meshak worked in School House for 44 years. These are two fine people who did so much for this House. I need to extend huge thanks to Bradley Smith who has been a most able and wise assistant.

Floreat School House.

Leon Glanvill

WHITE HOUSE



House Director: Jean Nolte
Deputy House Director: Kurt Baatjies
House Mother: Angela Fordham
Tutors: Phil Court, Rebecca Goble, Warwick Richter, Alungile Williams
Head of House: Merlin Fransman
Deputy Head of House: Matthew French

2023 was indeed a very good year for the boys of White House. They displayed the true meaning of commitment, hard work and modesty, and their dedication has led to remarkable success. The boys, staying true to the values of our House, achieved something truly special.

In the field of athletics, the House secured all three major cups: Heats Week, Relay Sports, and Sports Day. The determination of the House was also evident – dip, heave, dip, heave – as White House also emerged victorious in the Senior Tug-of-War competition. The boys really had us bend the spoons with much delight as we experienced some roaring successes.

During Eisteddfod, meticulous planning, teamwork and a willingness to be involved helped the House secure the Preliminary Owl, a testament to the leadership group’s organisational skills and dedication to excellence. Although the other owls were elusive, the boys performed well and made us proud.

The House is in a very strong position, and we are very optimistic about the future in terms of the prevailing culture of togetherness and respect for one another and also in terms of the boys’ willingness to work hard and perform for their House.

Merlin Fransman and Matt French, and the whole Matric team, deserve special mention for guiding White House so effectively and for setting a wonderful example to their peers and the younger boys. They leave the House in as proud a position as it has ever been, and more.

Our thanks also go to all the dedicated staff in White House who make it a safe and clean environment throughout the year and who are willing to walk the extra mile for the boys.

Jean Nolte



GRAY HOUSE

House Director: Sean Henchie

Assistant House Directors: Julian Vincent and Richard Smith

Tutors: Jacky Dupont, Mouton Joubert, Rhoda Manie, David Motsi, Victoria Nkosi, Roseanne Withey, Wayne Tucker (January – June 2023)

Head of House: Dane Rogers

Deputy Head of House: Richard Mason



As this year ends, we have an opportunity to take a look back and recall what the 116 young men of Gray House have been up to over the past 12 months. We have a diverse set of talents among them, which is demonstrated in the wide array of accomplishments achieved, both individually and as a House.

We started the year by welcoming 27 new boys to Gray, 25 of them in Grade 8 and two in Grade 10 (David Furter and Claudio Aliverti). At the end of Term 2, we said a fond farewell to Wayne Tucker, who has been an outstanding tutor (and on occasion Assistant House Director) in Gray House for the whole of his Bishops career. We miss him enormously in Gray. In Term 3, we welcomed Mouton Joubert as a new tutor in Wayne's place, as well as Jacky Dupont who is heading up the newly created eighth tutor group.

Inter-House competitions

Once again, the boys of Gray performed exceptionally well in all Inter-House events this year. While bringing home trophies and medals is pleasing, what is more important is that they always participated in good spirit, with gusto and pride. Gray placed third at Relay Sports, second in Heats Week, and second at Sports Day, thanks to a sustained effort by all our athletes. Notable individual contributions came from Ben Durrant, Josh Gorgens, Miyolo Ngculu, Nicholas Perez, Callum Jenman and Reece Quin (Victor Ludorum), all of whom were either trophy winners or earned podium positions in their respective events.

There were trophies in Inter-House Sailing, Senior Hockey, Junior Soccer, Junior 7s Rugby and the Most Improved Grade in the school (Grade 12s), as well as the Trophy for the Best House in Academics in 2023. Our



Gray House golfers (Seb Dorward, Mike Cadiz, Kayan Jaga and Dylan de Groot) finished second in the Inter-House Golf competition.

Gray prides itself on putting up a strong showing in the Eisteddfod each year, and this year was no different, winning an unprecedented number of Owls – the Visual Arts Owl, the Speech Owl, the Music Owl and the Dramatic Arts Owl – and placing third for the Singing Owl. Gray was the worthy winner of the overall Eisteddfod Owl, for a record-setting seventh year in a row.

Sport

There were several sporting highlights for our boys this year. Three of our cricketers took '5-fers': Tiaan Louw, playing for the Bishops 1st XI, took 5/24 against Queens College, a hat-trick (3/28) against Selborne College



at the Cape Schools Cricket Week, and 5/43 against Wynberg; David Lewis took two '5-fers', both of which included a hat-trick. The first was against Paarl Boys' with figures of 5/25, the second against Zwaanswyk with figures of 5/5; and Maximus Sandri took 5/27 for the U15B team against Wynberg. David Handley (108 off 96) and Kyle Stirk (113 off 68) both scored centuries in the U17A win against Michaelhouse. Josh Huntingford competed in the SA Life Saving Championships, making the finals in all his events and winning gold in the Beach Sprints and Flags events. He was also selected to represent Western Province at the National Still Water and Surf tournaments. Jordan De Sousa was awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament at both the SACS 1st Team and Saints Stayers Water Polo Tournaments. Gabriel Elsley and Edward Potgieter placed second in the U14 Octuple and third in the U14 Quad at the SA Rowing Champs. Cuan Sides represented South Africa at the KSI World Karate Championships. Sam Berrisford,



Callum Jenman and Reece Quin were awarded Quadrangular Ties in recognition of their remarkable performance and dedication to the school athletics team for three consecutive years.

Half Colours were awarded to Sam Berrisford (hockey), Christopher Gray (hockey), Thomas Ludlam (hockey), Albert Steyn (hockey), Paballo Magadla (soccer), Michael Cadiz (golf), Reece Quin (athletics) and Michael Lawson (sailing). Full Colours were awarded to Dylan van Coeverden de Groot (hockey and squash), Zac Heyns (hockey), Ilyaas van Graan (hockey), Sebastian Dorward (golf, re-award), Nic Macdonald (squash), Richard Mason (sailing) and Jordan De Sousa (water polo). The following were selected for WP representation: Nic Macdonald (WP U19B squash), Oliver Badenhorst (WP U14A water polo), Milo Letschert (WP U16B water polo) and Jordan De Sousa (WP U19A water polo).

Service

Service Ties were awarded to Zac Heyns, Dylan van Coeverden De Groot and Ilyaas van Graan for their



contribution to hockey umpiring. Tristan Dahl and Matthew le Roux were awarded Service Ties for their commitment to AV. Thomas Le Grange was awarded his Service Tie for three years of duty completed in first aid and Johann Steyn was awarded Full Colours for first aid for his dedicated service and leadership. The following Gray House boys did the school proud in the PR Group: Cameron Giles, Joseph Lappin, Michael Lawson, Thomas Ludlam, Rohan Murray-Cooke, Milan Sandri and Cameron Wilson.

Academic

Gray House had another excellent year academically, with the following boys being awarded prizes for their academic performance in 2022 at Term 1's Prize-Giving: Billy Oriander, Maximus Sandri, Ketan Govan, Jeremy Liddle, Zeno Benolich, Luke Davidge, Noah Macnab, David Lewis (first in grade), Justin Pillay, Sebastian McAdam, Jordan De Sousa, Milan Sandri, Christopher Gray, Rohan Murray-Cooke, Michael Cadiz, Dane Rogers, Nic Macdonald, Jamie Chester, Kayan Jaga and Ilyaas van Graan. In Term 4, at the Matric Prize-Giving,



prizes were awarded to Dane Rogers, Jamie Chester, Kayan Jaga, Ilyaas van Graan, Richard Mason, Jean du Toit and Dylan van Coeverden de Groot.

Academic Ties (Half Colours) were awarded to Sam Berrisford, Dane Rogers, Avi Naidoo, Luke Davidge, Max Fair, Aarav Desai, Ketan Govan, Jeremy Liddle, Max Marshall-Smith, Billy Oriander, Maximus Sandri and Zuhayr Sirkot. Academic Jerseys (Full Colours) were awarded to Ketan Govan, Christopher Gray, Jeremy Liddle, Nic Macdonald, Maximus Sandri, Hasheel Govan, Ilyaas van Graan and Noah Macnab.

There were some notable performances on other fronts too. Jeremy Liddle achieved a silver medal and fifth place in the UCT Mathematics Competition. In the South African Mathematics Olympiad Jeremy Liddle, Ilyaas van Graan and Dylan van Coeverden de Groot made it to the final round where the top 100 junior and senior students compete. Jeremy Liddle placed first provincially in Round 2 and achieved fifth place nationally after Round 3. He also placed fifth nationally after the final round of the 2023 University of Witwatersrand Maths Competition. In the English Olympiad, Jamie Chest won gold, Hasheel Govan and Richard Mason won silver, and Milan Sandri and David Lewis won bronze. In the Programming Olympiad, Katlego Setai earned silver. David Lewis and Noah Macnab won third prize (and R30 000) in the Mayor's Science and Innovation Fair for their project that converts carbon dioxide into soap.

Cultural

Several of our boys were involved in the school production, *Shakespeare in Revue*, directed by Gray House tutor Wayne Tucker. On show were the comedic talents of Jamie Chester and Duncan Carter and the

singing of Jean du Toit. Tristan Dahl and Matthew le Roux were members of the hardworking backstage crew. Aidan Booysen achieved a distinction in the Rockschooll Music Production graded examinations. Jamie Chester competed as part of Team South Africa at the World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships at the end of last term. He placed a very impressive 24th overall. Liam Chester and Edward Cruise in their band, Leave it Blank, came third in the Cape Town Battle of the Bands. In Term 3 we had the annual Gray House Soiree where Jamie Chester, Duncan Carter, Liam Chester, Justin Pillay, Aidan Booysen, Tristan Dahl, Richard Mason, Jean du Toit, David Handley, Dylan de Groot and Richard Mason all played pieces from the Eisteddfod.

Half Colours went to Jean du Toit (drama), and Full Colours were awarded to Jamie Chester (drama) and Duncan Carter (drama). Jamie Chester was also awarded a Distinction Tie for representing South Africa at the World Individual Public Speaking Championships. Milan Sandri was awarded his African Relations Society Tie for dedication and loyalty; Jeremy Liddle earned a Debating Tie and, for his dedication to the Global Issues Network Society, Nic Macdonald was awarded his GIN Tie.

General

Luke Davidge (The Netherlands), David Lewis (Australia) and Noah Macnab (Australia) were all selected for Exchange. Edward Cruise and Thomas Ludlam earned their All-rounders Ties, while the following all earned their 13-year Ties: Sam Berrisford, Jamie Chester, Hasheel Govan, Kayan Jaga, Callum Jenman, Kallan Jones, Nic Macdonald, Johann Steyn and Dylan van Coeverden de Groot. During the course of the year, we held our formal grade dinners (two unfortunately had to be held in the Day Boy dining room due to the

construction site making Gray inaccessible to caterers). We are always grateful to our speakers who share their experiences with our boys, which this year included Paul Lewis (actuary and lecturer on Ethics), Wandile Nzuza (young teacher from Bishops), Roger Horrocks (underwater filmography), and Richard Smith (Assistant House Director).

At our annual House dinner, we announced our ‘Gray House Grade 12 of the Year’ award, which went to Dylan van Coeverdan de Groot for his incredible passion and *gees* for all things Gray and Bishops, as well as the ‘Gray House Grade 8 of the Year’ award, which went to Tristan Brunton. In addition, we announced our incoming Head of House, Thomas Ludlam, and Deputy Head of House, Cameron Giles, for 2024.

I would like to pay tribute to the amazing group of 2023 Gray House Matrics. As a new House Director, I could not have asked for a better cohort of leaders to assist and guide me through my first year in Gray. I must specifically thank Dane Rogers and Richard Mason for their excellent leadership in uniting the Matrics in this common cause. I would also like to acknowledge the guidance and unwavering support of my two assistants, Richard Smith and Julian Vincent, and the enthusiasm and wisdom that the Gray House tutors bring to their tutor groups. One final thank you must go to Joc Wrensch who was so generous in his handover and continued support of the House.

Sean Henchie

OGILVIE HOUSE

House Director: Ronald Jacobs
Assistant House Directors: Graham Robertson and Nokuzola Gololo
Tutors: Shaun Hewett, Graeme Klerck, David Russell, Clea Schultz-Mofokeng, Lizelle Swanepoel, Michelle van Zyl
Head of House: Nashe Chahwahwa
Deputy Head of House: Zuhayr Mohamood

This year, the additions to Ogilvie were substantial and it would be remiss of me not to pay homage to the people who were instrumental in these changes. The showers and bathroom areas received a beautiful makeover. We retiled almost the entire ground floor, which gave Ogilvie a fantastic new look, and we raised our Ogilvie flag for the first time – a fitting gift from the Grade 12s of 2022.

I must acknowledge the vibrant House committee, led by Ettie and Sahrah, and the Ogilvie parents for their generosity. This had a huge impact on the boys.

I heard a story about a traveller who visited a Greek monastery that was perched high on a steep mountain. The only way to reach the monastery was in a rope basket – back in the day (now there’s an app!).

The traveller got into the basket, and just as he was about to be taken up the steep cliff face, he noticed that the rope lifting the basket was worn. The traveller immediately became worried. He asked the monk, ‘How often is the rope replaced?’ The monk answered, ‘Every



time it breaks.’ A lesson to all of us – never become complacent in whatever you do! Change, for the betterment of the institution, is paramount.

To the Grade 12 cohort of 2023: Ogilvie House stands as a beacon of success and inspiration within our school community, largely due to the remarkable legacy left by you, the Matrics, under the tutelage of Nashe and Zuhayr. Your impact goes beyond the tangible achievements; you have fostered a positive environment and your genuine compassion towards younger grades has created a nurturing atmosphere in which students from all walks of life feel supported and valued. You have left an indelible mark on the institution, reminding us that true success is not just measured by individual accomplishments, but by the enduring positive influence one leaves behind. I charge you to continue to be an inspiration wherever your path may lead.

A-FIN Ogilvie!

