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Observers: Mr B Couves (College PA), Ms D Mark (Prep PA), Mr W van Niekerk (ODU)

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WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER



When you read this, Bishops will be celebrating its 175th year, having been established in 1849. Fortunately, we are already benefiting from the funds raised by the 175 Campaign as part of marking this milestone. A large multipurpose library and completely renovated Grade 6 and 4 classrooms were opened in 2019. We are extremely grateful to those who made the generous donations that funded this substantial redesign, creating spaces fit for today's education purposes. Interestingly, the library is situated in the wing of classrooms built adjacent to Jagger Hall, later called the Pieter van der Bijl Wing. It was the Centenary Campaign's funds that allowed this extension to take place in 1940. We build on the shoulders of others; and long may this continue as Bishops continues to grow and meet the needs of our boys.

From buildings to nation-building. South Africa was in quite a frenzy during the World Cup Rugby competition and the school participated in the excitement with a number of Bok Fridays with everyone wearing something green. The three weekends of Springbok victories by one point created great enthusiasm and anticipation. 'Go Bokke' was a frequent cry and the school was fortunate to receive a personal video message played at assembly by kind arrangement of one of our parents on the Springbok staff. It was a real highlight of our year

as we united behind a team that had done so much to unite our country with a common goal – a taste of what is possible.

I hope you enjoy this account of a very full and inspiring year during which our boys have each, in their own way, been able to learn, develop and experience what we offer; some achieving remarkable outcomes, others overcoming difficulties and challenges but all, hopefully, enjoying what we are, individually and together.

Greg Brown



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, tackles 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 and the Building Committee under Greg Dean 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 a story 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



years' 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



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STAFF NEWS



Farewell to Laurelle Fry

I have the pleasure of speaking about a young lady, Laurelle (yes you are still young, don't argue).

Laurelle and I go back 11 years when I started out at the Pre-Prep as a Grade 2 teacher. Our AAA team (all of us A-types) consisted of Laurelle, Lindy Brien and me. It's very special that we've all remained firm friends ever since.

The first thing that comes to mind when I think back to those days is Laurelle's laugh. Sitting in my classroom before or after school, this infectious, loud and confident crescendo caused me much FOMO. Anyone who knows Laurelle, even just a little, would have shared that laughter at some point. A beautiful character trait of yours!

Laurelle has always been an excellent and dedicated teacher, running a smooth and efficient operation in anything she does. She's turned the lives of many of her students around by tapping into how they think and getting them to give their best, even when they thought they didn't have it in them.

She has marvelous taste and an inspiring dress sense. Even through the days of feeling very sick and absolutely rubbish, you always looked amazing. You've conquered your cancer journey with Jesus, grace, strength and

wisdom, even though the daunting path was rocky at times. I will never forget her telling me at the beginning of this journey that one of her doctors had likened her upcoming treatment to a flight to Australia. But, she would be travelling in the baggage compartment. She would reach her destination, but it would be a rough ride. With that 'flight' behind her now, I can honestly say that you rocked that journey in at least Economy Class, maybe even Premium Economy. We are so proud of you.

Laurelle is passionate about what she does and is so ready to step out of the classroom and head into an exciting HOD position at Wetpups. This role was made for you! Bishops Pre-Prep will have to watch out as I know you will be taking the Foundation Phase at Wetpups places!

We wish you all of God's richest blessings in your exciting new chapter ahead. It is sad to say goodbye to such a treasure as you, but some treasures need to be shared with others too.

Please don't forget, you still need to come and laugh in the Prep and Pre-Prep staffroom. You don't need to tell us you're coming... we'll hear you.

Bless you, my friend.

Heather Fraser



Laurelle Fry



Karen Dallas and Chris Groom, Deputy Heads



Valentine's Day





Support Staff



BISHOPS SUPPORT UNIT



The Bishops Support Unit has seen another year of bustle and business. Our individual learning support teachers have worked hard to support our boys who experience barriers to learning.

Grade 3 is the consolidation year of the Foundation Phase of school, when schooling focuses on learning the mechanics of reading, writing and arithmetic. When a teacher observes that a child is struggling to master these mechanics, a referral is sometimes made for individual learning support. Our learning support teachers expertly discern where the issue might lie and then help the child through individual lessons to build on and fill in any fundamental elements that may not yet be optimal.

Sometimes boys are referred for psycho-educational assessments with an educational psychologist to acquire a more comprehensive and detailed evaluation of where the difficulties are and therefore where the focus of intervention needs to be.

In Grade 4, the Intermediate Phase commences, when subject-based learning begins and the focus shifts to reading to learn and writing to convey meaning. For boys experiencing learning difficulties, this shift is not

easy, as their reading and writing skills might not yet be crystalised. These boys are often otherwise intellectually capable, and just need support and remediation to access the curriculum.

Another area where children can experience significant barriers to learning, and may sometimes benefit from individual learning support, involves executive functions – these are the set of mental skills that helps us get things done and includes planning and organisation, task initiation, response inhibition, working memory and self-monitoring.

From Grade 4, boys are also sometimes granted concessions (as recommended from a psycho-educational assessment report) such as a spelling dispensation, a reader and/or scribe or extra time in Friday tests.

Learning support is not about giving boys an advantage over others or giving extra lessons so that they can get 80%; it is about ensuring everyone has equal opportunities to thrive academically.

Laura Cook



ACADEMICS



GRADE 7



Our first outing was to Dalebrook Tidal Pool to study the intertidal zones. It also just happened to be a glorious day and we took full advantage of that fact and spent a great deal of our time swimming in the refreshing water and enjoying a hot cup of coffee. The boys also found some interesting sea creatures and reluctantly had to return a rather scared octopus and some starfish to their habitats.

Next, we visited Kwazulu-Natal for eight nights on our school tour. We were first hosted by Clifton in Durban North, the school of the great former South African batsman, Barry Richards. We played rugby, hockey, chess and tennis and put on an entertaining music concert for the school at their assembly. Our boys were kindly hosted by their families for two nights. We then headed inland to PheZulu Cultural Experience where we enjoyed true Zulu hospitality and the wildlife of the region. Next was St Charles in Pietermaritzburg and we also played against them in many different sports, held another music concert and were hosted for another two nights. After that we first headed south and then up the North Coast to the holiday camp at Sugar Bay on the Zinkwazi River Mouth. Our boys had so much fun, mainly enjoying the warm sea water and other exciting and fun activities that were organised for us. The staff even enjoyed a sunrise run along the beach to the next river mouth. Very tired boys and staff returned to school; fortunately, they had the June-July holidays to recover.

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

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

Next, we hiked 17km up and then down Table Mountain to learn more about the building of the reservoirs as part of our Geography curriculum. We visited the old cableway at Kasteelspoort and the Waterworks Museum at the dams. Some even snuck in an illegal swim behind the teachers' backs.

Our Potjiekos Day was up next and the boys made some delicious and some not-so-delicious potjiekos. The teachers risked their health judging the food prepared. We also enjoyed some boeremusiek and boeresport as part of the experience.

We had a delightful Leavers' Dinner in which the boys and teachers poked fun at each other in some entertaining speeches by Alex Walker, Adam Tanfield and MJ Madubela. The three class teachers, Mr Jordan, Mr Turner and Mr Mitchell, then got their own back in their replies. We had much fun and everyone had a good laugh at and with each other. Oh, yes, and the food was out of the top drawer. The parents also enjoyed pre-dinner drinks with the staff and boys and many photographs were taken during this engaging time.