Ronald Jacobs



KIDD HOUSE

House Director: Mervin Walsh

Assistant House Directors: Marvin Bester and Alex van Selm

Tutors: Stephen Carletti, Shaun Hewett, Trevor Pasquallie, Nadia Snyman, Yanou Pienaar

Head of House: Benjamin Hatty

Deputy Head of House: Nikolaos Augoustatos



It is hard to put into words the amazing adventure we Kidd Matrics have experienced through our College careers. We have developed a real sense of brotherhood and camaraderie, and you would struggle to find a more strongly knit group of people in the school. Kidd House really has served as a second home to all of us, as well as many boys from other Houses! The success of the House is evident through our stacked trophy cabinet.

Well-rounded in all spheres of school life would be a perfect way to describe the Kidd Matrics of 2023, with excellence across the cultural, academic and sporting fronts. Notable achievements include being named the Top Achieving Academic House Grade in June 2023, cementing our status as an academic powerhouse. From a sporting perspective, Kidd maintained its footballing prowess, winning the title for the second year in a row with a Matric-dominant side. In addition, we narrowly came second in the Inter-House Hockey despite playing with only two 1st-team players. Kidd House formed the core of the undefeated Flyers Cricket side under the guidance of Mr Walsh. The House also had a strong

showing in the Eisteddfod, being robbed of a podium finish in the Inter-House Singing but securing third place overall – clearly illustrating the depth of our cultural strength.

It is not only our list of achievements that catches the eye, but also the unique group of boys, and it's this uniqueness that brought us together. Our Eisteddfod success can largely be attributed to the many hours of dedication by Malick Majiet and Jody Syndercombe. The Kidd House boys all enjoy a bit of cricket, and loved watching Andrew Dallas put on a show for us in the BishBosch day-night cricket game. Kidd featured prominently during hockey Friday Night Lights, where 1st XI captain and Kidd cheerleader Jack Crafford, alongside Oscar Blatch, never failed to entertain the masses. Mention must be made of Nik Augoustatos and Ben Hatty who picked up a memorable triple crown playing for the 2nds in the third term. The boys were kept in touch with their spiritual sides after a meaningful sermon by 'Rev' Dixon in our House chapel. Vibes in the House were always positive as Jack Howard's smile

and Jack Noussis’s hilarious sense of humour never failed to light up the room. The Matric Room became a venue for Ra’eed Bhagoo and Lihle Kakaza to discuss contemporary issues, only being interrupted by an inspirational quote from our very own David Goggins – Zach Coovadia. Perhaps the most eye-catching sight of all was Dean Cooper’s magnificent mullet, which he somehow managed to keep throughout the year.

The state of Bishops rugby was a popular talking point, even though we had zero 1st- or 2nd-team players but had multiple 3rd-team players including the ‘Belgian Beast’, Bouwe Wagener, and Liam Day, who seemed to live in his own world following his heroic concussion. Kimon Botoulas’s arrival provided Kidd with some golfing exposure and valuable insight into School House’s antics. Ben Isserow, Evan Noussis and Matthew Forsyth were always quick to defend the 1st XI soccer side as it often came under fire, and they all played a valuable role in the side’s success, as well as driving Kidd to its footballing heights. Although we love some fun, we also know when to knuckle down and work. This was best illustrated by Jack Whitaker’s studiousness as he seems to almost disappear during exam time en route to even more academic success. Joe Mudge lifted the standards of academics while Ziyaad Moolla ensured that the boys always felt safe.

The bonds formed between us truly are remarkable and I have no doubt that we will all miss Kidd and all that it has done for us. Thank you to Mr Walsh and our awesome tutors for creating the right environment for all the good times, as well as Nik for being such a great deputy and for filling in so well during my illness in the first term.

Benjamin Hatty



BIRT HOUSE

House Director: Ruan Ellis
Assistant House Directors: Sa-eed Slamdien and Jacky Withers
Tutors: Husain Essop, Andrea Rutter, Anne Stevens, James Swift, Jarred Bradley, Nhlanhla Mbuyazi
Head of School: Nic Allison
Head of House: Oliver Hufton
Deputy Head of House: Michael Comititis



As we bid farewell to 2023, it’s an honour to reflect on the incredible journey we’ve had at Birt House. This year has been a testament to resilience, camaraderie and the indomitable spirit that defines the Birt community. As your Housemaster, it gives me great pleasure to present this report, encapsulating the highs and lows, achievements and aspirations of the House of the Palms.

At the heart of Birt House lies the essence of warmth and inclusivity. This year, we continued our legacy of being a place where everyone feels welcome and respected. The laughter, excitement and sense of belonging have not only endured but have flourished. It is heartening to witness a steady increase in our numbers, with boys from other Houses finding solace and kinship within Birt House. This achievement is a testament to each of the Birt House boys who has contributed to creating a space that embodies the true spirit of unity.

While our sporting journey may have started slowly, Birt House’s fighting spirit remained unwavering. Despite a challenging Sports Day, we showcased remarkable resilience, finishing in eighth position. As history has

shown, an injured Palm possesses a dangerous fighting spirit. Throughout the weeks, our sporting prowess evolved. Podium finishes became routine, and our juniors exhibited commendable fighting spirit. The Inter-House derbies became a highlight, showcasing not only athletic prowess but also the camaraderie and fun that define Birt House. Win or lose, our lads never gave up, played until the final whistle, and always had fun – a source of immense pride for our entire Birt community.

In the realm of cultural endeavours, Birt House embraced the challenge of dethroning Gray House from their Eisteddfod reign. It was a mammoth task, met with unyielding effort from our boys. Heartfelt thanks to every participant, not just the finalists, for their bravery and commitment. Although we secured second place overall, the effort and bravado displayed by our boys were unparalleled. I believe that with increased participation, commitment and enthusiasm, gold is within our grasp next year.

Academically, Birt House continued to shine. Our lads demonstrated continuous improvement, with an



impressive representation in the top five of each grade. The synergy between Ten Club and Birt House remains strong, with a third of the College representation hailing from Birt. Noteworthy achievements in expos, Olympiads and quizzes attest to the intellectual prowess of our Birt community.

Special commendation goes to those who actively utilise academic support at the College. These resources serve as invaluable tools for personal development and improvement.

Professionally, my third year as House Director has been immensely satisfying. The year has been a culmination of shared experiences, growth, and the joy derived from being part of the Birt community. I eagerly anticipate the challenges and triumphs that 2024 may bring.

In closing, I want to express my profound appreciation for the collective efforts that have made Birt House a home away from home. Together, let's continue to thrive, support each other and make 2024 a year of unparalleled success.

Ruan Ellis



MALLET HOUSE



House Director: Campbell Smith
Assistant House Directors: Michael Vamvadelis and Sharief Petersen
Tutors: Angus Firth, Visser Gildenhuys, Lydia Barnett, Gloria Bassett, Aneen Kritzinger, Wandile Nzuza
Head of House: Bradley du Toit
Deputy Head of House: Michael Kruse

2023 in Mallett House began by welcoming 26 new Grade 8 boys into the House. They were extremely well mentored by the Matrics and very soon found their way around campus with confidence. The Grade 8s were kept busy with their orientation, followed by their Grade 8 camp on the banks of the Breede River and finally their new boy welcome service which concluded a busy, but fun, first two weeks at the College.

Mallett House performed well on Sports Day, the first Inter-House competition of the year. The future is bright with several victories coming from the junior grades. The awesome foursome of Yasir Carr, Enoch Chan, Brent Cowden and Ryan Mclea blew away the other Houses as they stormed to victory in the 4 x 100m relay and there were also individual wins for Ryan Mclea in the U14 200m and 400m. Oliver French won the U15 high jump and Aiden Norris won the U19 shot-put and discus.

One of the highlights in the first term for the Mallett Matric gentlemen was their House dinner. They were treated to a delicious meal and the most incredible talk by our guest speaker, Mr Willem van der Post. Willem is a venture capitalist who invests in many evolving tech companies. Once he had shown them a clip of himself in space, he had their full attention! He spoke to the boys about the world that they would be entering into, and it was both scary and fascinating as he highlighted the many and varied opportunities that exist in our country. I have never seen a more engaged group of boys, and their questions lasted a long time after the official talk had ended.

On Founders Day the boys partook in the Avenue Mile and the Inter-House Tug-of-War followed by a very enjoyable inter-tutor soccer tournament that saw all boys participating in their tutor groups in bright colours.



Mrs Barnett's tutor group was certainly the best dressed, but Mr Gildenhuys' boys won both the junior and senior events on a fun-filled morning of House activities.

The second term, being an exam term with a major focus on Eisteddfod too, saw pupils as busy as ever. The Eisteddfod prelims were well attended by the boys, and we had some good results that placed several boys in the finals of the many categories that make up this wonderful competition. As the defending House Singing Champions, there was a real push to ensure that the House was well prepared. Bradley du Toit, Michael Kruse, Alexei Pouroullis and the exceptionally talented James Grieve were instrumental in getting 116 boys to sing in time and in tune after many hours of after-school and evening practices. It certainly paid off, as the Mallett boys sang the set song 'Burning Love' and their chosen song 'Don't Stop Believing' superbly, and the ensemble

sang a spectacular rendition of 'Kokomo', which earned Mallett House the much-coveted House Singing Owl. This was most certainly one of the highlights of the year and showed what could be done when the House comes together and works hard! There were also wins in Inter-House chess, rock climbing and debating, making it a very successful year in terms of Inter-House events.

In between the busyness of Term 3, the Grade 8s enjoyed a movie night in Mallett House, complete with big screen, bean bags, a popcorn machine and pizzas making it a memorable and enjoyable evening. The Grade 9 boys enjoyed an evening of ten-pin bowling, where they were shown up by the three Mallett House staff members who clearly spent a lot more of their youth practising on the bowling lanes than the Grade 9s have. Aside from having fun, the boys were provided with the opportunity to form strong bonds as a grade.

The final school term is a short one, with Matric exams and Grade 10 Epic being the immediate focus. The Grade 11s took over the leadership of the House after attending a leadership camp at Rocklands where they learnt many valuable lessons. They also enjoyed a lovely evening out at Hudsons to celebrate and mark the start of their leadership journey.

With the end of the year in sight, we celebrated the achievements of the House and had the chance to thank and bid farewell to the wonderful Matric class of 2023. This year, we added some new awards to celebrate not only those boys who were the top academics, but also those who had exceeded expectations and truly fulfilled their potential. The awards presented were: Junior Academic Achievement: Cameron Macbeth; Junior Academic Endeavour: Zanda Hlongwane; Senior Academic Achievement: Michael Kruse; Senior

Academic Endeavour: Jake Brouze; Service to Mallett Award: Alexei Pouroullis; Grade 8 of the Year Award: Hamaad Badroodien; Matric of The Year Award: Bradley du Toit.

It has been a wonderful year for Mallett House and more important than awards and trophies is the fact that the gentlemen of Mallett have enjoyed themselves and continue to make lasting friendships. This is a side of school life that is often overlooked in the business of academics, sport and culture, but one that we value highly. On a personal note, I would like to thank all the boys, staff and parents of Mallett House for making my first year as House Director such an enjoyable and fulfilling one.

Campbell Smith



EPIC



The 17th Bishops Epic took place from 21 November to 6 December. Aside from those boys away on Exchange, it was, once again, a much-anticipated event for the Grade 10 boys. Epic continues to be a key component of the Grade 10 curriculum, in a world where our boys are seldom away from technology and are less and less frequently in nature. This year 130 boys and approximately 70 staff were involved. And the weather played along graciously.

Area C, which includes Sneeuwberg Peak and the Maltese Cross, opened just two weeks before Epic, after a terrible fire in October 2022, and so only a handful of groups could traverse this section, an improvement on being squeezed into the other two areas as was the case the previous year.



On Epic, we aim to give boys an awesome outdoor experience, free of technology. Epic is not a 'boot camp' but it's also not a pushover. Boys, at times, find themselves out of their comfort zones, most adapting to their new environment after a short while. The many positive emails I have received from parents and pupils post-Epic certainly suggest that most boys enjoyed a wonderful experience, where much fun was had, some hardship endured, where friendships were forged, skills learnt and, for some, Epic was a period of real personal growth.

However, Epic is not just 16 days away from home. There is much preparation for the boys during the year. Seven training talks were presented during the second semester; Life Orientation dedicated a whole block

of sessions to Epic; cycling and swimming workshops were held for those who were not proficient enough in those areas; and four voluntary training hikes, with escalating degrees of difficulty, were overseen by a very enthusiastic Sima Nyangiwe. These culminated in a week of practical preparation preceding Epic. And then our buses departed for the Cederberg, one of the most rugged and remote wilderness areas in the Western Cape.

Boys enjoyed rotating between three of our four base camps. At the Waterbase, which all boys experienced, there was skiing, kayaking, sailing, fishing, raft-building and a night on Mango Island. At Sanddrif, our other action base, the boys abseiled, climbed, mountain-biked, jumped the 14-metre jump at Maalgat and experienced San art and caving at Stadsaal. Some groups also did their 24-hour solos at Sanddrif. At Elizabethfontein, the boys partook in bush-clearing, fishing, the Sevilla Rock Art trail, put together nine tables and benches for Elizabethfontein Primary School and engaged with the young school children there. Many enjoyed an experience at the local restaurant, Traveller's Rest. At Jamaka, boys were involved in shooting, and outreach at Grootkloof Primary School where they assembled three tables and benches. Some groups also did their 24-hour solos here. Boys mostly hiked or cycled between bases. The 16 days away culminated in the arrival of the boys' father figures for the final tribal council and braai on the last evening. And it was wonderful to see fathers and father figures reuniting with their sons at the end of their Epic adventures.

There is much charity work that our Epic Parents' Committee does each year and 2023 was another bumper year, thanks to the coordination of Sharki Ressel, Maria Augoustatos (thrift sale), Anne Perez and



Lorraine Martin (toiletry packs), Kay MacNab (crafts), Karen Reynolds and Louis Reynolds (stationery packs), Mary Maurel (teachers' gift packs) and the other parents on the committee. We ask for wish lists from both the schools we support and the committee attempts to do as much as they can to fulfil these lists. This year donations and/or help was provided by Herman Nieuwoudt (Peninsula Beverages), Jonathan Ferreira (Caxton Books), Daniel Agulhas (Southern Ropes), Yianni and Maria Vlissides (Parthenon Cleaners), and Sandra Hunt and Steve du Toit (Building Company). We thank everyone involved for their generosity and help.

I'd like to thank Justin Letschert, Hedi van der Watt, Sven Koenig and Market Toyota (Tokai) sincerely for lending us vehicles for Epic. These proved to be a great help to us. Thanks, too, to Tyrone Adams, who tirelessly sorted out the construction of the tables and benches and did so much more. Thank you also to the Epic Brains Trust for their invaluable support and to the many Bishops staff who gave willingly of their time once again to make Epic what it was.

Bishops Epic brings together boys, staff, ODs, stooges, professionals and volunteers in a magnificent environment, and this year the minor adjustments we made to the programme certainly paid dividends. Well done to those Grade 10s who made it a great success and grasped this fantastic opportunity with both hands! Long may the many experiences you enjoyed last in your memories.

Graeme Klerck





EXCHANGE

This year we were able to select even more boys to take part in the school’s Exchange programme as more of our partner schools restarted their programmes post Covid-19. This programme offers an amazing opportunity to our boys to travel abroad and live in another country and attend a different school for a term.

The following Grade 10 boys participated in the exchange programme:

Alex Laspatzis	Culford School, England
Daniel van den Heever	Framlingham College, England
David Trip	Kents Hill School, USA
Jack Buckham	Schweizerische Alpine, Switzerland
Jake Pla-Zunckel	Scarborough College, England
James Thunstrom	St George’s College, Argentina
David Lewis	Pembroke School, Australia
Lukas Drimie	The Lawrence School, India
Luke Carter	Rijnlands Lyceum, Netherlands
Luke Davidge	Rijnlands Lyceum, Netherlands
Massimiliano Hunt	Orchard College, Chile
Matthew Griffin	Belmont Hill School, USA
Muhammad-Zayd Bhorey	Christ Church Grammar School, Australia
Rynard Gordon	The Doon School, India
Nico Schreuder	The Lawrence School, India
Noah Macnab	Hale School, Australia
Oliver Frankel	Colegio Anglo Colombiano, Colombia

Pablo Slaven	Montgomery Bell Academy, USA
Reece van Wyk	Dean Close School, England
Shankara Moodley	Lancaster Country Day School, USA
Thuso Theledi	Gilman School, USA
Uzoma Ngcwangu	King William’s College, Isle of Man
Viggo du Plessis	The Scots College, Australia

Phil Court,
Teacher-in-charge



SPORT

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD SPORT

Sport at Bishops continues to play a crucial role in the holistic development of our boys and, as a result, we regularly evaluate our school sports programme to ensure it aligns with the needs and aspirations of our boys. We express our gratitude to our dedicated coaching staff, whose enthusiasm and commitment, combined with the dedication of our boys, have led to enhanced performance in many of our sports. Our boys not only participate but excel in local and regional sports competitions, as evidenced by numerous top performances this year.

In addition to local tours, our teams and individuals have competed internationally. Our first hockey squad embarked on a tour of the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. During this tour, the boys attended numerous coaching clinics and participated in an international tournament. Such international experiences, alongside domestic tours in rugby, cricket, basketball and water polo, demonstrate the opportunities provided to our boys across all age groups through our sports programme. Furthermore, these tours offer our boys the chance to serve as ambassadors for the College and they do an incredible job. A particular highlight

was a junior boy representing Bishops and the country at a world championship swimming event in Budapest, Hungary. We are so proud to have such a talented young man represent not only Bishops, but also the country at the top level of such a competitive sport.

Our Sport Performance and Wellness (SPW) curriculum continues to evolve, focusing on promoting physical conditioning and overall wellbeing, with a growing emphasis on addressing the mental and emotional aspects of our boys' health.

This year, there has been a concerted effort to foster teamwork and cooperation, resulting in our boys developing strong bonds and a sense of belonging. The sports programme serves as an educational tool, offering more than just sports-based skills. This holistic approach translates not only into success on the field but also in the classroom and beyond.

We acknowledge the importance of sport in our boys' lives and celebrate their efforts and achievements in assemblies. This year witnessed excellent provincial selections, particularly in rugby, hockey, water polo and

cricket across all age groups. Subsequently, a number of boys were chosen to represent various South African teams after their respective tournaments in rugby and hockey. As a school, we take great pride in the accomplishments of all our boys.

Sport remains highly beneficial, contributing to the development of a wide range of pro-social character traits. When done well, our boys not only develop physical and technical skills but also engage in exercise, form friendships, have fun, learn the importance of teamwork and fair play, improve self-esteem, and enhance qualities such as teamwork and collaboration. Playing sport also contributes to self-discipline and character development, providing valuable opportunities for reflection on identity and control over emotions.

Warren Wallace



SPORTS

Aquatics

It's time to reflect and celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Aquatics Club. This talented group of athletes showcased their prowess in a series of exhilarating competitions, leaving an indelible mark on the swimming scene.

The Western Province Schools Galas served as a platform for Bishops swimmers to display their skills, determination and unwavering commitment to excellence. With participation in eight galas, the team demonstrated their dedication to pushing their limits and continuously improving their performances.

At the forefront of these exceptional achievements was Luc Bestel, who stunned both teammates and competitors alike by swimming his fastest times in every event he participated in. Whether it was the lightning-fast 50m butterfly, the demanding 100m butterfly, the intense 100m freestyle, the challenging 50m backstroke, the gruelling 100m backstroke, or the endurance-testing 200m backstroke, Luc showcased his exceptional talent, technique and mental fortitude. His relentless pursuit of excellence inspired and motivated his fellow teammates, setting a new standard of achievement within the club.

Luc also made waves by reaching the final of the South African Swimming Championship, where he swam the fastest time in the U13 category. His remarkable time of 2.13.11, which missed the current record by a mere split second, placed him 15th overall in the competition and established him as one of the country's most promising young swimmers.

Another shining star was Joshua Mettler, whose remarkable performance at the African International Swimming Championships in Luanda, Angola, left spectators awe-struck. Joshua's relentless training and fierce determination enabled him to out-swim competitors from 15 other countries, securing an impressive third-place finish overall. In recognition of his outstanding achievement, Joshua was awarded a Distinction Tie.

Rhys Haupt achieved three personal bests in the 200m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, and 100m freestyle at the South African Short Course National Swimming Competition. He surpassed his own records, leaving a lasting impression on his teammates.

Nadia Snyman,
Teacher-in-charge



Athletics

Heats Week and Sports Day

The athletics programme at Bishops remains a highly anticipated event for our boys. This year, the enthusiasm reached new heights as White House exhibited exceptional organisation and prowess, claiming victory in all major events, and securing the three coveted House trophies.

Results:

- **Relay Sports Trophy:** White House, demonstrating strategic coordination, emerged as the deserving winners of the Relay Sports Trophy.
- **Heats Week Trophy:** White House's organised and determined efforts culminated in their triumph, securing the Heats Week Trophy.
- **Sports Day Trophy:** White House's outstanding performance on Sports Day earned them the trophy, marking a dominant display of athletic prowess.

Individual stand-outs:

- **Daniel von der Heyden:** The star athlete of the year, Daniel von der Heyden, not only significantly contributed to White House's victories but also shattered records. During the Quadrangular, he astoundingly broke the 100m record, achieving an impressive time of 10.9 seconds.
- **Nick Mclagan:** Nick Mclagan, a new addition to the school, made an immediate impact by breaking the 1 500m record with remarkable finesse, completing the race in just under 5 minutes.

Victors Ludorum trophies:

- The coveted Victors Ludorum trophies were awarded to outstanding athletes in different age categories, showcasing the depth of talent across the Houses.

- **U14:** Caleb Clark
- **U15:** Chris Mclagan and Anthony Lampe
- **U16:** Daniel von der Heyden
- **U19:** Reece Quin and Gilermo Mentoe

Quadrangular:

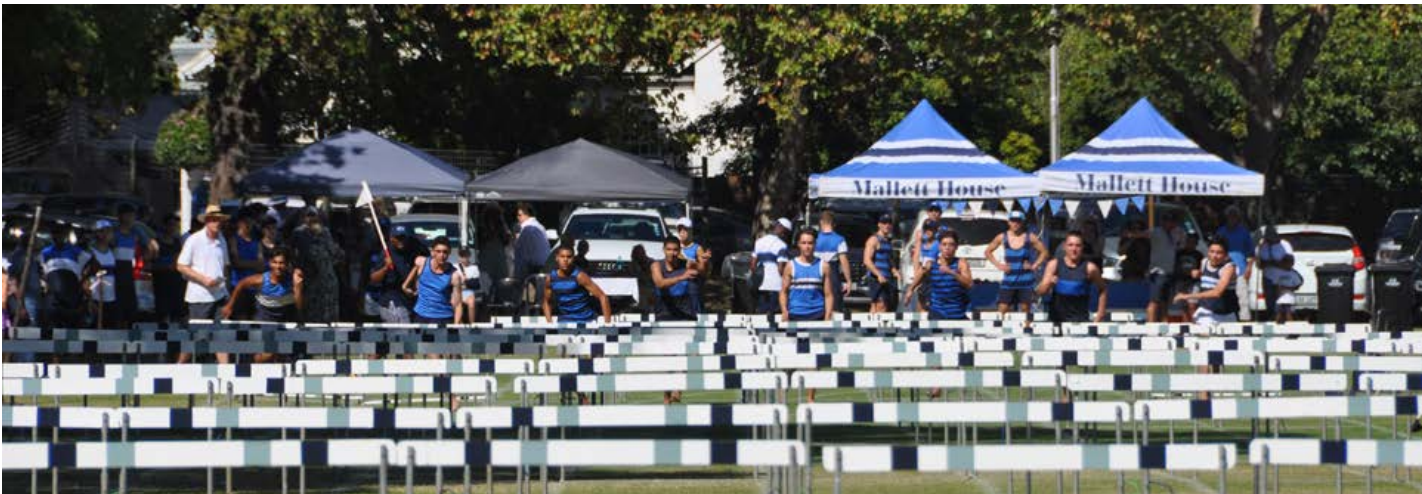
Bishops’s dominance continued at the Quadrangular, where Daniel von der Heyden set a new benchmark for speed with his record-breaking 100m run.

Western Province School Athletics:

Bishops athletes continued to impress at the Western Province High School Athletics Competition, further solidifying the school’s presence in regional competitions.

The athletics season stood as a testament to the exceptional skill, organisation and dedication of our student-athletes.

*Sa-eed Slamdien,
Teacher-in-charge*



Avenue Mile

The annual Avenue Mile took place on Founder’s Day after the morning Chapel service. Hundreds of boys made their way to the start dressed in a wide variety of outfits. The start was a little chaotic with so many boys lining up in such a narrow road (there is always a mad rush until the race is properly underway), but within a few hundred metres Joe Phillipson (Birt) took the lead and pulled away from his competitors. He went on to win the race in an excellent time of 4 minutes 57 seconds and



joins an elite group of Bishops boys who have broken the 5-minute barrier for the mile. Ilyaas van Graan (Gray) was second in 5 minutes 21 seconds and Chris Mclagan (Founders) finished third in 5 minutes 24 seconds. Chris is in Grade 9, so he was crowned the winner of the Junior Race. Gabriel Lind finished second, and Joshua Huntington was the third junior home.

*Phil Court,
Teacher-in-charge*

Basketball

‘Dribble with determination, soar with resilience.’

The 2023 basketball season was a formidable challenge for all our teams, as they navigated a tough and dynamic competition landscape. Each game was a test of mettle, but with a blend of grit and skill, our teams delivered performances that reflected the essence of true sportsmanship.

All our teams faced formidable opponents throughout the season, encountering a mix of results that mirrored the unpredictable nature of sports. Despite the challenges, the teams fought valiantly, showcasing not

only their athletic prowess but also their unwavering spirit. In the latter half of the campaign, both teams managed to secure notable victories, a testament to their resilience and commitment to excellence.

The coaching staff’s unwavering focus and drive instilled a fighting spirit in our players, laying the foundation for the continued ascent of Bishops basketball. As we reflect on the season, it’s clear that this was not just a series of games; it was a journey marked by determination, growth and memorable moments.

*Alungile Williams,
Teacher-in-charge*



Cricket

January: The U15As and 1st XI got the cricket-specific year up and running on Oaks and the Frank Reid respectively by way of participation in the annual Peninsula Cricket Festival [PCF]. The U15As concluded five consecutive days of competitive cricket against upcountry opposition with wins against St David’s, Waterkloof, Pretoria Boys’ and St Charles, which was then offset by an unsuccessful near-250 run-chase in a 50-overs-a-side contest versus Affies. The 1st XI, under Visser Gildenhuys and Lutho Pohlono’s direction, registered a 3:5 festival win-ratio by way of victories over St David’s, Pretoria Boys’ and Affies while going down to Waterkloof on Day 2 and St Charles in a final-day T20. Twenty-six of the College’s premier Grade 8 cricketers were hard at work before the start of the academic year, too, care of a three-day training camp at Bishops (which included pre-season squad matches against Wynberg). The local season commenced on Saturday, 21 January, with games – home and away – against Paarl Gim. Adnaan Lagadien, a Grade 10 player in the 1st XI, had the distinction of becoming Bishops’s first centurion of the year with a fine ‘local season’ 1st XI debut knock of 133 in Paarl: a match that went the 130-overs-in-the-day distance and ended in a thrilling draw with Paarl Gim nine down. The Bish-Bosch day-night T20 took centre stage on the Frank Reid on the evening of Wednesday, 25 January, as a crowd of several thousand – easily the largest gathering for a cricket match at Bishops since pre-Covid-19 times – watched the visitors make relatively light work of Bishops’s total of 118 to register a six-wicket win.