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

Bruce Mitchell, Clayton Turner and Gareth Jordan



Grade 7B



Back Row: James Arkcoll, Alexander Walker, Seth Burns, Rafael Farinha, Cameron Brown, Julian Edwards, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill, Dominic Kotze, Uzayr Johaar, John Nolte

Middle Row: Milo Bonadei, Connor Hirst, Josh Katz, Wynand van Zyl, Max Venter, Z'idan Hendrickse, Jack Garlick, Qadeer Orrie
Front Row: Matteo Lanfranchi, Jack Stam, Yaasin Moolla, Michael Goodall, Mr C Turner, Daniel Prestage, Dylan Cale, George Seymour, Nicholas Ramsay

Absent: Ibraheem Taliep



Grade 7P



Back Row: Ismaeel Darsot, Hunter Girling, Alex Osborne, John Hewat, Nathan Whiffler, Finlay Ferguson, Maximo Craig, Harry Weiss, Jamie McCarthy

Middle Row: Khalil Crookes, Luca Wakeford, Dean Weich, Adam Tanfield, Imaad Hendricks, Dominic Planting, River Boltman, Sean Watson

Front Row: Kieran Nayar, Khumo Matjeka, Maximillian Steven, Cole Hirsch, Mr G Jordan, Robbie Sherman, Sango Kunene, James Gray, Zishan Kassen

Absent: Max Lanfranchi, Rupert Andersson



Grade 7S



Back Row: Jasper Magrath, Max Darnell, James Myhill, David Douglas, Nicholas Young, Kai van der Vyver, Troy Webb, Luca Grunenwald
Middle Row: James Ridl, Daniel Brink, MJ Madubela, Robert Turnley-Jones, Benjamin Klerck, Ryan Reeves, Jonah de Villiers, Connor Kirkpatrick
Front Row: Benjamin Kombo, Aran Maharaj, Joshua Mafunda, Matteo Toweel, Mr B Mitchell, Ethan Burns, Nicholas Brits, Max Harvey, Michael Collins
Absent: Keyaan Tyer, Zingce Tywabi, Maahier Arnold

Dalebrook Outing



Grade 7 Camp



Market Day



Mr Drury's Last Day



Potjiekos Day



Robben Island Outing



Social with St Cyprians



Table Mountain Hike



GRADE 7 KWAZULU-NATAL TOUR



Nearly 80 Grade 7s arrived at a frosty Cape Town International Airport before the sparrows had opened their eyes. It needed military-type precision to get the boys through check-in and then security in time for our 6am departure.

With the first challenge behind us, we were on our way. We were met at King Shaka International Airport and bussed to uShaka Marine World for a few fabulous hours at the stunning aquarium. The aquarium staff did a super job of teaching the boys about the intricacies of the marine habitat. The groups gathered for the dolphin show and loved seeing these intelligent animals perform.



Then we were back in the busses and off to meet the boys of Clifton Prep. Three tough games of rugby awaited us, after which we met our host families for the first of two nights. A very long and tiring day, but a happy one.

Day two brought an exciting visit to the KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board where we saw the dissection of a shark and watched an educational film on what the Sharks Board does to protect both humans and sharks along the coastline. Soon we were back at Clifton for tennis, hockey, chess and squash matches. Very even results and a good competitive spirit prevailed throughout. It was, however, in the joint music assembly that Bishops really did themselves proud. Z'idan Hendrickse led the vocal presentations and won many hearts. Clifton Prep also presented a few musical items.

Early on day three, the boys were herded into the busses and taken to PheZulu Safari Park for a mountain game drive in safari vehicles. Zebra, giraffe and many other animals live in these beautiful surrounds. The boys also enjoyed an interactive reptile show and watched an energetic Zulu cultural show.

On our way to St Charles School in Pietermaritzburg, we stopped to have a look at the Comrades Marathon Wall of Honour. Many entertaining anecdotes from Mr



Mitchell inspired the boys to run this ultramarathon in the future.

After a hearty lunch, the boys played either soccer or rugby. While the A rugby team were narrowly edged out in the final minutes, Bishops really did have the better of the results in squash, hockey, tennis and chess. St Charles gave us the most amazing day of activities on our second day with them. It was a public holiday and the school included us in their celebrations. The boys had an adventure hike, a science show, a frisbee masterclass and an 'improv' acting class. Many of the boys ended this amazing day with a massive braai on the school grounds before returning to their host families for the night.

The fun was only beginning... the busses took the boys back to Durban to uShaka Marine World's Wet

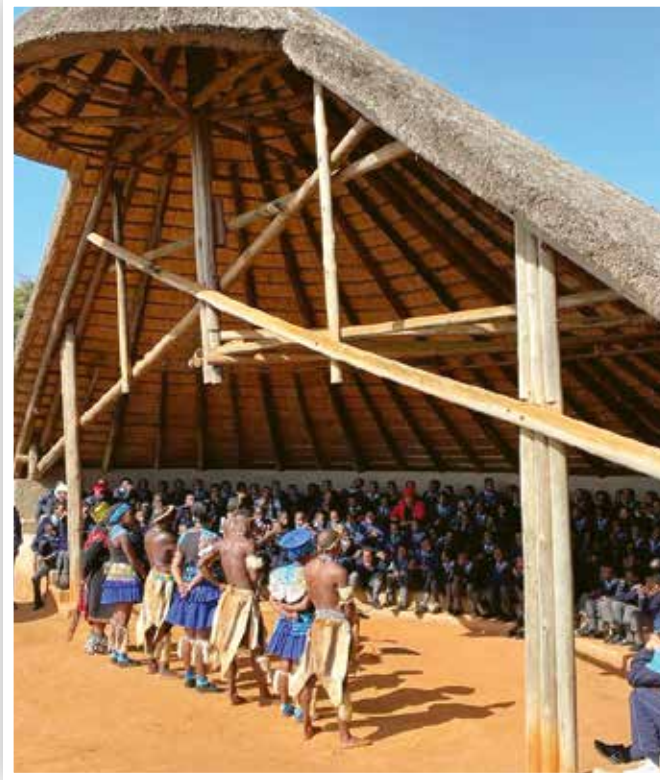
'n Wild water-slide park. Three hours of swimming, sliding and tubing were followed by a lunch at the food court. Then it was back into the busses and off to the adventure camp at Sugar Bay. The massive open-air play area provides a base for cycling, playing, skating, arts and crafts and many more activities. Alongside is a 50m swimming pool with a set of super-slides. The boys enjoyed beach activities, and could learn stand-up paddling, canoeing and surfing.

After a sad farewell, the bus took us back to the airport for a supper at the Wimpy before boarding the flight back to Cape Town.

Mark Erlangsen







GRADE 7 LEAVERS’ SERVICE:

HEADMASTER’S ADDRESS



Mr and Mrs Reeler, staff, parents and boys, or as I normally refer to you, ‘guys’.

Tonight you sit in this Chapel for the second-last time as Prep boys. At College you will be in here a few times a week for services, hymn practice and assemblies. Enjoy this place – it is a great privilege for us to have such a beautiful chapel and a constant reminder of the centre of our school journey, a belief in God, a force greater and larger than ourselves and a reminder of the spiritual side of our lives.

Next year you will be College boys, more independent and therefore needing to work harder. You’ll have longer school days and finish sport later with ensemble practices in the early evenings. All very exciting and with so many new opportunities – embrace these, step up and thrive as you move on from us.

What can I say about the class of 2023? I have really enjoyed you as a group, your enthusiasm, zest for life and humour have stood out. It was a pleasure to accompany our 1st XI to the Cape Schools Cricket Festival in Queenstown. The team, ably led by captain Ibrahim Taliep, were an engaging and well-mannered group and played some excellent cricket, the first team in at least 16 years to have won all four of their matches at this festival.

I enjoyed my Monday Student Council meetings, chaired by James Gray, with our vibrant discussions – the first Student Council to attend a College SRF meeting and evidently something to be continued.

Last month’s Leavers’ Concert stood out with 50% of you participating and playing at such a high standard, not to mention Jasper Magrath’s brilliant rendition of the ‘Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ on Remembrance Day, and *Lord of the Flies*, an ambitious and demanding production of a novel taught regularly in high school, with a number of you taking leading roles and bringing out the wild side of humans that can so easily take over without the rules and structures of society, so effectively and poignantly.