February: The 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15As and U14As, accompanied by nine members of staff, boarded a 60-seater coach outside Bishops before sunrise on

2 February to commence the biannual journey to Gqeberha for all-day fixtures against Pearson (on Friday, 3 February) and Grey High School (Saturday, 4 February). The boys were kindly billeted by Pearson families for the night of 2 February before being hosted by the Grey High School community for the nights of 3 and 4 February. A busy and successful three-night stay in Gqeberha concluded by way of a dramatic finish on the Pollock Oval as the 1st XI match ended in a draw (and fading light) with the hosts 9 down. The tour party returned to Bishops late on the afternoon of Sunday, 5 February. It should be documented that Robbie Vintcent, playing for the U14Bs against Parklands in a 35-overs-a-side match on Oaks on Saturday, 4 February, scored an undefeated 167: an innings that was to prove the highest registered by a Bishops cricketer throughout the year. Waco Bassick took 4 wickets in 4 balls [3 bowled and 1 LBW] for the U15As in a winning effort against Paarl Boys’ on Oaks on Saturday, 18 February. Midweek matches against UK and Dutch-based opposition, many of them day-night games on the Frank Reid, were played against Haileybury, Hornsey Cricket Club, King’s Taunton, QEGS Blackburn, Shrewsbury, Stowe and the Dutch U18 national side. A 13-member 1st XI squad, accompanied by Messrs Barnes, Gildenhuys and Pohlono, boarded a flight to Johannesburg in the early hours of Wednesday, 22 February, to travel to St Alban’s College in Pretoria for the annual Independent Schools’ Cricket Festival [ISCF]. The Highveld weather played ball – unlike the year before – and allowed for the completion of all scheduled games. The 1st XI disappointed with their inability to chase 185 against Hilton College in the opening game of the festival but bounced back well to register a trio of wins against Helpmekaar, St David’s and St Alban’s. The U15As, under Mr Hewett and Mr Joseph’s guidance, headed to St Andrew’s School in Bloemfontein for the ISCF, 24 hours after the 1st XI

and did Bishops proud winning four from four by way of hard-fought victories against St John's College, St Stithians College, Clifton School and the hosts on the carpet-like Vossies Field. Special mention goes to U15 cricketers Alex Vintcent (101 versus St John's College); Nicholas Axten (5-20 versus Clifton School) and Thaafier Japtha (107 versus St Andrew's School) for ISCF-specific standout performances.

March: The term's penultimate weekend games versus Wynberg, will be remembered most for U14A captain Daniel Perold's remarkable performance with the ball in which he registered a Bishops best-of-the-year analysis of 7-1-18-9, hat-trick included, in a winning cause for his team (his teammate, Shafiek Jospheh, scored a century). Annual OD games were played in excellent spirit on Bishops cricket fields on the afternoon of Friday, 10 March, as a precursor to the (very) busy first half of the year coming to an end on Saturday the 11th, with rain-affected fixtures against Rondebosch which, ultimately, ended with even honours between the two schools with five wins each. The 5th XI or 'Flyers', under the direction of Merv Walsh, completed an unbeaten Triple Crown-winning term (wins against Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch), while Mr Richter and Mr Makwena's U14Bs were denied an attempt at the Triple Crown in an otherwise full-house of wins for the term when their match against Rondebosch was cancelled due to the weather. The U15As, U15Bs and U15Cs, along with the 3rd XI, all recorded wins over Rondebosch.

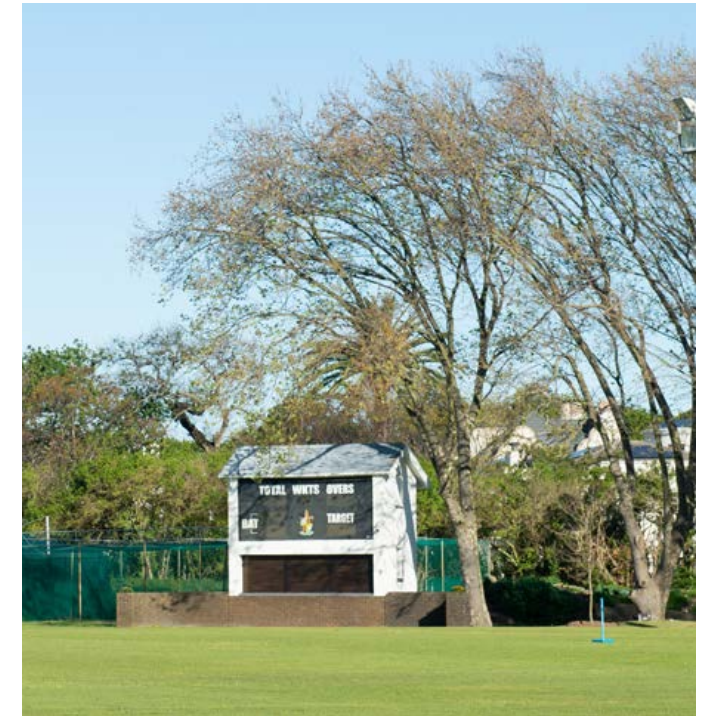
April-August: Head coach Brad Barnes once again oversaw a coordinated and expanded Winter Nets Programme in the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre [SCTICC] and worked with a selected group of enthusiastic Bishops cricketers throughout the winter. Ties between the College and JP Duminy's JP21

Foundation were strengthened further with the SCTICC and College classrooms hosting the foundation's annual cricket clinic during the mid-year school holidays. Adnaan Lagadien and Peyton Leigh accepted the Western Province Cricket Association's [WPCA] invitation to attend a two-day U17 talent camp at Boland Park in Paarl in late July. Adnaan Lagadien then headed to Pretoria in August as part of Cricket South Africa's [CSA] national U17 talent camp. An agreement was signed between the College and D&P Cricket in which all cricket-playing Diocesan Scholars will benefit by having their kit-specific needs administered by D&P Cricket. 1st XI cricketers Andrew Dallas and Tom Jacobs, having opted not to play cricket in Term 4, were duly awarded Half Colours.

September: 1st XI stalwarts Cole Crawford and Matthew Brodziak were awarded Colours and Half Colours respectively, in recognition of their contribution to the team and cricket at Bishops (Ollie Chevallier received his Half Colours a month later). A jam-packed, pre-season schedule was largely obliterated – save for a 1st XI fixture against visiting Trinity Grammar School from Melbourne, Australia – by record late-winter rainfall in Cape Town that rendered use of outdoor facilities at Bishops largely impossible. The SCTICC – thanks to the weather – became a hive of activity as teams did their best to get back into the swing of things after the off-season hiatus. The College hosted a JP Duminy-led captaincy and cricket leadership seminar – for the second time in a year – on the evening of the 20th. The month concluded with the 1st XI's participation in Cape Schools' Cricket Week [CSCW], hosted by Paul Roos, but with Bishops's four matches scheduled for the Frank Reid. A composite U17A side, under the direction of Mr Wensch and Mr Ngcobo, departed for Michaelhouse, via Durban, on 27 September while the U15As, under the leadership

of Messrs Hewett and Barnes, and the U14As, led by Mr Mofokeng and Mr Makwena, travelled to Gqeberha and East London, respectively, to participate in the Grey Colts Cricket Festival and Charl van Rooyen Cricket Week. Kyle Stirk and David Handley were the toast of the school on the final day of the month as both scored their maiden tons for the College in a winning effort for the U17As in a 50-overs-a-side match played against hosts Michaelhouse.

October: The month commenced with the 1st XI forced to move its CSCW fixture against Queen's College (having already had to abandon its scheduled opening fixture against Grey High School) from a still water-logged Frank Reid to Volkskombuis in Stellenbosch. It was a venue change that was to pay dividends for Adnaan Lagadien as he registered a century (and his teammate, Tiaan Louw, a 5-for in a winning effort). The 1st XI managed to return to the Frank Reid for the final two games of the festival, versus Selborne College and Union High School, and made hay while the sun (eventually) shone with commanding victories in both games. The Selborne game will be remembered for a Tiaan Louw hat-trick and a 200(+)-run, fifth-wicket partnership between James Robb-Quinlan (133) and Calum Daniels (101). The U17As returned to Cape Town from the KZN Midlands having won one (versus Michaelhouse) and lost three matches. The U15As, without ever fully hitting their straps in the Eastern Cape, dismissed Grey College for 65, lost to St Andrew's College in a game played in Makhanda, and finished the tour strongly with back-to-back wins against Paarl Gim and Menlo Park. The U14A boys struggled initially in East London, and lost to Waterkloof, Affies and Jeppe. The tour, however, concluded on a high with a win against Kearsney. Aditya Gulla and Jackson Botherway arrived from Hamilton Boys' High School in New Zealand



to join the Bishops' Grade 8 Class and U14 Division for the term and commenced the maiden, cricket-specific exchange between the two schools. Aditya and Jackson were hosted by the Brunton and Perold families respectively with Tristan Brunton and Daniel Perold set to travel to Hamilton as U15s in March 2024 as per their exchange-specific experience. The local league resumed versus Paul Roos on the weekend of 13 and 14 October.

November and December: The regular season concluded on Saturday, 4 November, with traditional end-of-year fixtures, home and away, versus Rondebosch. The 1st XI, led by Cole Crawford in his final game for the College, lost in a low-scoring affair on the Frank Reid; the U14As and U15As, however, brought cheer to Bishops supporters with memorable

wins. It should be noted that U15A opening bowler Waco Bassick registered his fifth, five-wicket haul of the year in the match against Rondebosch. The U15As competed in a spirited 40-overs-a-side game, under lights on the Frank Reid, against a Stayers XI, on Friday the 10th. The younger boys fell 16 runs short in pursuit of a target of 245. Peyton Leigh, in recognition of his outstanding haul of 55 wickets for the 1st XI during the calendar year, was named players’ Player of the Year at the annual 1st XI dinner held beside the Frank Reid on the evening of the 11th. Kashief Joseph and Michael Kotze were named captain and vice-captain respectively of the 2024 1st XI. Bishops was delighted to receive the news that five of its cricketers had been selected to represent Western Province during the December national tournaments. Waco Bassick, Adnaan Lagadien, Litha Mbiko and Singalakha Mayoyo travelled to George and Oudtshoorn as members of the Western Province U16 team, while newly-appointed 1st XI skipper Kashief Joseph participated in the Khaya Majola U19 Cricket Week – held in Makhanda – as part of Western Province’s U19 side (and returned a man-of-the-match performance versus Free State with an innings of 72 on the penultimate day of the tournament). In mid-December, work commenced on a major upgrade and modernisation of the Frank Reid scoreboard with an LED screen replacing the existing one.

Personal milestones in chronological order (batting)
100s:
Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 133 (174) v Paarl Gym at Paarl Gym. Declaration. 21.01.23.
Jack Hibling [U15B]: 102* (73) v Bergvliet on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 03.02.23.
Luke Hofmeyr [U15B]: 100* (70) v Bergvliet on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 03.02.23.
Robbie Vintcent [U14B]: 167* v Parklands on Oaks. 35 overs. 04.02.23.

Alex Vintcent [U15A]: 101 (116) v St John’s College in Bloemfontein [Kovsies]. 24.02.23.
Michael Rich [U14B]: 100* v Groote Schuur on Oaks. 25.02.23.
Thaafier Japtha [U15A]: 107 (96) v St Andrew’s School in Bloemfontein [Vossies]. 27.02.23.
Ollie Chevallier [Frank Reid XI]: 120 v Dutch U18s on the Frank Reid. 35 overs/day-night. 28.02.23.
Shafiek Joseph [U14A]: 101 v Wynberg. Declaration. 04.03.23.
Kyle Stirk [U17A]: 113 (68) v Michaelhouse at Michaelhouse. 50 overs. 30.09.23.
David Handley [U17A]: 108 (96) v Michaelhouse at Michaelhouse. 50 overs. 30.09.23.
Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 121 (129) v Queen’s College in Stellenbosch. Declaration. 01.10.23.
James Robb-Quinlan [1st XI]: 133 (107) v Selborne College on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 02.10.23.
Calum Daniels [1st XI]: 101 (105) v Selborne College on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 02.10.23.
Luke de Klerk [2nd XI]: 100* (70) v Paul Roos at Paul Roos. 50 overs. 14.10.23.
Kashief Joseph [1st XI]: 159 (148) v SACS at SACS. 50 overs. 21.10.23.
Callum Anderson [U14B]: 106* v Heathfield on the Frank Reid. 35 overs/day-night. 31.10.23

Personal milestones in chronological order (bowling):
Five-wicket hauls and/or hat-tricks:
Storm Matthews [1st XI]: 4.5-0-25-6 v Rondebosch CC at Rondebosch CC. 50 overs. 07.01.23.
Alex Vintcent [U15A]: 9.1-2-25-5 v St David’s on Oaks. Declaration. 11.01.23.
Alex Vintcent [U15A]: 6.3-2-9-6 v Waterkloof on Oaks. Declaration. 12.01.23.
Peyton Leigh [1st XI]: 9.4-2-21-5 v Pretoria Boys’ on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 13.01.23.