And then a few more personal memories:

Josh Katz’s fringe, which I offered to cut on numerous occasions, but for some reason he always declined my offer; Kai van der Vyver’s first fade haircut that he was very unhappy with and so had to wear a cap for a few days; Julian Edwards’ fringe that he did cut for the Leavers’ Dinner – but I still cannot understand how he and a few others get that ‘up and curl back’ fringe. I call it the puffer style, and I am assured that these boys do not sleep with hair curlers, although I am not sure they even know what curlers are.

The boy in Mr Jordan’s class, who shall remain nameless, but has already had four girlfriends this year. And, Luca Grunewald and Nicholas Brits, my apologies for so often confusing you. It’s nothing personal, I often mix up my own children’s names.

To you, the parents, thank you for your support over the years – for embracing Bishops education and providing your children with what is a very privileged education, one they will only truly appreciate in years to come.

Thank you, too, to our staff who have walked the journey with you boys, not just teaching, but inspiring, counselling, cajoling and leading you, all in the hope of getting you to be the best versions of yourselves.

I said earlier that you have been a delightful class and I do not say that every year. But not perfect; there have been some difficult interactions, actions and words that don’t belong here and that no one deserves; hopefully you have learnt from these episodes and they will not recur.

So, what is my final message, after so many over the years? I promise it will be short.

A few weeks ago we launched Kindness Month with a presentation by Suhail Khalfey, the 2022 College Head of School, who had used the theme of kindness in his final speech at Prize-giving. He spoke of the act of kindness that had assisted in securing a place for him at the Prep in Grade 4; and then the kindness of a few boys in his class who reached out to him and helped him to fit in and feel part of the school. His message was for each of us to be those people, the people who make a positive difference in the lives of others. He quoted Nelson Mandela: ‘No-one is born hating another person

because of the colour of their skin, or their background, or religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.’

No one goes home to happily tell their parents how horrible they were to another boy during the day, that they came up with the best insult or that they were able to really upset someone during the day. No one feels really good being unkind; it might make you seem tough to others, or clever, or smart, but it can’t really make you feel good. So, be the kindness you want to experience. Be kind to one another. There’s nothing soft about being kind – we still have to have tough conversations from time to time, but we can have these kindly.

Archbishop Tutu often spoke of ubuntu: ‘A person is a person through other persons; my humanity is caught up and bound inextricably in yours.’

So, to the class of 2023. Go well. We have high hopes for you all and we will watch your progress and achievements with great interest. May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Thank you.

Greg Brown



Grade 7 Leavers' Service







GRADE 6



Our Grade 6 boys kicked off the year with an unforgettable adventure at Bonamanzi Adventures, nestled amid the breathtaking scenery of the Breede River Valley. This annual camp is not just about fun and games; it is a crucial opportunity for our young men to bond with their teachers and classmates, learn valuable team-building and critical-thinking skills, and maybe even conquer a few fears along the way!

Upon arrival, the boys were divided into teams, tasked with crafting their own unique team flag and war cry, establishing their identities and fostering camaraderie. The excitement was palpable as they chose between staying in the larger dorms or sharing a smaller tent with a partner, forging closer bonds with their peers.

The first day began with a thrilling boat race down the river, culminating in a challenging run up and down a steep sand dune. This adrenaline-pumping activity served as a warm-up for the next day's river-rafting expedition. With the sun shining brightly, the teams navigated the river's currents, working together to overcome challenging rapids and negotiate narrow passages.

Meanwhile, other teams participated in a series of equally engaging activities. Their creativity was tested as they attempted to empty a bucket of water without getting themselves wet, resulting in a hilarious splashfest on the hot summer's day. Teamwork was paramount in another challenging task where they had to transport

balls across a distance using only pieces of gutter pipe. As the day drew to a close, the boys displayed their engineering skills by constructing sturdy shelters using bamboo, rope and bolts.

No camp experience is complete without a campfire and a nature walk. As the sun dipped below the horizon, the boys gathered around the crackling fire, sharing stories and laughter under the starlit sky. The nature walk provided a moment of peace and reflection, allowing them to appreciate the beauty of their surroundings and reconnect with the natural world.

Once again, Bonamanzi Adventures delivered an unforgettable experience for our Grade 6 boys. They returned from camp with strengthened bonds, enhanced skills, and a newfound appreciation for the outdoors. We are already looking forward to our return visit in 2024!

Towards the end of the second term, the boys visited the Heart of Cape Town Museum at Groote Schuur Hospital, where they learnt about the first heart transplant performed by Professor Christiaan Barnard in 1967. The boys had the opportunity to walk through the actual theatre, which has been recreated using wax models.

Our Enrichment Week was a whirlwind of activity and learning for the boys! We embarked on a deep-sea adventure at the Two Oceans Aquarium, exploring the fascinating world of sharks and marvelling at the diversity of underwater life.

The week took an inspiring turn with a visit from Sentinel Ocean Alliance, a foundation dedicated to ocean conservation. The founder, legendary big-wave surfer Frank Solomon, delivered a captivating talk about his surf exploits. He also presented Street Surfers, a fascinating film that sheds light on the unsung heroes of recycling – South Africa's street waste pickers. These individuals work tirelessly to divert recyclables from landfills and our precious oceans, contributing a staggering 90% of the country's recycling efforts.

Our Ocean School Educator, Frank Solomon, further emphasised the interconnectedness of humanity and the ocean, highlighting the critical issue of marine plastic pollution. To combat this challenge, each class participated in a meaningful activity: a clean-up walk along the Liesbeek River. Armed with gloves and bags, the boys diligently collected waste, contributing to a cleaner river and a healthier planet.

Enrichment Week wasn't just about fun and games; it was a powerful reminder of our responsibility towards the environment.

Our Grade 6 students also embarked on a mission of learning, leadership and collaboration. They teamed up with our energetic Grade 1s to take part in a unique project that involved building amazing structures together!

Through careful instruction and teamwork, the Grade 6s demonstrated remarkable leadership skills. They encouraged the Grade 1s to explore their imaginations, offering support and guidance while allowing them to take ownership of their creations. This enriching experience wasn't just about building structures; it was about building connections. The Grade 6s proved

themselves to be not only capable helpers but also responsible role models, making a lasting impact on their younger peers.

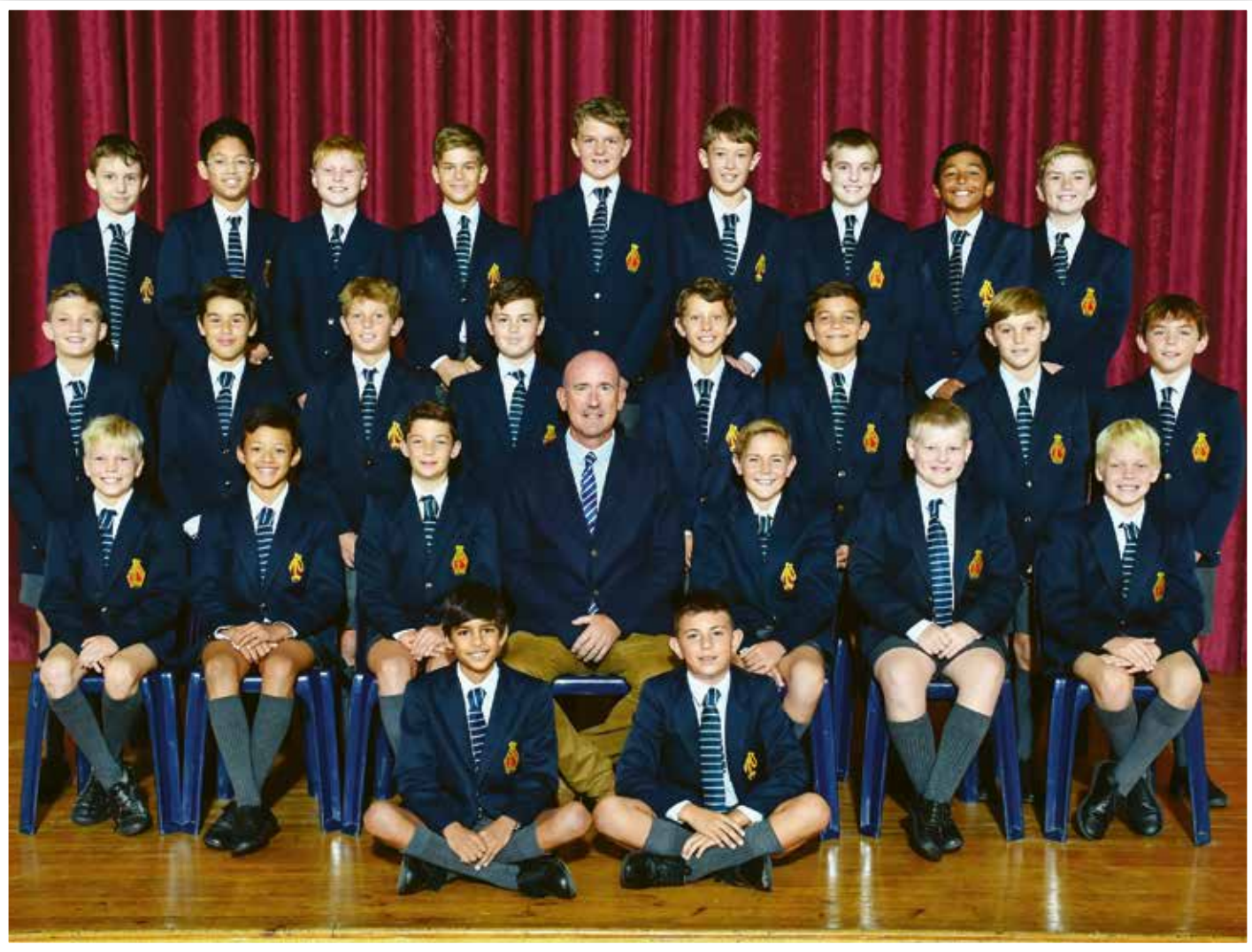
During Enrichment Week, the boys also joined Mr Anderson on a historical walk of Cape Town. On this trip poignant places, buildings and areas of significant historical importance are highlighted. The tour starts at the CTICC and ends in District Six.

The boys also enjoyed the traditional Grade 6 rite of passage: building go-karts, designing their racing outfits and, of course, the main event, the race. All while being cheered on by the entire school and their parents. This is always a highlight for the boys and we thank Mr Erlangsen and Miss Johns for all their hard work in making this event possible.

Naadia Luzmore, Thami Siko and Murray Anderson

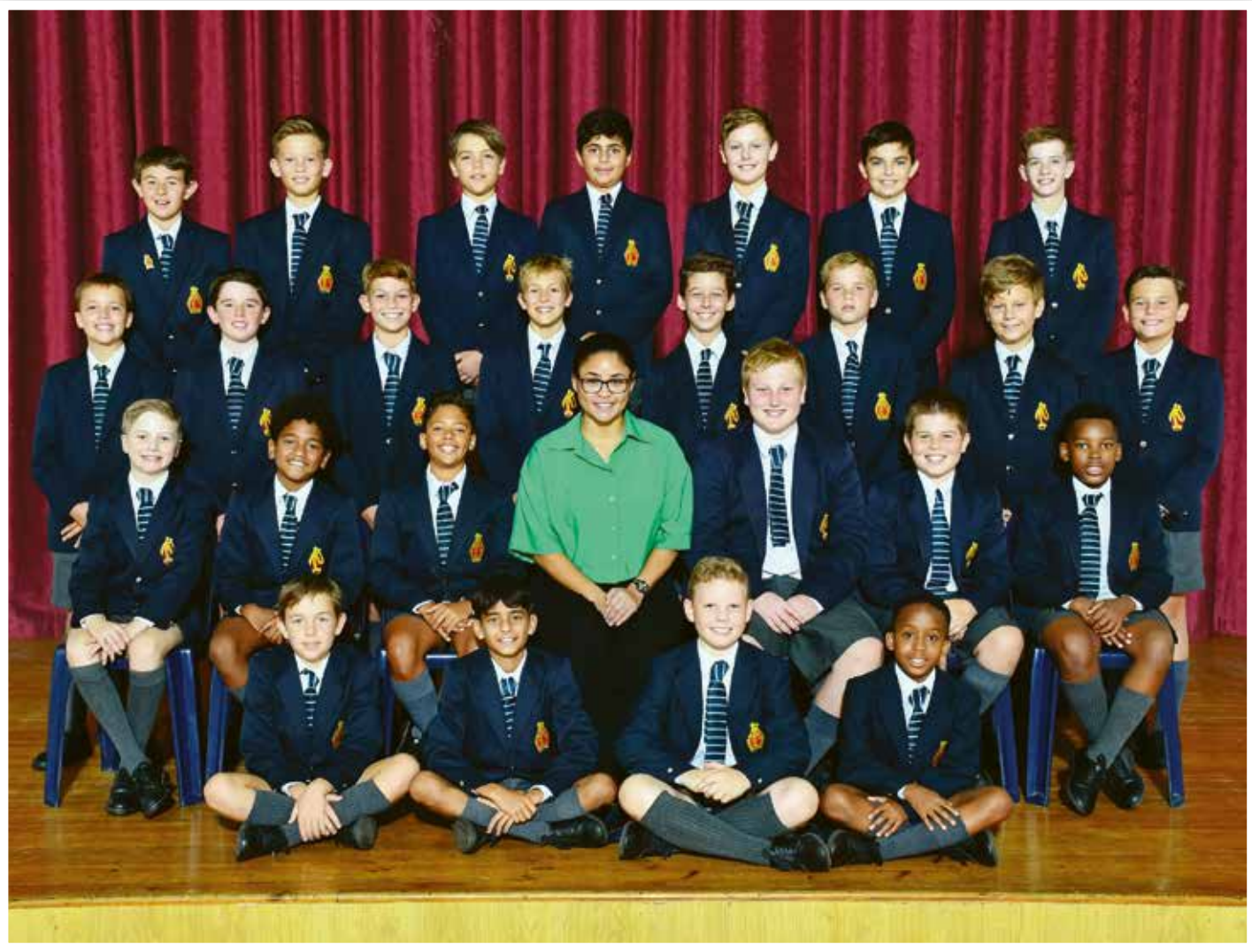


Grade 6B



Back Row: Adam Snyman, Qiran Toll, John Weir-Smith, Farley Moran, Michael Pentz, James Davidge, Sebastian Horrell, Liam Khan, Ethan Roberts
Middle Row: Tom Luscombe, Bonnar Richards, Jack Stansfield, Matthew Wakefield, Henk Cursi, Thomas Townshend, Macen Lesbirel, Samuel Huntingford
Front Row: Matthew Allen, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Gianluca Papa, Mr M Anderson, Cameron Ranger, Nicholas Turck, Matthew Ringwood
Seated: Nirvaan Naidu, Phoenix Manolas
Absent: Jayden Wensch

Grade 6P



Back Row: Alex Botton, Liam Middleton, Troy Vomacka, Wazir Amanjee, William Lord, Ethan Stirk, Thomas Pearce
Middle Row: Nua Bouwer, Drummond Mackenzie, Rhys Lategan, William Verhage, Callum Kleye, Charlie Townshend, Konstantin Gräwe, Gert Coffee
Front Row: Evan West, Kaleb van Schalkwyk, Daniel Grever, Mrs N Luzmore, Shaun Norris, Robbie Symons, Amo Kotelana
Seated: Harry Luck, Zayaan Saloojee, Luke Hoeks, Osiphile Hlongwane
Absent: Matthew Fox



Sentinel Ocean Alliance River Clean-up



Grade 6 Camp



Go-Karting



GRADE 5

Grade 5B



The boys and staff of Grade 5 at Bishops Prep can look back on 2023 with nothing but fond memories. It was a year filled with excitement, challenges, and growth, and the boys have emerged as stronger, more resilient, and more confident individuals.