David Lewis [4th XI]: 4-0-29-5 (including a hat-trick) v Paarl Gym on Oaks. T20. 26.01.23.
Shafiek Joseph [U14A]: 2.2-0-9-5 v Reddam on Avenue. T20. 27.01.23.
Connor Sara [U15C]: 2-0-8-5 (including a hat-trick) v Cannons Creek on Oaks. T20. 30.01.23.
Ben Koenig [2nd XI]: 6-1-22-5 v Pearson in Gqeberha [Victoria Park]. Declaration. 03.02.23.
Waco Bassick [U15A]: 7-2-11-6 v Pearson in Gqeberha [Victoria Park]. Declaration. 03.02.23.
Daniel Perold [U14A]: 8-2-21-5 v Pearson in Gqeberha [Pearson]. Declaration. 03.02.23.
Jack Viljoen [U14B]: 6-3-4-6 v Parklands on Oaks. 35 overs. 04.02.23.
Waco Bassick [U15A]: 7-2-20-5 (including four wickets in four balls) v Paarl Boys’ on Oaks. Declaration. 18.02.23.
Matthew Brodziak [1st XI]: 16-6-46-5 v Paarl Boys’ on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 18.02.23.
David Lewis [4th XI]: 2.5-0-5-5 (including a hat-trick) v Zwaanswyk on Oaks. T20. 21.02.23.
Matthew Brodziak [1st XI]: 9.3-1-38-5 v St David’s at St David’s. 50 overs. 25.02.23.
Daniel Perold [U14A]: 6-4-2-6 v Curro Durbanville on Sahara. Declaration. 25.02.23.
Nicholas Axten [U15A]: 6-2-20-5 v Clifton in Bloemfontein [CUT]. 50 overs. 26.02.23.
Tiaan Louw [1st XI]: 7-9-43-5 v Wynberg on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 03.03.23.
Ethan January [U15C]: 2-0-8-5 (including a hat-trick) v Wynberg on Oaks. T20. 03.03.23.
Daniel Perold [U14A]: 7-1-18-9 (including a hat-trick) v Wynberg at Wynberg. Declaration. 04.03.23.
Waco Bassick [U15A]: 9-4-19-5 (including a hat-trick) v Rondebosch at Rondebosch. Declaration. 11.03.23.
Darren Philipps [U15B]: 4-0-28-5 v Stellenberg on the Frank Reid. T20. 18.09.23.
Michael Kotze [1st XI]: 10-10-0-5 v Trinity Grammar School [Melbourne] at HS Belville. 50 overs. 23.09.23.

Travis Williams [U14A]: 9.3-0-43-5 v Waterkloof in East London. 50 overs. 30.09.23.
Tiaan Louw [1st XI]: 10-0-24-5 v Queen’s College in Stellenbosch. Declaration. 01.10.23.
Tiaan Louw [1st XI]: 6-0-28-3 (including a hat-trick) v Selborne College on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 02.10.23.
Peyton Leigh [1st XI]: 10-0-38-5 v SACS at SACS. 50 overs. 21.10.23.
Ben Koenig [2nd XI]: 7-0-19-5 v SACS on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 21.10.23.
Waco Bassick [U15A]: 10-2-24-5 (including a hat-trick) v SACS on Oaks. 50 overs. 21.10.23.
Maximus Sandri [U15B]: 8-1-27-5 v Wynberg on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 27.10.23.
Aditya Gulla [U14A]: 4-1-6-6- v Reddam on Oaks. T20. 30.10.23.
Tom Malan [5th XI]: 4-0-19-5 v Rondebosch at Rondebosch. T20. 03.11.23.
Waco Bassick [U15A]: 6-0-21-6 v Rondebosch on Oaks. 50 overs. 04.11.23.
Fawaaz Davids [U14A]: 10-3-20-5 v Rondebosch at Rondebosch. 50 overs. 04.11.23.

*Shaun Hewett,
Teacher-in-charge*



Fencing

The Fencing Championships were held on the afternoon of 23 August. We paid tribute to our Matric leavers and handed out awards to the rest of the club for their consistent participation and fencing achievements in 2023. Matthew Earl has enthusiastically taken on the role of armourer and has already spent time with the epee coach learning how to rewire weapons. In addition to saying farewell to our Matric fencers, we also said a sad farewell to Kieran Hollis, who has emigrated to the UK. Joshua Diggle went to Eton at the end of the second term for a private exchange and also to receive coaching. We look forward to his return. Special mention must be made of Aidan and Daniel Richards. Both fencers have gained immeasurable experience at an international level over the last two years and shared the Specialty Prize Cup for Smaller Sports in recognition of their excellence and achievements in fencing.

Thomas de Waal was elected 2023/2024 captain and Landa Tsobo vice-captain.



The following accolades were awarded:

- Fencing Certificates:** Felix Bagg, Brent Cowden, Blake Slabber, Yanga Soyaya, Joseph Lee, Nikkiran Govender, Tristan Kannemeyer and Neo Thankge
- Bronze Badges:** Julian Boeddinghaus, Grant Weich, Edward Wild, Alex Horrell, Xavier Petersen and Matthew Earl
- Silver Badges:** Kieran Hollis and Daniel Kushner
- Gold Badges:** Thomas de Waal and Yusuf Balim
- Service Tie:** Tristan Carter
- Half Colours:** Kieran Hollis and Joshua Diggle
- Inter-House Cup:** Founders
- Best Swordsman Foil:** Daniel Richards
- Best Swordsman Epee:** Aidan Richards
- Service Cup:** Daniel Richards

Jacky Withers,
Teacher-in-charge



First Aid

First Aid duties in 2023 started with athletics, with the team covering Heats Week and Sports Day where one or two serious injuries tested the practical skills of the boys. We got into full swing during the winter season where frequently overlapping hockey, soccer and rugby duties called on the superb organisational skills of the leaders for this year, Johann Steyn and Michael Comititis. All our boys acquitted themselves well and they received frequent compliments for their efforts. Our thanks to our Matrics – Johann Steyn, Michael Comititis, Josh Traut, Chris Leith, Stuart Whitelaw and Divakaran Govender – all of whom have served Bishops next to the field for more than three years.



We completed our annual training at the end of Term 3 and have a set of 10 new boys trained, as well as nine boys who have completed advanced training certificates. During the fourth term, we teamed up with the First Aid group from Herschel to complete two simulation sessions which gave the boys involved a chance to apply their skills in real-life scenarios. These have brought a fun aspect to First Aid and provided a contrast to the hours spent at the side of the field in the rain and wind.

Anne Stevens,
Teacher-in-charge



Golf

With 34 boys actively participating in our golf programme and three teams entered into the WP League, Bishops golf is certainly in a healthy place. Both the 2nd and 3rd teams were entered into the B Division of the league, ensuring more boys were exposed to the competitive match play format of the game. Although our 2nd team had a slow start, they grew in confidence and strength as the season developed. They finished a credible 4th out of 10 teams in their league. The A League was very competitive, and the 1st team had some tough matches, returning stats of played 10, won 7, drew 1, lost 2. The team beat Reddam in their last game of the season to secure top position in the league (South A) and qualified for the WP League finals against the winners of the North League, Durbanville. The team also enjoyed wins against Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch in both their home and away fixtures during the season. The 1st team played in the WP League Finals against Durbanville High School at King David Mowbray Golf Club. They had a strong start, taking an early lead in five of the six games. Despite a valiant fightback from Durbanville, Bishops came out on top, winning 3,5 – 2,5. This is the second consecutive year that the 1st team has won the WP League.

During the June holidays, a team of six Matric golfers, Sebastian Dorward (captain), Michael Newton, Kayan Jaga, Michael Cadiz, Daniel Egerer and Thomas Jacobs, took part in the annual Cape Schools' Week Golf Festival held in St Francis Bay. They played 'practise' rounds on soggy George and Plettenberg Bay golf courses on the way to St Francis. Unfortunately, the weather was awful over the three days of the festival. On day 1, St Francis Links was closed in the morning due to heavy rains. This

did not perturb the boys though, and they went to the driving range and hit hundreds of balls. By the afternoon the course had drained enough to allow for a quick nine holes. The 36-hole format planned for the next day was reduced to 18 holes of match play on the St Francis Bay course. On the final day the boys were back on the Links course in a gale-force wind for another 18 holes of match play. The team returned good results with victories over Grey PE, Framesby and Nico Malan, but lost to Selbourne College.

The Inter-House Competition and Individual Championships were played at the Royal Cape Golf Club. Birt House finished in first place and claimed the trophy by a narrow 3-stroke margin. Gray House finished in second place with Kidd House in third place.

Awards

Pagliari Plate for the Individual Champion:

Jack Crafford

Rookie of the Year: Arman Patel

Inter-House Trophy: Birt House

Full Colours: Adam Buckham, Sebastian Dorward (re-award) and Michael Newton

Half Colours: Jack Buckham, Michael Cadiz and Thomas Jacobs

*Julian Vincent,
Teacher-in-charge*



Hockey

The 2023 hockey season has been a busy, but good one. The year started with an international tour and four local tours/festivals. After these, the in-season matches began with two tough opponents. However, the boys in all teams utilized these early setbacks as opportunities for growth, displaying remarkable resilience and determination throughout the season. The boys have shown immense passion and dedication on the field, giving their all in every match even when fixtures were not going in their favour.

During the June holidays, five Bishops boys represented WP, namely, Luc Dicey (U16B), Litha Mbiko (U16B), Robbie Veldtman (U18B), James Grieve (U18A) and Josh Mettler (U18A). Robbie, James and Josh were all selected for the SA U17 side to compete in the Mirnawan Cup in Malaysia.

One of the goals of Bishops hockey is to see that every boy ends the season a better player than when they began. It has been encouraging to see that this was achieved for the majority of the players this season. Special mention must be made of one of the most improved teams this season: the U16A team that went from a 9-0 loss to SACS in Term 2 to beating them 2-1 in Term 3. The most successful team this season was the 1st team with a win ratio close to 75%.

After a challenging last fixture against Bosch, the season ended with Inter-House Hockey. It was two days of great hockey and some very tightly-contested matches and competition. Every team gave it their all and the final standings in the Junior Inter-House were Kidd (first), White (second), Ogilvie (third) and Birt (fourth). And in the Senior Inter-House, Gray (first), Kidd (second), White (third) and Founders (fourth).

As we reflect on the season, we focus not only on the wins and losses, but also the life lessons that hockey has taught the boys, in particular teamwork, discipline, resilience and the importance of never giving up. The 2023 hockey season has been a memorable one filled with ups and downs, growth, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

This year Bishops hockey also updated the Woodlands Pavilion to acknowledge the OD hockey players who have represented South Africa. Thank you to Liesel Crafford and Duncan de Groot for helping to get the Honours Boards designed, organising the SA shirts, and getting the 1st team photos framed and installed at the Woodlands. At the end-of-season dinner with the help of Mr Reeler, we unveiled the new Honours Boards. We were joined by Stuart Berry (Gray 1996) and Pierre de Voux (Ogilvie 2004), both ODs who have represented South Africa in hockey. We are pleased to now have a space to acknowledge these incredible achievements.

Roseanne Withey,
Teacher-in-charge





Road and Trail

The Road and Trail Club has wrapped up an enjoyable season of pounding pavements and conquering tracks, leaving a trail of success in its wake. Kicking off the year with a triumphant appearance at the Trail Series Super League event in Ida's Valley, Stellenbosch, our boys showcased their running prowess with several podium finishes in their age groups, setting the tone for an action-packed season.

Some of the young men from the running club took on the Cableway Charity Challenge where they attempted as many ascents as possible up the infamous Platteklip Gorge in 12 hours. The team managed 15 summits between them, and successfully raised R40 000 for charity.

Guided by the adept leadership of Jamie Chester and Duncan Carter, the club embarked on diverse routes across Cape Town, from the scenic Newlands Forest to challenging terrains, testing their fitness with each run. The addition of more staff members facilitated the formation of tailored pace running groups, ensuring that each young athlete found their stride and pushed their limits.

In August, the team conquered another TSSL race, bravely tackling a 14km run. Bishops athletes once again shone on the podium, exemplifying the club's commitment to excellence. The spirit of camaraderie and dedication that defines this club will ensure that the upcoming season promises even greater achievements on the track and trail.

Rebecca Zeppel,
Teacher-in-charge



Rowing

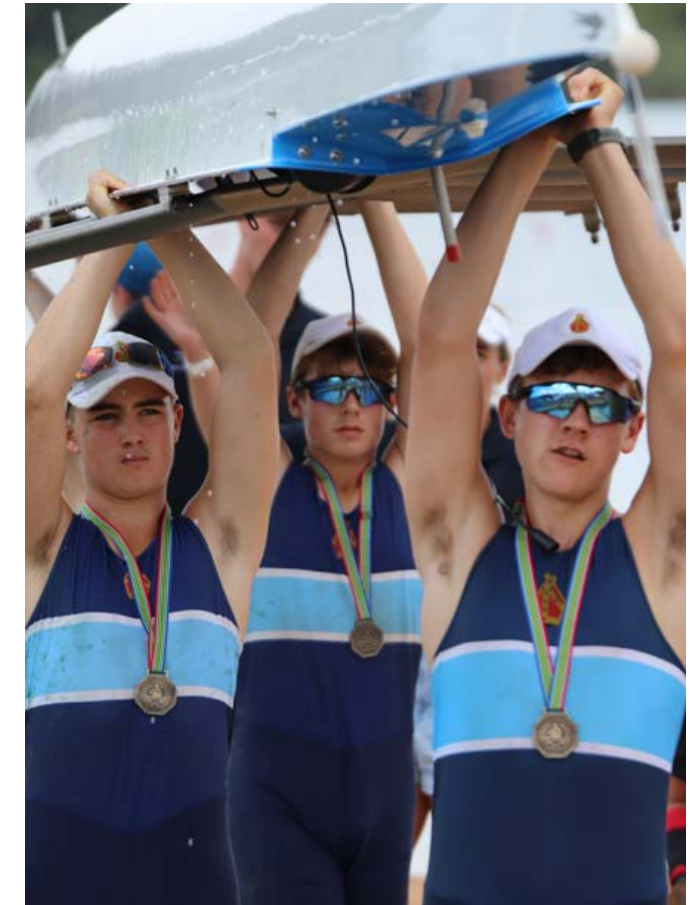
Teacher-in-charge: Brad Smith

2022 SA Schools Boatrace

Boatrace is a brutal 5.4km test of endurance, depth of character, want, technique, and a crew's ability to stay calm and confident in a testing environment. Bishops is almost always the first crew to arrive in Port Alfred, to learn the river, sandbanks, Jurassic-type environment, tides and, of course, winds. By the time the other crews have arrived, we are comfortably in a groove, accustomed to the magical Kowie. This advantage allowed our young crew to gel just in time, a crucial decision that aided a crew that was facing the odds – a top-10 finish would be tough. The 'nuggets', as our Grade 9s have been named, stepped up, and along with the passionate Grade 11s raced a near-perfect heat. Crews are sent off 30 seconds apart, in the order of finish from the previous year. Bishops posted the eighth fastest time, punching well above their weight class.

135th Buffalo Regatta

The Buffalo Regatta has been a major highlight on the South African rowing calendar due to the two magnificent trophies at stake, namely the Buffalo Grand Challenge (for Senior A Coxless Fours) and the Silver Sculls (for Senior A Single Sculls). Both were tough regattas given that most of the northern schools participated. The 8 unfortunately did not make the final in both Buffalo and Selborne sprints, as was the case with the coxless four. Our 2nd coxed four did well to make the final but fatigue and sickness struck at the wrong time. Our 1st coxed four did immensely well to make both finals of Selborne and Buffalo, having just snuck in due to incredibly fast heats. Despite just missing out on a podium, many valuable lessons were learnt. The U16 age group was able to test their rowing prowess and our results were unexpected across the board, a mixture of elation and disappointment.



RESULTS	
Opens	U16s
Selborne Sprints	
Coxed four: 5th 2nd Coxed four: 6th	Coxless four: 1st Coxed four: 6th Quad: 4th Pair: 2nd Eight: 6th
Buffalo Regatta	
Coxed four: 4th 2nd Pair: 6th Eight: 6th	Coxless four: 1st Pair: 1st Eight: 6th

South African Schools

1st Team

Despite the hot weather, the rowers put in a remarkable performance and had an extremely successful weekend. Each crew achieved a place in at least an A final, which is a testament to their hard work and dedication. The team was rewarded for their efforts with four medals in total, including one gold, one silver and two bronze. The 1st rowing team had a great experience as they went up nine days earlier to acclimatise. Despite juggling work and rowing, they enjoyed a fantastic time. The boys learnt a great deal while developing a significant amount. The results at the SA Schools Rowing Champs were outstanding, especially considering where the opens had started out. Achieving a place in the A final in the pair, 5th overall, and an A final for both fours was phenomenal. Even though the 8 missed out on the final, they were complimented on their overall improvement by all clubs.

JM/BU19 2-:

5th Overall: Didi Marx and Jett Bacher

JM/BU19 4+:

5th Overall: Didi Marx, Jett Bacher, Sebastian Cheminais, Joshua Traut

JM/BU19 4-:

8th Overall: Bradley Calow, Gage James, Ben Hendrikse and Jack Hartman

JM/BU19 1st 8+:

9th Overall: Joshua Power, Sebastian Cheminais, Didier Marx, Jett Bacher, Bradley Calow, Gage James, Jack Hartman, Ben Hendrikse and Joshua Traut

U16

SA Champs was a dramatic and fitting end. The introduction of two new athletes and the absence of one experienced rower meant that the 8+ and coxed four were on the back foot in the second half of the season and it showed in our results in both these boats. Great performance in the heat saw our U16 8 competitive but, unfortunately, we did not translate that performance in the final. The small boats were more positive with both Matt Maurel and Jack Breslin closely missing out on the scull final with not much time in these boats. Veer and Viggo raced hard with grit and determination but, unfortunately, did not make the final – similar to Cameron and John, we missed out on a potential medal, based on previous results, due to a stomach bug. The coxless four did exceptionally well, winning their race by 3.5 seconds and were way ahead of the rest of the field. These athletes have been invited to compete in Western Cape Trials based on this incredible result.

JM/BU16 1x:

14th Overall: Matthew Maurel

10th Overall: Jack Breslin

JM/BU16 4+:

8th Overall: Viggo du Plessis, Calum Darnell, Christian Gloyne and Veer Daya

JM/BU16 4-:

1st Place: Jack Breslin, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt and Matthew Maurel

JM/BU16 8+:

7th Overall: Nico Schreuder, Jack Breslin, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt, Matthew Maurel, Viggo du Plessis, Calum Darnell, Christian Gloyne and Veer Daya

U15

The nine boys selected for this regatta were top-performing athletes, but the competition between the age group was immense, making the selection process a tough one. Our crews were able to have a successful rowing camp at Misverstand Dam the weekend before the biggest regatta of the season, SA Champs! This camp was very useful to help us polish and refine all that the boys had learned over the season so that we could go and race to our best abilities.

JM/BU15 1x:

10th Overall: Jordan Planting

JM/BU15 4x+:

17th Overall: Luke Ratcliffe, Angus Bromley, Nicholas Sedgwick, Finn Moran and Cox David Traill.

6th Place: Jordan Planting, Stuart Hudson, Theodore Forsyth, Kai Bacher and Cox Matthew de Jager

JM/BU15 8x+:

4th Overall: Luke Ratcliffe, Stuart Hudson, Angus Bromley, Kai Bacher, Finn Moran, Theodore Forsyth, Nicholas Sedgwick, Jordan Planting and Cox Matthew de Jager

U14

Ben Redfern brought home Bishops’s first medal of the regatta in the sculls after he put up a good fight in the

final for a bronze. The boys had a tough final after the U14 octuple final was called for a re-row. Even though the boys were tired and frustrated, they did not see it as a loss but rather another opportunity to do better. They put up a massive fight against St John’s and St Benedict’s in the last 250m of the race and were able to secure a well-deserved second place. Our double had their best race on the day and were able to beat U15 crews that had a whole season of experience over us. Our quad put up a fight in the final where they gave their all and brought home the third medal of the regatta.

JM/BU14 1x:

3rd Place: Benjamin Redfern

JM/BU14 2x:

6th Overall: Luke Traut and David Trail

JM/BU14 4x+:

3rd Place: Sam Buda, Benjamin Redfern, Gabriel Elsley, Edward Potgieter and Cox Yazeed Lalkhen

JM/BU14 8x+:

2nd Place: Daniel Bowers, Jesse Morgan, Benjamin Redfern, Gabriel Elsley, Edward Potgieter, Adam Carter, Sam Buda, Roman Waltman and Cox Yazeed Lalkhen

2023-24 Season

The opening regatta for the 2023/2024 rowing season is the Knysna Midway Regatta. The regatta is regarded as being extremely valuable to all the Western and Eastern Cape schools as it provides great practice for the school’s first quads and first 8s for Boatrace. This year’s regatta was no exception but a large majority of the Saturday sprints were called off due to un-rowable weather conditions. However, Sunday proved to be an excellent day of racing with beautiful and serene conditions. Special mention must be made of the junior rowers for their hard work and dedication at the regatta, which were reflected in their results.

2023 Half-Season Report and Misverstand Regatta

The Rowing Camp of 2023 presented unexpected challenges due to heavy rains in the lead-up to the event. The usual rowing location, Nerina, just outside Robertson, had been affected by the weather, resulting in a significant stream of water. Despite these challenges, the camp proceeded as planned.

Open Age Group

The October rowing camp marked the official start of the rowing season and an opportunity for Grade 11 students to take on leadership roles within the club. Despite the challenging water conditions, 16 boys from the open age group participated. The group collectively worked to make the most of the situation, and every member emerged from the camp stronger.



Misverstand Sprints

The Misverstand Sprints provided a more favourable environment for racing, with generally better weather conditions due to its location. The Bishops Rowing Club achieved outstanding results throughout the weekend, dominating across various age groups and boat classes. Multiple boats featured in multiple events, highlighting the club’s strong performance.

The opens and 1st 8 groups also displayed remarkable improvement from the previous week, with an evenly matched race in the first 8 event, narrowly losing to Rondebosch, with SACS closely behind. The heads regatta on the following day allowed Grade 10s to leave early for exams, enabling Grade 9s to join the first boat. Despite their loss to SACS and Rondebosch, the Grade 9s showcased great promise, leaving room for improvement in their rowing skills.

Misverstand Sprint Results

U15

A1x:

- 1st: Ben Redfern
- 3rd: Adam Carter
- 5th: Gabriel Esley

A2x:

- 2nd: Oscar Weldon and Roman Waltman

A4x:

- 1st: Gabriel Elsley, Adam Carter, Ben Redfern, Lorenzo Dupont and Cox Yazeed Lalkhen

A8+:

- 1st: Gabriel Elsley, Adam Carter, Ben Redfern, Lorenzo DuPont, Edward Potgieter, David Trail, Sam Buda, Daniel Bowers and Cox Yazeed Lalkhen

U16

A2-:

- 1st: Jordan Planting and Finn Moran

A4-:

- 3rd: Angus Bromley (Bow), Jordan Planting (2), Finn Moran (3) and Luke Ratcliffe (Stroke)

A4+:

- 1st: Kai Bacher, Theo Forsyth, Stuart Hudson, Max Marshall Smith and Joshua Moolman

A8+:

- 3rd: Max Petersen (Coxswain), Angus Bromley (Bow), Jordan Planting (2), Finn Moran (3), Stuart Hudson (4), Max Marshall-Smith (5), Kai Bacher (6), Theodore Forsyth (7) and Luke Ratcliffe (Stroke)

Open

First 1x:

- 2st: Matthew Maurel
- 3rd: Seth Garewal
- 4th: Cameron Redfern

- 5th: Jack Breslin

First 2-:

- 2nd: John Van Der Watt and Matthew Maurel
- 3rd: Sebastian Cheminais and Cameron Redfern
- 4th: Jack Breslin and Seth Garewal
- 8th: Gage James and Jack Hartman

First 2x:

- 1st: Jack Breslin & Seth Garewal
- 2nd: Sebastian Cheminais & Cameron Redfern

First 4-:

- 1st: Matthew Maurel (Bow), John van der Watt (2), Cameron Redfern (3) and Sebastian Cheminais (Stroke)
- 2nd: Jack Breslin, Seth Garewal, Gage James and Jack Hartman

First 4+:

- 2nd: Joshua Moolman (Cox), Matthew Maurel (Bow), John van der Watt (2), Cameron Redfern (3) and Sebastian Cheminais (Stroke)
- 4th: Matthew de Jager (Cox), Jack Breslin, Seth Garewal, Gage James and Jack Hartman

First 8+:

- 2nd: Matthew de Jager (Cox), Seth Garewal (Bow), John van der Watt (2), Jack Hartman (3), Gage James (4), Cameron Redfern (5), Sebastian Cheminais (6), Matthew Maurel, (7) and Jack Breslin (Stroke)

Opens

The season kicked off with challenging conditions during our rowing camp at the Breerivier in Nerina. Despite the adverse weather, our team demonstrated resilience and a strong commitment to learning. This camp served as an invaluable opportunity for our athletes to build their skills and deepen their understanding of rowing. Following the camp, we faced more challenging conditions at the Knysna Regatta. Despite the unpredictable weather, our team managed to secure impressive results, placing second in the pair and third in the 1st 8. Unfortunately,

several races had to be cancelled due to the weather, but our athletes showed determination and adaptability. At the UCT Regatta, the opens showcased their abilities by placing first by rowing the closest time relative to the world record. This victory was a testament to the hard work and dedication our athletes put into their training throughout the season. The final regatta of the season, the Misverstand Regatta, was a highlight for our team. Four Bishops boys made it to the five-boat sculling final, a remarkable achievement. In the 1st pairs event, our rowers placed second, third, and fourth, demonstrating their depth and competitiveness. Additionally, we secured first and second place in the 4- event and second place in the 1st 8+ event. Our 2nd team also performed admirably, coming in first and second in the pairs event and second and fourth in the 4+ race.

Sven Solot

U16

From the harsh weather in Knysna to a flood-affected October camp, the U16s have taken everything in their stride. Having added to their ranks over the winter, the squad arrived ready for the new season keen and eager to get into the swing of things. As always, the biggest change in the move to U16 is the introduction of sweep rowing and all the challenges associated with it. Up until camp, most of the sessions were spent learning the basics in the 8, with 4s and small boats being introduced on camp. After a beneficial but tricky camp, the guys took on Knysna, where some notable performances were achieved before the weather brought an end to the regatta. With first place in the pair and 8 secured in very challenging conditions in the sprint, the guys took on the Heads race where the 8 emerged victorious again. Two weeks later it was off to the Misverstand Sprints. The regatta is a great opportunity to get in some much-

needed racing experience. This time the 4 and pair set the bar high with first-place finishes. Credit must go to the coxless four who, in an extremely close and competitive race against A crews, narrowly missed out on the win. The performances of the B crews must also be commended. Considering the lack of experience of the new recruits, it was great to see them punch well above their weight.

Oliver Kane-Smith

U15

As a group, the boys have all worked hard and earned themselves multiple notable achievements over several regattas. The first phase of training was mostly physical testing for the coaches to gauge strength and endurance after the off-season. Second were the days leading up to, and including, the October camp in Robertson. Although these camps are enjoyable, they are also physically and mentally demanding, with several intense sessions a day both on and off the water. This phase shifted focus to water-based ability, which is ultimately what decides team selection, as coaches look for one’s ability to transfer power into the water. Third, post-camp training has entailed more challenging ergs, several competitive events, and higher expectations from coaches. In addition to good results, boys have also taken more responsibility for off-water requirements such as packing and maintenance of boats and equipment, which was demonstrated at Misverstand.

Paige Crooks

*Christopher Hale,
Report co-ordinator*

Rugby

Teacher-in-charge: Angus Firth

Following a review of Bishops rugby at the end of the 2022 season, the High-Performance Committee (HPC) was appointed to manage rugby at Bishops. Made up of Rob Fleck (chairman), Tank Lanning, Richard Evans, TIC Rugby (Angus Firth 2023/Ronald Jacobs 2024) and 1st XV coach Wes Chetty, the HPC put in place a curriculum-based rugby programme and culture called ‘This is Bishops’. This was implemented by highly skilled and respected coaching, conditioning and medical staff, using the latest equipment and digital support systems.

One year into the five-year programme, strengths include improved coaching quality, increased player participation, improved conditioning, reduced injuries, improved levels of commitment, better communication, improved stakeholder engagement and a more consistent playing style.