The year kicked off with a Team Building Camp at Disakloof in Betty’s Bay. This was one of the highlights for the boys, who relished the opportunity to run freely, engage in group dynamics, and participate in a variety of fun activities. They particularly enjoyed the outdoor group dynamics and tribal teamwork exercises, which helped them to bond as a class and develop their communication and problem-solving skills.

The boys were also kept busy with a packed sports programme throughout the year. In the summer, they excelled in water polo, tennis and cricket, and in the winter, they demonstrated their skills and talent in rugby, squash, hockey, chess and soccer. Their dedication and passion for sports were evident in their enthusiastic participation in practices and matches, and they were rewarded with numerous victories.

On the academic front, the boys continued to shine. They consistently met the demands of the Friday test timetable, and they demonstrated their ability to work

independently and collaboratively. They were particularly enthusiastic about group projects and model-building activities, which allowed them to apply their knowledge and creativity in a practical setting.

The year finished off with an enrichment programme that truly captivated the boys’ imaginations. They took part in a variety of exciting activities, including an outing that was a real-life eye-opener. The boys were particularly touched by their visit to Langa, where they gained a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs of township life.

The year ended on a high note with a grade pool party and an outing to the Muizenberg Waterslides and Putt-Putt. It was a fitting farewell to an extraordinary year and the boys celebrated their achievements and friendships.

As the boys move on to Grade 6, we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They have completed Grade 5 as champions, and we are confident that they will continue to excel in all areas of their lives. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments, and we are excited to watch them continue to grow and flourish.

Xolani Mathyeke, Willem Louw and Nanele Tyali



Back Row: Faiq Joseph, Murray Vintcent, Jack Lucas, Kgosi Kumalo, Max Wides, Kuhle Cossie, Thomas Hartog, Damian van Zyl, Rupert Pfaff
 Middle Row: Caid Arrison, Joseph Hudson, Jack Greig, Cody van Staden, Jack Bousfield, Thomas Cobbledick, Imran Amlay, Oliver Thomalla
 Front Row: Xander Chu, Noah van de Ghinste, Mr W Louw, William Lunn, Mr M Lubelwana, Altaf Dawood, Christian Salie
 Seated: Alex Breslin, Xavier Leger
 Absent: Leandros Constantinou, Farhad Ebrahim



Grade 5P



Back Row: Taufeeq Abrahams, Raadi Rinquest, Maximilian Forrester, Samuel Yazdanpanahi, Ethan Lee Pan, Oliver Ferrao, Anothile Mpikashe, Owen Vorweg, Casey Nevin

Middle Row: Connor Hirsch, Oliver Schultz, Luke Mabin, Daniel Le Cordeur, Seth Lunn, Joshua Whitburn, Matthew Arkcoll, Finn Coetzer

Front Row: Emaad Raja, Dex Campbell, Landon Corbett, Mr X Mathyeke, Ethan Larcombe, Tariq Eskinazi, Chris de Wet

Seated: Jude Barton, Ngoba Hlongwane

Absent: Kartar Moodley



Grade 5S



Back Row: Jake Reed, Hugo Bonadei, Alexander Reeves, Oliver Vickers, Luke Eedes, Sam Neethling, André Kuys, Luca Nicol, Phoenix Jordan

Middle Row: Nityam Jeram, Ross Hendricks, Shikar Haripersad, Max Burns, Martin Truter, Benjamin Davies, Luca Mulder, Elliott Dornonville de la Cour

Front Row: Sebastian Dupont, Kunashe Ganyeka, Josh Pooler, Mr N Tyali, Lukho Kunene, Finlay Barnhoorn, Oyama Mapukata

Seated: Onalenna Maelane, Felix Andersson, Leatile Magoro



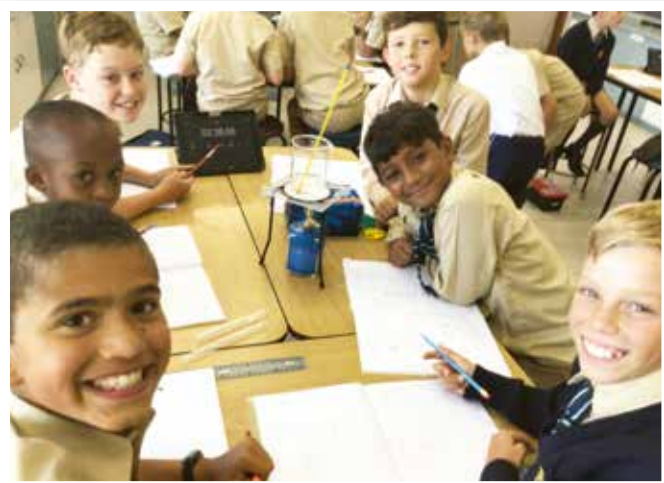
Grade 5 Camp



Pool Party



Science Temperature Measurement



Langa Township Tour



Ancient Egypt



GRADE 4



It was a day of anticipation and excitement in January when 75 keen boys arrived at school ready to start their Grade 4 year. They were in for lots of fun, new knowledge and new friendships. The best year ever! Suddenly they were faced with subjects they had never studied before like Geography, History and Science. The Foundation Phase was over and the boys were now officially in 'big' school.

Mr De Sousa, Mrs Gloak and Mrs Graney welcomed the boys on the first day of the term and settled them into their new classrooms. We welcomed new families and hoped that they would have many happy memories of their first year at Bishops.

February came and so too the excitement of going on Grade 4 camp – a night away at High Noon in Villiersdorp. The boys had a wonderful time bonding as a group and enjoying being in nature's classroom. We hiked, created forest creatures, made landscape drawings, braai'd and built forts. Many boys wanted to sleep in their forts overnight! Memories were made and a group of very tired (but happy) boys returned the next day.

Many new things were learnt this year. Most especially the history of Bishops, how rugby started and how the Memorial Chapel was founded. The history of how rugby started was so topical as we were treated to the Rugby World Cup this year. What a term that was! We watched, cheered, dressed in green, supported and celebrated

with our amazing 'Bokke' who made us and the whole of South Africa proud!

This group of boys enjoyed their sports activities, and took part in water polo, swimming, tennis, squash, rugby, cricket and hockey. They thoroughly enjoyed playing fixtures against our rival schools each week. Inter-House competitions ramped up this year and the boys competed fiercely for the trophies in each sport. It is always a highlight watching them cheer for their Houses on Sports Day, dressed in their House colours, chanting and singing. It is a special day.

During the year, Mrs Gloak was blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Callie. She decided that she was going to be a stay-at-home mom, which meant that we had to say goodbye to her. Mr Goedhals stepped in seamlessly for the remainder of the year. We wish Mrs Gloak all the best and thank her for her extensive and excellent contributions to the school. We will miss her!

Enrichment week was a fun and relaxing way to end off the year. We enjoyed a dog show and a first-aid demonstration, and we learnt the correct way to tie our shoelaces. We made Christmas-tree-shaped biscuits and Father Christmas treats, learnt origami, shopped at the Grade 7 Market Day and cheered the Grade 6s on during their go-kart races. We spent a magnificent day at Dalebrook Tidal Pool after doing a beach clean-up. We played the Amazing Race and enjoyed spending a relaxing time with our friends. We ended off the week

with a big pool party and braai celebrating the grade as a whole.

2023 was an amazing year! There was lots of learning and the boys have grown in their understanding of what it means to be a young boy of integrity. Our hope is that each boy continues living out the values of the MITRE (manners, integrity, togetherness, respect and empathy) as our character is what is most important at the end of the day. We wish all the Grade 4s a wonderful time in Grade 5. Don't forget to visit us next year, our doors are always open.