Challenges include the lack of talent in the Grade 8 intake from our regular feeder schools, the number of College staff able to coach at the required level, defining

the roles (and necessity) of the high-performance managers, ensuring consistent coaching systems and curriculum understanding, tough fixture schedules, maintaining C&D sides, improving player skills, financial constraints, lack of a commercial arm, and redefining the role of the Bishops Rugby Supporters Club.

In taking proactive measures to address said challenges, while leveraging the programme’s strengths, our ‘This is Bishops’ programme will thrive, with long-term success on and off the field, returning Bishops to its rightful place in the South African rugby landscape.

The U14 rugby season began with enormous hype and high expectations, as always. In terms of results, the season was not successful, but as far as the growth in skills, player match awareness and management, and especially camaraderie were concerned, it was a highly successful year. The number of coaching resources invested in the age group was massive and evidently beneficial for the players. The lessons learned and the improvement in all teams in the age group suggest a bright future, especially when the boys mature physically and can match most opposition in size. The U14As



drawing against Paarl Gim, the U14Cs securing two wins against Rondebosch, and the Ds beating Paarl Boys are certainly indications of their potential. This is an age group for the future.

The U15 rugby teams at Bishops exhibited considerable promise this season, showcasing talent and dedication. Despite facing challenges with self-discipline, maturity and game management, the A team displayed resilience and came close in several matches. The Bs secured victories against formidable opponents like SACS, Rondebosch and Boland Landbou, while the Cs claimed the spotlight with a triple crown in the first half of the season. Although they narrowly missed a double triple crown due to a close loss to Wynberg, their exceptional performance bodes well for next year. No doubt, several of the Cs will be fighting for places up the ladder as depth in the age group is abundant. The Ds will forever cherish their memorable win against Paarl Boys. With significant coaching investment in the side, we are confident that these experiences will yield success in their U16 year.

The U16 season saw far more collaboration and shared structure between the three U16 teams this year, right from early in the pre-season. All three teams trained on the Sahara together, working as a squad for the most part. So, certainly from a holistic age-group perspective, the development and upskilling of the players were huge positives, the benefits of which will be felt over the next two years in the open age group. Results-wise, the season was a disappointment. It is well documented how tough the WP Super League is in the U16 division, and every game was exceptionally tough. Abundant injuries throughout the season severely hampered any momentum, and wins were very hard to come by. The B and C teams had very close, exciting games against our



close rivals. The highlight for the C team will certainly be the two wins against SACS, with the B side coming desperately close in both encounters. The A team had some close, competitive games against SACS, Wynberg and Stellenberg, and had two very memorable wins on the Piley Rees against UK opposition. Although they lost in the last few minutes through a penalty kick, the tour to St Andrews was certainly a highlight of the season for the A side.

The 2nd XV, as is tradition, played with huge flair and tenacity, but results did not go their way for the most part. Congratulations to the 3rd XV rugby team for their continued tradition of winning the triple crown! While



the overall record might show more losses than wins, winning the triple crown is a remarkable achievement. Coming from 17 points down against Wynberg on the Piley Rees and managing to secure a draw speaks to resilience and grit, the trademarks of this team. The 4th side turned the tables on the local opposition in the second half, largely due to a mass return from injuries, and came close to a triple crown but were undone by a last gasp try from Rondebosch! The 5th side was heavily disrupted by injury, but a stalwart and committed group of players stuck to the job and competed formidably, drawing against Wynberg, and beating Rondebosch in the first part of the season.

For all associated with the College's 1st XV, the 2023 rugby season will be remembered as a happy and fruitful time that featured several highlights and a handful of significant results of which all can be proud. As important as the record of wins and losses, the young men who wore our colours conducted themselves impeccably throughout the winter, both on and off the field of play. Many long months of pre-season training and conditioning, stretching right back to September 2022, ensured that, when the first whistle blew, the boys were ready for the rigours and the challenge of a very demanding match schedule in the toughest schoolboy league to be found.

Captain Nic Allison and his teammates kicked off in handsome fashion, comfortably winning the two games that were played at the Wynberg Festival before travelling to Johannesburg for three more hard-fought victories at the Saint Stithians festival. Here, the players certainly put down a marker with a particularly encouraging performance in their match against Helpmekaar; this early win clearly underlined their potential and intent as far the domestic season was

concerned. Some wonderful results were recorded over the course of the second term, including a triple crown of victories against our local rivals and a telling victory on the Piley against much-vaunted Stellenberg. The semester truly ended in spectacular fashion as the young men put in a remarkable defensive display to keep out Rondebosch during the final seven minutes of an entirely memorable derby match in June, before digging deep to come back from 17 points behind when defeating Saint Andrews in Makhanda during the winter holidays. It was clear for all to see what it meant to the players on this squad to represent their school at the highest level.

A clutch of touring sides from England were put to the sword in the first few weeks of the third term before the 1st XV resumed its campaign against local rivals; although things did not always go our way here, the team continued to deliver a brand of rugby that remained just so easy on the eye, skilfully blending dogged and gritty defence with scintillating running rugby when on attack with ball in hand. It would be impossible to forget the

gripping drama of our last two games, where, in both cases, the result remained in the balance until the very last seconds; these matches against SACS and Bosch were utterly absorbing encounters that left all spectators breathless and speechless for some time after the final whistle.

Three players deserve to be singled out as the curtain falls on the College's winter of rugby: warm congratulations go to Hashim Pead, Gilermo Mentoe and Aidan Norris who were all selected for the South African Schools team, just reward for the significant performances they had put in, week after week, when representing the boys in blue.

And so, to next season! If the winter of 2024 provides even half as much excitement and thrills and spills as we witnessed this year, we will all certainly have much to look forward to!

Wes Chetty and Warwick Richter



Sailing

Ross Collins (commodore) and Richard Mason (vice-commodore) led the group of sailors this past year after taking over the helm (as it were) from Carl Elvin-Jensen and Andrew Lawson. A sailing 'year' is from Term 4 of the previous year to the end of Term 1 of the current year. Interestingly, the new commodore of sailing for the 2023/24 year is Michael Lawson, Andrew's younger brother.

One of the consequences of Covid-19 is that our boys lost out on participating in competitive events. It was really only those who are sailing at a higher level who took part. We mention, in particular, the involvement of Theo Scheder-Bieschin (Grade 11) who, along with his crew (Patrick Kessel a student at Parklands College), participated in regattas in Germany and Poland during the June/July holidays on a 29er. Back home, Theo and Patrick have performed superbly with their most recent result being first place in the 29er Nationals held at Mykonos in Saldanha Bay.

We were also delighted that two of our Matrics participated in the Western Province Championships held over the Easter Weekend in False Bay. The Lawson brothers (Michael and Andrew [OD]) teamed up to sail a Hobie 16 while Richard Mason sailed a Laser Radial.

In the Inter-House Sailing, Gray are to be congratulated on their resounding win over Ogilvie.

Congratulations are due to Ross Collins and Richard Mason for being awarded Full Colours for sailing and Zuhayr Mohamood and Michael Lawson for being awarded Half Colours.

*Graham Robertson,
Teacher-in-charge*





Soccer

Patience and perseverance. In what can only be described as the most competitive season since the inception of soccer at Bishops in 2016, the school's soccer teams left an indelible mark on the local soccer scene. Across all age groups, from the youngest emerging talents to the seasoned players who have shared the pitch for the past five years, Bishops soccer demonstrated unparalleled determination and passion, emerging as true ambassadors of the school.

Leading the charge was the first team, under the calm and capable leadership of Ollie Chevallier (vice-captain). The team's exemplary performance set the tone for the entire season, inspiring younger players and reinforcing the values of sportsmanship and dedication. A special mention goes to Lutho Cutshwa (captain), who led the team with unfiltered pride and passion and unwavering will, both on and off the pitch.

The season was marked by enthusiastic participation in various local festivals and tournaments, showcasing the



array of talent within the Bishops soccer ranks. Notable among these were the Wynberg Soccer Tournament, the Reddam U19 Cup and the Rondebosch U17 Youth Cup. The highlight of the season came when the U17 team clinched the Silver Plate at the Wynberg tournament, as well as the first team's tightly contested 1-1 draw against a notoriously strong Wynberg side, a testament to their teamwork and resilience.

Another standout moment of the season was the camaraderie fostered through hosting Batshise FC from Delft. The encounter focused on building bridges and fostering the spirit of sportsmanship. The players had loads of fun and the promise of future encounters with this growing club, as well as other local soccer academies, only adds to the excitement surrounding soccer at Bishops. Bishops soccer has firmly established itself as a force to be reckoned with in the local soccer landscape.

*Jarred Bradley,
Teacher-in-charge*

Sports Performance and Wellness Programme

Bishops developed a comprehensive Sports Performance and Wellness (SPW) programme in 2020. The programme aims to achieve the holistic development of the boys by addressing their conditioning, performance, wellness and injury management. The programme spans all three campuses, tailoring its approach to each developmental stage: Pre-Prep, Prep and College.

Commencing at Pre-Prep, the programme focuses on developing general gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination. This solid foundation evolves through to the Prep and then at the College where specialised conditioning programmes for the various years and sports are applied. At the College specifically, the SPW team is involved in various areas of the school day. These are:

1. Sports Performance and Wellness testing with Grades 8, 9 and 10 twice a year.
2. Sports Science Life Orientation theory and practical classes
3. Dual athlete monitoring and management
4. Wellness monitoring and management
5. On-field and in-gym conditioning for individuals and teams
6. Sports-specific testing and data analyses
7. Injury management structured management plan

The SPW programme demonstrates continuous growth, relentlessly seeking avenues to positively impact Bishops students' physical and performance wellbeing, and ensuring a seamless progression from Pre-Prep to the pinnacle of their academic and athletic journey at College.

*Christopher Ekron,
Teacher-in-charge*





Surfing

Surfing has been challenging again this year, but also fruitful. Boys have enjoyed some really good surf sessions as well as some moderate ones, but always seem to have fun. Sessions have been held as regularly as conditions have allowed – with some rather hectic, windblown missions undertaken this winter. Boys are always enthusiastic participants, and the level of surfing is high. We have frequented Llandudno, Big Bay, Doodles, as well as Milnerton Beach, on occasion stopping for refreshments to refuel on the way home when time has allowed. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the Inter-House Surfing competition this year due to the unprecedented storm weather that lashed our coastline towards the end of Term 3, so Birt House will get to keep the trophy for a second year. Josh van Wyk was awarded Full Colours – he was once again selected to represent Western Province at the Nationals in Jeffreys Bay. This is a significant achievement, and we congratulate Josh on his perseverance and hard work in getting to this point. Husain Essop and Matt Hoole were tireless supporters.

*Keith Warne,
Teacher-in-charge*



Water Polo

The 2023 water polo season was a busy one. A full set of interschool fixtures, along with various tours and local tournaments, provided many opportunities for the boys to showcase their talents and for our teams to perform against the best in the country.

We fielded 14 teams across the U14, U15 and U19 age groups. A total of 217 matches were played throughout the season. Locally there were tournaments for our U14A, U15A, 2nd and 1st teams, as well as tours for our U14A, U15A, 2nd and 1st teams.

Most of our teams produced strong results, but there are some teams that deserve a special mention: the U14C and D teams won every game this season; our 4th team returned a 90% win rate; and our 2nd and 3rd teams returned a better-than-70% win rate.

The U15A team had an exceptional season with remarkable stats: played 26, won 21, drew 1 and only lost 4 games. They were runners-up at the Parktown Indigo Tournament at the end of Term 1, and won the Ian Melliar Cup at Wynberg at the end of Term 3.

Several of our teams competed in local B League tournaments at the end of Term 1, and all achieved impressive results.

Our 3rd team made it to the semifinals of their tournament, unfortunately losing to Rondebosch, but ending third overall. Our U15B team won their tournament comprising local U15B teams and a few A teams from the B League. They beat Westerford U15A team in the final. Our U14B team made the final of their tournament after topping the pool stages.

They, unfortunately, ended up losing the final to Rondebosch in a penalty shootout.

The 1st team was a very young side this year, with only three Matric players. Despite their youth, they resolved to be competitive among the top water polo schools in the country and they were certainly successful in this regard. Even though they lost the experienced leadership of Ben Hatty for most of Term 1, the team dug deep and remained determined to improve and prove their worth. At the start of the season, they travelled to St Andrew's for the SAC Shield Water Polo Tournament and ended up 10th out of 12 sides. The highlight was their excellent performance against Grey High School where they showed their promise for the future. They bonded brilliantly and came out of the tournament as a far more cohesive unit. Special mention must be made of our captain, Ben Hatty, and vice-captain, Trento Lambrechts, who both led exceptionally well. Later in the term, the team made the quarterfinals of the KES Water Polo Tournament (South Africa's most prestigious water polo tournament, in which the top sides in the country compete) and placed eighth. Ross Stewart was selected for the tournament team. In the second half



of the season, they put on a solid performance at the SACS Water Polo Tournament. Despite facing tough competition and having just one Matric student in Ben Hatty who served as captain, the team delivered an admirable performance. In total, the team played 10 matches during the tournament, securing victories in eight and drawing one.

Congratulations to Jordan De Sousa whose goalkeeping skills were outstanding. His performance earned him the title of 'Goalie of the Tournament'.

The 2nd team travelled to Gqeberha for the Pearson 2nd Team Water Polo Tournament. They finished first in their pool, beating PRG, Merrifield, Pearson and Bosch 2. Focus then turned to the knockout stages where they played St Andrew's College in the quarterfinals, winning 8-2. Next up was PRG in a highly anticipated semifinal match. Unfortunately, the team lost a penalty shootout to end a thrilling game. There were many lessons learnt and valuable experience gained by the team and individual players. Results summary: played 7, won 5, lost 2, and placed fourth out of 20 teams.



The U15A team competed in the Indigo Parktown Tournament. They finished top in their pool with wins over Durban High School, St David's Marist, Grey College, St Alban's College, and KES. They had an impressive 36-goal difference. Bishops managed to come out on top after a tight quarterfinal against Michaelhouse to face Kearsney in the semifinal. After another strong win, they made it to the final. It was a nail-biter that went to penalty shoot-outs, and the team unfortunately came out second, gaining a silver medal. At the Ian Melliar Cup, which saw 24 teams from around the country competing for the most sought-after trophy in the U15 Division, the team progressed to the quarterfinals where they beat Wahoo. In the semifinal, they came up against Paul Roos. Despite the downpour, the boys put in very strong performances on their way to the final against SACS. It was a tightly contested match with Bishops ultimately coming out on top with a 6-5 victory. Special mention must go to Tim Young, Michael Mafunda and Matt Fenn on their selection to the tournament team. Michael Mafunda was also awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament and Matt Fenn Player of the Tournament.

The U14A team enjoyed a successful tour attending the Ken Short Festival at Jeppe. The team won all their games beating St Stithian's 6-3, Selborne 7-3, St John's 5-1, KES 7-2, St David's 11-2, Kearsney 12-2, and Michaelhouse 12-3. They also enjoyed a very positive tour to Hilton College and finished top of their pool, winning three of three games and then held their nerve against a competitive team from St Stithian's in the quarterfinal to move into the semifinal of the tournament. Unfortunately, they lost the semifinal to Rondebosch, but recovered well to win the 3rd/4th playoff against Clifton. They did extremely well at the Reddam Pitcairn Cup from 17-19 February. They beat SACS in the quarterfinal,

then Reddam in the semifinals to advance to the finals. They came up against a very strong Rondebosch team and, despite their best efforts, didn't get the win in the end. An incredible effort from the team and coaching staff to claim the silver medal. They returned amazing results at the Rondebosch Tournament, winning eight of their nine pool games, thereby topping their pool. They beat Grey High School 10-7 in the quarterfinal, then Kearsney College 8-3 in the semifinal. The final was played against a very strong Rondebosch team. Overall, it was a great tournament, and the team did very well to claim the silver medal. Thomas Jenman was the team's Player of the Tournament and Harry Ford was named Attacker of the Tournament.

Awards

Full Colours: Jordan De Sousa, Benjamin Hatty (re-award), Trento Lambrechts, Ross Stewart, and Thomas Truter

Half Colours: Heath Blackwell, Adam Buckham, Noah Edmunds, Cameron Moon, Bryn Parry, Alexander Smith and Ross Walker

Western Province selection

U14B: James Hugo

U14A: Oliver Badenhorst, Harry Ford

U15B: Boytjie Fyfer, Anthony Lampe, Noah Viuff

U15A: Matt Fenn, Michael Mafunda, James Malan, Timothy Young

U16B: Milo Letschert

U16A: Noah Edmunds

U19B: Thomas Truter, Ross Stewart

U19A: Jordon De Sousa

*Keith Warne,
Teacher-in-charge*



INTERNATIONAL TOURS

FENCING

Germany

Our fencers enjoyed an exciting tour to Tauberbischofsheim in Germany in April. This was our fourth visit to the Olympic Fencing Centre and it was wonderful to reconnect with the fencing friends we have made over the years and to train with top coaches. We were also fortunate to visit the second-oldest fencing club in Germany – in Offenbach, outside Frankfurt – where we spent two nights training and had a traditional supper with the club. Apart from the fencing, we spent half a day in Rothenburg, to the delight of the fencers as they discovered a medieval weapons shop, and took another half-day tour to the Würzburg Fortress. In between the fencing, we went bowling, went on an epic 8km walk and enjoyed the sights and sounds of Tauberbischofsheim.

Jacky Withers



HISTORY

Belgium, France and the Netherlands

Months of planning, thanks in no small part to tour operator Travel and Sport, came to fruition on Tuesday, 27 June, when 22 excited Bishops boys – accompanied by Messrs Hewett and Nzuzi – boarded a Qatar Airways flight at Cape Town International Airport bound for Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam to commence a jam-packed 12-day tour of the cultural and historical sites of Belgium, France and the Netherlands. A protracted journey to Europe, via Doha, and the first night's accommodation in beautiful Ypres was to set the tone for the adventure ahead by way of long days (and nights) with great distances covered in a relatively short space of time. Opinion was, however, unanimous that multi-hour coach journeys and sore feet – the result of much walking and exploration of cities, towns and one-time battlefields – were small prices to pay for all that was seen and experienced on tour.

Indelible memories, of which there were many, included:

- laying a wreath beside the fabled Hornbeam Tree at Delville Wood in the Somme in remembrance of the 112 Old Diocesans who gave their lives in the Great War.
- walking along beautiful Omaha Beach, scene of the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944, on a glorious summer's day.
- visiting the pristine Normandy American Cemetery, portrayed in the opening scenes of *Saving Private Ryan*.

- observing first-hand the grand opulence of the Palace of Versailles, including the famed Hall of Mirrors (where the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919) during a guided tour.
- being mesmerized by the site of 15 000 simple white wooden crosses, all immaculately maintained, at Douaumont, that mark the final resting place of French soldiers killed during the Battle of Verdun. (There can be very few memorials that encapsulate the sheer scale of tragedy and loss of human life wrought by World War One as displayed at Douaumont.)
- viewing many of Paris's most celebrated attractions via a Seine River cruise.
- a leisurely walk along the length of the Champs-Élysées and watching the Parisian sky transform from dusk to dark to illuminate the spectacular nighttime lights of the Eiffel Tower.

It was a tired tour party that pounded the streets of cosmopolitan Amsterdam on a warm Thursday afternoon and evening ahead of a Friday afternoon return flight home (again via Doha). This scenario was, however, indicative of a trip that maximized opportunities to garner many incredible experiences and memories that the boys (who proved to be thoroughly outstanding ambassadors for Bishops and South Africa) and members of staff fortunate enough to have travelled to Europe grabbed with both hands.

Shaun Hewett



HOCKEY

Belgium, France and the Netherlands

Two teams travelled to Belgium and the Netherlands on hockey tour: the 1st team and the Colts (a development side). There were 31 boys in the touring squad. The tour consisted of plenty of travel, exploring new places, training sessions, matches and a tournament. The boys got to experience playing at hockey clubs that had six or more astros and against tough, well-trained opposition. The tour began in Antwerp, where the boys had a training session with experienced Belgian players and coaches and the 1sts got to play a game against Tilburg. After exploring Antwerp, the tour moved on to Maastricht where the boys were able to experience the historical city before playing matches against Delta Venlo Hockey Club.

The squad spent a day in Germany, first at a training session with German coaches, at the club where ODs and SA Olympic players Mustapha and Dayaan Cassiem play, and then went on a tour of the Borussia Mönchengladbach Football Stadium – a highlight for the football enthusiasts.

The day before the HDM Tournament, the boys got to experience Efteling Park, the oldest theme park in the Netherlands. After that busy day, both teams played tough matches in final preparation for the tournament. The HDM Tournament in The Hague draws teams from across the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and South Africa, and features some brilliant hockey. After playing seven matches in three days, the Colts placed fourth in

their section, and while the 1sts were unable to secure the first-place trophy, as they had done in 2017, they fought valiantly to achieve the second-place trophy.

After the tournament, we went to Amsterdam where we watched the men's and ladies' European Hockey League finals. Both were a brilliant display of competition, skill and inspiring hockey. A stop at the Anne Frank House was eye opening and, for many, it put our lockdown experience into perspective. After exploring Amsterdam a little, the tour ended with one last match for both teams.

Overall, the 1st team played 11 matches, won eight and came second in the tournament, while the Colts played 10 matches, won two and came fourth in their tournament. All in all, the boys learnt a lot, created special memories, and developed as players. We look forward to seeing them applying their new skills and understanding of the game as we go into the season.

Roseanne Withey





SALVETE VALETE

SALVETE

Grade 8	Engelbrecht, L	Merryweather, M
	Fisher, M	Morgan, J
Agagu, F	Ford, H	Morgan, M
Allie, Y	Furter, L	Muzik, J
Arendse, R	Futter, R	Naidoo, K
Badenhorst, O	Ghani, Q	Newton, C
Bagg, F	Gloyne, J	Olmesdahl, R
Barnard, D	Gorgens, J	Osman, Z
Bennett, M	Gorman, D	Pitt, J
Bowers, D	Gorman, N	Potgieter, E
Buda, S	Govender, K	Redfern, B
Carr, Y	Govender, N	Reid, C
Carriem, R	Green, K	Rogers, C
Carter, A	Green, N	Sanya, J
Ciolli, J	Grieve, L	Shimange, S
Clark, C	Grout, J	Slabber, B
Cloete, M	Hatty, W	Soqele, Q
Cowden, B	Heesom, L	Tanton, O
Dales, R	Hendricks, J	Thankge, N
Dales, T	Honigwachs, B	Theys, T
Davids, F	Hughes, A	Tsobo, E
Daya, D	Hugo, J	Van Breda, J
De Vos, B	Hume, M	Van der Bergh, L
Dingley, J	Jones, C	Weldon, O
Douglas, M	Kabalin, J	Wild, E
Dupont, L	Kobus, O	Willoughby-Williams, L
Durrant, B	Lalkhen, Y	Willoughby-Williams, M
Dywili, L	Leith, I	Wolfe-Coote, L
Edwards, J	Liebenberg, R	Woollam, T
Elsley, G	Mackay, N	
Emenanjo, K	Mclagan, N	

Grade 9

Fyfer, DF
Gafney, JM
Glenday, WE
Kassen, VK
Mogale, AD
Toweel, CJ
Trennery, B

Grade 10

Aliverti, C
Bassett, WJ
Blackwell, HB
Davoren, M
Furter, DC
Garewal, SA
Manicom, JM
Robyntjies, CD
Xala, KN

Grade 11

Mettler, J
Moolman, WJ
Putzier, NJ

VALETE

Grade 8

Carriem, R
De Vos, B
Fisher, MM

Grade 9

Trennery, B

Grade 10

Hollis, KC
Mucave, FN
Naude, PG
Samassa, JM
Weir, NW

Grade 11

Kerbelker, AK
Mattison, E
Scheder-Bieschin, C

Grade 12

Adams, A
Allison, NL
Attwood, SB
Augoustatos, N
Bacher, J
Balim, MY
Barker, TD
Bechis Finotto, B
Benians, JP

Berrisford, SH
Bhagoo, R
Blankenberg, SA
Blatch, ON
Bonoyi, A
Booyesen, AA
Bosini, RG
Botoulas, KV
Brand, KA
Brodziak, MJ
Brouze, JG
Brunt, DD
Buckham, AJ
Cadiz, ML
Caffery, RP
Calow, BJ
Carey, OG
Carter, DJ
Carter, TL
Chahwahwa, ND
Chester, JA
Chevallier, OF
Collins, JA
Collins, RA
Comitis, MG
Cooper, DR
Coovadia, ZM
Crafford, J
Crawford, CB
Cullum, T
Cutshwa, L
Dallas, AJM
Day, LBJ
Dingley, GL
Dixon, S

Dorward, SG
Du Toit, BT
Du Toit, J
Edkins, B
Egerer, D
Egypt, J
Ferreira, RJL
Flax, LD
Fletcher, DJ
Forsyth, MX
Fransman, MM
Frater, JAK
French, MK
Gaertner, FL
Gibbs, WH
Gilson, PEB
Gordon, CJA
Govan, H
Govender, DK
Graaff, ADV
Harrod, CM
Haskel, JA
Hatty, BG
Heyns, HZ
Holm, K
Horton, RJG
Howard, JB
Hufton, O
Isserow, B
Jacobs, TP
Jaga, K
James, P
Jenman, CB
Jones, KR
Jones, WR

Kakaza, L
Khumalo, MN
Kidha, NOO
Kleye, AJ
Kota, KTH
Kruse, ME
Lambrechts, TJ
Lazarus, DS
Lea, JHA
Leith, CG
Letschert, L
Levy, BG
Louw, JM
Macdonald, NR
Magadla, PTT
Majiet, AM
Marcopoulos, JD
Marshall, DB
Marx, D
Mason, RCM
Matthews, SJ
Matyeba, BJ
Mentoe, G
Middelmann, MN
Mohamed, BK
Mohamood, Z
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MATRIC RESULTS

The matric results for the class of 2023 were exceptional. Here are the highlights:

- 157 boys** wrote the HSC examinations
- 98.1%** of the boys achieved a pass or better
- 16.6% of the boys achieved a distinction or better**
- 45.3% of the boys achieved a first class or better**

TOP ACHIEVER

Kasper Holm (2023) was the top matriculant, with a 98% aggregate. He is a student at the University of Cape Town.

SCHOOL SNIPPETS

St. Ignace's School held a successful sports day on 15 February 2023. The event was a great success, with many students participating in various sports.

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RETAIL REVOLUTIONARIES

With the legacy of Raymond Ackermann fresh in our minds, we asked renowned business journalist **Tim Cohen** to assess the influence of ODs in the South African retail industry. He took a dive into correlation and causation.

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THE CEO: RICHARD BLACK

The future industry is swash with celebrity-endorsed brands, but those with credibility tend to have more to them than star power alone. Richard Black is CEO of one. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's billion-dollar tesla Temera. Richard talks to **Tutor Caracis-Charles** about his journey from Bishop to NYC, and the lessons learnt along the way.

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Music & Entertainment

From musical exploits to award-winning comedy, these ODs have worked hard to keep us entertained.

ON THE UP

After coming for us chart-toppers, these ODs have worked hard to keep us entertained.

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A GATHERING OF STORMERS

It's been a fine time for the Stormers, with a run of wonderful winning rugby that's revitalised the provincial game in the Cape - and at the forefront of this renaissance are a number of ODs. **Duncan Cruickshank** spoke to four storming youngsters with grand prospects.

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WHERE IS HE NOW? HERSHELLE GIBBS

In the years that Richard has been a rip down memory lane with than the OD who scored the most memorable 17s in South African crick history by Tim Richter.

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