Mandy Gloak, Penny Graney, Grant de Sousa and Richard Goedhals



Grade 4S



Back Row: Adam Khan, Jasper Garratt, Finn Ferguson, Minggu Xiao, William Hatt
Middle Row: Mrs P Graney, Orlando Robbins, Jonathan Kotze, Benjamin Smolders, Matt Warner, Zac Gomes, Harry Edwards, Liam Khoury
Front Row: Murray Prain, Cole Darné, Finnley Emms, Adam Shaik, David Ebbs, Alessio Anderson, Alec van der Merwe
Absent: Carter Smith, Logan Daniels, Nicholas Reyburn, Harrison Mackay-Davidson

Baking



Balloon Rockets



Board Games



Dog Show



Dalebrook Outing



Moon Phases



Strengthening Structures



Origami



Grades 4 and 3 Book Week Characters



Grade 4P and 4S Camp



GRADE 3



It was a fun, busy and exciting year for the Grade 3s of 2023. The boys arrived ready to tackle the year ahead and settled down well into their new routine at the Prep. They were exposed to many different subjects like isiXhosa, Design Technology, Drama and more. The excitement of starting Music was incredible and the Music Department was inundated with requests for lessons. Every week boys were introduced to different Music teachers and instruments in Class Music. This exposed them to all that was available at Bishops. The boys enjoyed learning about all the different instruments and getting the opportunity to play some new ones. It was fantastic to see them so inspired and showing such a keen interest in different things. In Art, they worked in a variety of media in drawing, painting and sculpting activities, with the focus on encouraging personal ideas and expression (please refer to the Art Report for more details on their projects). Physical Education was great fun for all. Boys went through a comprehensive Physical Literacy programme to build strength and help improve their fitness. They also took part in soccer and swimming and practised overall ball skills. isiXhosa is always a highlight for the boys, as they become so engaged with the language through songs and fun lessons. These lessons were always interactive, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed them.

Term 1 was all about how to be the best Bishops boy, as well as getting to know your classmates. The teachers taught the boys all about the values of the MITRE:

Manners, Integrity, Togetherness, Respect and Empathy. Our boys got the chance to learn all about each other through discussions about communities and the people around us. We celebrated many fantastic days in the first term, from Valentine's Day and Sports Day to Founders Day and Ash Wednesday. The highlight for the boys was definitely the Carnival. With the excitement of throwing cream pies at teachers, as well as all the fun rides and games, it certainly made the term one to remember.

Then came Term 2, faster than we expected, and with it a new theme. This term was all about the ocean. The boys learnt about various zones, sea creatures, scuba divers and kelp forests. We had a wonderful outing to the Two Oceans Aquarium where boys enjoyed an interesting lesson and then got to watch the sharks being fed. It was a fantastic experience for them. We also spent a good deal of our time learning about sea pollution and ways we can help save the ocean. The boys gave presentations on unique or endangered sea animals, sharing a wealth of knowledge with us all.

In Term 3 we started the very exciting theme of Inventors and Inventions, followed by experiments. The boys always love this theme as there are so many fascinating things for them to learn. They each researched an experiment and got to present their experiment to the class. These ranged from exploding elephant toothpaste and erupting bottles, to sand worms, the smells of bicarb and vinegar and many more fun, exciting experiments.



We celebrated Book Week with some fun storytellers and book challenges. The boys dressed up as book characters to end off the week. The soccer season was a fantastic way to round off the term. Boys got to play matches against other schools and they took on their class teams too. Towards the end of term, the boys got to meet their Grade 2 buddies and they told them all about the Prep and what to expect.

Term 4 is the one that goes the quickest in the year, as we gear up to prepare the boys for Grade 4. Our theme of Knights and Castles is one of their favourites, and this has a great deal to do with the medieval feast. We also had the whole-school Praise Service, which the boys always enjoy. The enrichment weeks brought outings to



the beach, a fun storyteller and exciting lessons from Ms Allie, Ms De le Harpe and Mrs Duck. Our highlight is the Grade 3 Celebration. This is the most special occasion and it is wonderful to get to celebrate our boys and how amazing they are. The songs are always performed to perfection and Mrs Sheard is a magician. A fitting send-off for a super Grade 3 year.

Among all the excitement came some goodbyes. During the year we said goodbye to Ross Snyman and Sebastian Lakhani who went off to new schools. We wish them all the best and we know they are loving their new environments.



Ms Fry is leaving us to take on the Head of Junior Phase position at Western Province Preparatory School. She has been a wonderful, dedicated and dynamic addition to our Grade 3 department and we will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best for her promotion.

Leanne Hamman

Grade 3B

In Grade 3B,
we've had a blast,
These boys so bold,
from first to last.
Brilliant, brave and full of cheer,
This year's been grand,
that's crystal clear!
Bouncing with boundless, joyful glee,
In 3B, we learned and grew, you see.
Brighter, better, stronger each day,
These boys in 3B led the way.
Their love and strength, like a beacon has shone,
In Grade 3B, hearts of gold they've shown.
So, here's to a year, so special and grand,
With these boys in 3B, a remarkable band!

To my Grade 3B 2023 boys, thank you! You will always be a class I hold very close to my heart. Not only did you support, encourage and love me through one of the hardest years of my life as I fought cancer, but you will also be my last class at Bishops Prep. I wish you years of happiness and success. Go be amazing. Remember, you do not need to be perfect, but you do need to always give your best. Always show GRIT and push through regardless of how big the challenge. I will be waiting to hear from you in at the end of your Matric year in 2032.

Laurelle Fry

Grade 3P

To my 3Ps in a pod. From the very beginning, they brought so much joy and laughter to our classroom, and I couldn't have asked for better students. Their artistic skills have truly amazed me, with their beautifully coloured and creative artwork. They have made our classroom feel like a home, and our class like a family.

I am so proud of all their achievements this year. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and it's been a pleasure to watch them grow. Not only have they excelled academically, but they also formed new friendships and showed outstanding love and respect to their classmates.

I can't even begin to describe all the amazing memories we have shared together. From twerking and falling off ball chairs to attempting American accents, every day has been filled with laughter and joy. And let's not forget



the mystery of the lost blazer, their fascination with LeBron James, and the never-ending curious questions of 'where do they live?' and 'how many babies do they have?'

The boys have brought so much joy and happiness to my school day, and I am grateful for the time we've had together. As they move through the Prep, I pray that they continue to approach each day with the same enthusiasm and zest for life that they had in our classroom.

JP Dudley

Grade 3S

'How lucky am I to have something that makes saying
goodbye so hard.' AA Milne

It is a bittersweet moment to say goodbye to my 3S boys this year. While I am so proud of their hard work and know they are going to enjoy Grade 4, I am going to miss them greatly. It has been the most wonderful year together and we have had so many great moments. We have had so many laughs together (in spite of the dad jokes). My heart is full and grateful to have had these boys in my class.

To my boys, you will always be my 3S boys. My door is always open and I hope that you will visit for many years to come. Thank you for being such a brilliant class and for making the year 2023 one full of heartwarming memories for me.

Leanne Hamman



Grade 3B



Back Row: Aiden Khan, Luca Laub, Ross Snyman, Oliver Grave, Maximillien Barrault, Cei Rees, Harry Lucas, Cooper Payne, Finnan Mackenzie
Middle Row: Ms L Fry, Adam Mentor, Jack Whiteman, Leo Duffy, Tristan Wyatt, Joshua Bartmann, Thomas Saunders, Ms S Allie
Front Row: Cruz Campbell, Daniel Hobbs, Abraham van Wyk, Shaë Veerasamy, Hloma Magwentshu, Luke Egypt, Benjamin Wood
Seated: Max Bohm, Zaid Parker.
Absent: Shikhar Dunsdon.

Grade 3P



Back Row: Seth Whitburn, Moosa Ismail, Finn Hersov, Josh Meiring, David Brien, Carl Muller, Alex Turck, Henri Kuys, Nikhil Sam
Middle Row: Thomas George, Sebastian van Zyl, Sam Evans, Kimon Christodoulou, Grayson Kennedy, Zakariah Raja, Thomas Fourie, Isma-eel Domingo
Front Row: Connor McGuire, Lesedi Termark, Mr JP Dudley, Noah De Gouveia, Ms S Allie, Lubabalo Bam, Yusuf Kriel
Seated: Michael Bruce, Zaeem Ebrahim
Absent: Khaya McCann



Grade 3S



Back Row: Scott van de Ghinste, Johan le Roux, Aarik Sukha, Nathan John, Pravar Naidoo, Ben Knight, Oliver van Zyl, Finn Dutton, Matthew Olivier
Middle Row: Ms S Allie, Sebastian Lakhani, Owen Fitzgerald, Finn Beesley, Sam Burchell, Tristan Antelme, Uphiwu Lujabe, Mrs L Hamman
Front Row: Benjamin Sherman, Cruz Harris, James Fuchs, Connor Earp-Jones, MingJun Qiu, Henry le Cordeur, James Campbell
Seated: Thomas Berry, Pitso Motale, Rishi Chagan

Aquarium



Camps Bay Outing



Castle-making



Cursive Practice



Meeting the Grade 2s



Dog Show



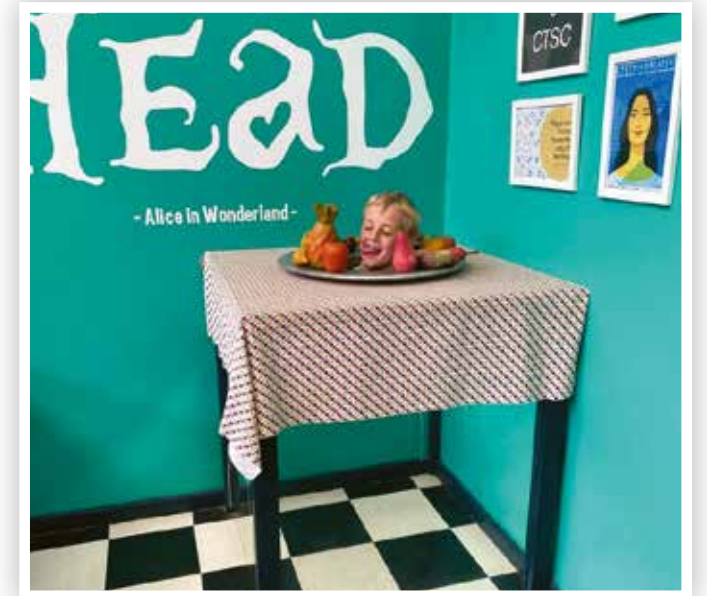
Medieval Banquet



Prize-giving



Science Centre



Volume Capacity Money



PRIZE-GIVING: HEADMASTER’S ADDRESS



Mrs Thandi Moyo, member of Council standing in today for the Chair Crispin Sonn, Mr and Mrs Reeler, special guests, parents, staff and boys.

I want to start my address with a number of thank yous as well as farewells.

Firstly, our staff – academic, administrative, maintenance, grounds, cleaning, catering and security. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child and I think our combined staff form just such a village, from Mr Mene meeting our boys at the front gate with a high five, to the smiles of the cleaners in the corridors, the chats at break with the staff on break duty, not to mention the secretaries administering plasters and ice packs when the playing outside takes its toll.

Together they keep our boys in a happy and safe place, a place where they can really grow and develop.

Thank you, too, to the members of the School Executive who manage the school and the issues that affect the whole school. To Mr Reeler, for his decisiveness, sharp thinking and his support for the Prep and Pre-Prep and myself in my role. Not to mention his witty comments about the Prep and Pre-Prep always pushing for more of the pie. Thank you, too, to Sean King, the Business Manager, who understands our needs and is always

ready to assist. And finally, Deputy Principal Peter Westwood. He sends his apologies, but he has to attend to a College matter that, unfortunately, cannot be delayed. He retires now after more than 30 years at Bishops. His institutional knowledge, love for Bishops, deep and broad pastoral care for the boys and for the life of the Chapel, together with his innate wisdom and sincerity, have had a profound impact on me. Working with him has taught me a great deal of what is important about Bishops, what we do well and where we have to try harder. Although most of you will not know him, his calm wisdom and insight have influenced so many decisions that have affected the whole school. I thank him very deeply for his influence over so many years. I wish him well in this new stage of his life.

Thank you, too, to my Executive, Chris Groom, who manages Sport and Discipline and daily arrangements, and Karen Dallas, Head of Academics. Both are extremely committed, a great support to me and all the staff, and a real pleasure to work with. Sharlene Groom, Head of the Pre-Prep for the last eight years, has decided to take early retirement after thirty-six years in education that took her from Dale College in the Eastern Cape to St George’s Grammar School and Reddam in Cape Town and, finally, Bishops. You may wonder what it’s like to have a married couple on a four-person Executive, and probably think they might gang

up to ensure their proposals are accepted. It’s actually quite the opposite – I have to spend quite a bit of time doing marital counselling as they have the most serious disagreements on the committee!

My mother had a saying, ‘Love thy neighbour, but do not take down thy fence.’ Well, Sharlene did just that in her first year. All the fences dividing the Pre-Prep age groups and the Pre-Prep from the fields were taken down. And no one ran away! And now it’s impossible to imagine those facilities surrounded by fences. Under her leadership, the Grade N facility was introduced, providing a completely play-based curriculum after the open-plan teaching method. A dedicated library, art room and music room were also installed and, for the first time, a Pre-Prep hall, and, of course, what always intrigues visitors, flexible seating, now carried right through to Grade 4.

But above all, she brought her vast experience, coupled with a profound and broad knowledge of child development and an unbreakable sense of care for each boy and staff member. It has been a real pleasure to work with her – she leaves a flourishing Pre-Prep with a team of highly competent teachers, and I thank her and wish her well in this new stage of her life. Thank you, Sharlene, go well.

The Pre-Prep remains one of the happiest places to visit with boys so frank and direct and quite oblivious of one’s position or authority in the school. It can be difficult to get away though; listen to one boy’s tale of losing a tooth and 10 faces rapidly join his, gums bared and fingers pointing to the gap with tales of how sore it was. And the frequent question ‘Do you know my brother?’ to which I always say yes, but the clever ones have started to respond with ‘What’s his name?’. So, caught out!

Thank you to Father Monwabisi Peter and Mr Tsotso for their weekly messages at our Chapel Assemblies and the Pre-Prep’s Monday Chapel services, as well as for their guidance and praying into the school and the lives of all in our community.

Thank you to my wife, Lynne, for her patience during busy Bishops term time, for her support and for always happily hosting parents and staff at Stanmore Cottage.

Thank you, too, to Alison Cunnold, my PA, for keeping me organised and trying to keep me ‘on time’ during the day. I am fortunate.

We have had a number of changes in the leadership of the Houses over the last year. After 10 years as Brooke House Director, Willem Louw completed his tenure at the end of last year and we thank him for his leadership and guidance to the many Brooke boys over that period.

Khwezi Mqomboti left us at the end of the first term to take up a promotion post as Director of Sport at St John’s College, Johannesburg. He joined us as a stooge in the boarding House and as a part-time fitness instructor 15 years ago. He became a full-time member of staff over the years and, by the time he left us, he was Head of Phys Ed and House Director of Van der Byl House. He was always available for the boys – a really caring and proactive human being. We were fortunate to find a Sports Co-ordinator replacement in Jamie Southgate. With an Honours Degree in High Performance Sport, she has been able to make a valuable contribution.

A few months later Russell Drury moved to Australia. He had been an excellent Head of English and a natural and inspiring teacher of boys. He introduced bowtie Friday for staff, and so on the last day of term the Grade 7s

came to school wearing bowties. Such a fitting and touching tribute. We were extremely fortunate that Lehahn Esterhuizen was able to move in the middle of the year and take over the reins of the English Department.

In the second term, I was phoned for a reference for Xolani Mathyeke, one of our Grade 5 teachers, and within no time at all he was appointed as Deputy Head of Steyn City Prep School in Gauteng. We thought we would have Mr Mathyeke for longer than his five years, but during this time we have been able to enjoy his collegiality, sense of humour and great passion for everything he did.

Last term Laurelle Fry informed me that she had applied for the position of Head of Junior Prep at Western Province Prep School, an application that was successful. Laurelle is a highly organised individual, very interested in curriculum design and will no doubt do an excellent job in this position. Wepups is a little too close to home, so we might have to impose a restraint of trade when it comes to our resources. Laurelle started at Bishops 13 years ago and I vividly remember when Rob Riches asked her about extramurals at her interview, she replied that she was 'more culturally inclined'. Little did she know that she would run Tag Rugby at the Pre-Prep, become Head of Athletics at the Prep and last year, be one of the organisers of the Independent Schools' Rugby Festival. The influence of a boys' school and its sport!

Mandy Gloak also left us at the start of the third term and we were fortunate to have Richard Goedhals, a highly experienced past Bishops teacher, take her place until the end of her year. Mandy was a wonderfully happy and inspiring Grade 4 teacher and passionate TIC

of Swimming. After the birth of her second child, she decided to take a break from teaching and spend a few years at home.

There were a number of changes in House staff during the year and we congratulate Gareth Jordan and Thami Siko as House Directors of Brooke and Van der Bijl respectively. Naadia Luzmore, JP Dudley and Laurelle Fry were also appointed as Assistant House Directors.

Three members of staff leaving to take up promotion posts at other schools in one year was, and is, a very unusual occurrence at Bishops. We are fortunate to have many teachers who make a lifetime career at Bishops and carry on the ethos and focus of our school so effectively. And we do want to retain staff but, by the same token, we do not want to limit staff in their careers, and the experience of working at Bishops should make you highly sought after for positions in other schools. We want to develop educational leaders both within the school and for the broader educational community.

Congratulations to all these staff mentioned above.

I must also thank you, the parents, for all you do to support the school and your boys. As a busy school, offering as much as we do, this is essential. Thank you for your presence at sports matches and concerts, lifting your boys all over, assisting at events and much more.

I know I have been speaking for quite a while, but I do want to say something about a quality that we seem to have to focus directly on now. And that is kindness. Such a simple quality, one we all enjoy having the benefit of and one that is so easy to offer others. But, if we consider the many quarters of the world press who attacked and cast aspersions on us after winning the

Rugby World Cup (they seemed determined to dredge up anything that could point to something dark and undeserving of our victory) and world leaders who make vicious personal attacks on opponents on international television as well as the vitriol so often seen on social media, YouTube and TikTok, we need to be reminded of the quality of kindness. Those on social media may seem clever, even cool to young people; no one is spared, and racism, sexism and homophobia are spoken about as though they are still acceptable in the 21st century.

So, it's no wonder that schools are seeing more name-calling, insults and put-downs than they have for quite a while. Often not thought through, sometimes not fully understood and not necessarily really defining the speaker, such comments cause hurt and anxiety in what should be a safe space for all. There can never be no arguing, disagreements, annoyances, even nasty behaviour at school. School is, after all, a microcosm of society and it's where we learn to socially relate to one another, to be resilient and stand up for ourselves and what is right, but nastiness and insults should be the exception.

Exposure to so much media all around us can widen our experience, knowledge and perceptions, but it also gives a platform to those who want to polarise us, who want to share their negative views and discriminate openly and without care, and it is the latter that can so influence our impressionable young boys. And it can, sadly, appear cool and make a boy feel tough or popular and clever.

And so, as you know, we made November Kindness Month, a month to unpack what kindness is, how we act kindly and why we should. No boy is likely to go home and tell his parents when they ask how his day was, 'It

was great, I insulted three boys today and they were so upset!' More likely, 'I forgot my lunch today and John was so cool, he shared his lunch with me.'

We will continue to work on positive actions and interactions next year, but we need to work together on this: modelling the right behaviour, making sure that what our boys have access to online is age-appropriate, whether it's a game, website or social media. We say to the boys a better society starts here with each other, world peace starts at breaktime, inspiring leadership starts as you run out onto the sports field, conflict resolution starts when you do any group work. We practise and develop in the here and now, and when we make mistakes, we learn how to handle them and make amends.

In the words of Mother Teresa: 'We cannot all do great things on this earth. But we can all do small things with great love.'

Thank you.

Greg Brown



PRIZE LIST



GRADE 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 4B Class Prize	Rupert Edwards
Grade 4P Class Prize	Staten Kettlewell
Grade 4S Class Prize	Logan Daniels
Grade 4 Art Prize	Staten Kettlewell
Grade 4 STEM Prize	Cole Darné

Grade 4 Academic Honours Awards

Joshua Joubert, Michael McCollum

GRADE 5 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 5B Class Prize	Thomas Cobbledick
Grade 5P Class Prize	Emaad Raja
Grade 5S Class Prize	Finlay Barnhoorn
Grade 5 Art Prize	Leandros Constantinou
Grade 4 STEM Prize	Alexander Reeves

Grade 5 Academic Honours Awards

Finn Coetzer, Oliver Ferrao, Jack Greig, Andre Kuys, Ethan Lee Pan, Oliver Vickers, Owen Vorwerg

GRADE 6 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 6B Class Prize	Adam Snyman
Grade 6P Class Prize	William Lord
Grade 6S Class Prize	Carter Mason
Grade 6 Art Prize	Bonnar Richards
Grade 6 STEM Prize	Drummond Mackenzie

Grade 6 Academic Honours Awards

Joshua Fried, Sahil Khalfey, Callum Kleye, Bonnar Richards, Umar Saloojee, Zayaan Saloojee, Jack Stansfield, Charles Traill, Evan West

GRADE 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Grade 7B Class Prize	Michael Goodall
Grade 7P Class Prize	Cole Hirsch
Grade 7S Class Prize	Matteo Toweel
Grade 7 Academic Improvement Award	Joshua Mafunda
Gertrude Peters Essay Prize	Khalil Crookes

Marjorie Blinkhorn

Prize for English	Milo Bonadei
Prize for Afrikaans FAL	Dean Weich
Prize for Afrikaans SAL	Nicholas Young
Prize for isiXhosa FAL	Nicholas Young
Prize for isiXhosa SAL	John Nolte
Prize for Mathematics	Nicholas Young
Prize for Science	Milo Bonadei
Prize for Social Science	Milo Bonadei
Prize for Visual Art	Luca Grunenwald
Prize for STEM	Daniel Prestage
Prize for Drama	Rupert Andersson
Theron Academic Scholarship	Milo Bonadei
General Scholarship	James Gray

Grade 7 Academic Honours Awards

Milo Bonadei, James Gray, John Hewat, Dominic Kotze, Joshua Mafunda, Aran Maharaj, John Nolte, Alexander Walker, Dean Weich, Nicholas Young

MUSIC PRIZES

Junior Brass	Phoenix Jordan
Junior Piano	Finn Coetzer
Junior Strings	Kuhle Cossie
Junior Vocal	Samuel Yazdanpanahi
Junior Woodwind	Chris de Wet

Senior Brass
Senior Drums
Senior Guitar
Senior Piano
Senior Strings
Senior Vocal

Jasper Magrath
Ismaeel Darsot
Cameron Brown
James Gray
James Gray
Jasper Magrath
Alexander Walker
Alexander Walker
John Hewat
Jasper Magrath
Dominic Kotze
Alexander Walker
Khalil Crookes
Robert Turnley-Jones
Z'idan Hendrickse
Jasper Magrath

Senior Woodwind
String Ensemble
Brass Ensemble
Wind Band

Choir and Vocal Ensemble
Marimba Band
Music Scholarship
Performer's Prize

SPORT PRIZES

Athletics Cup
Chess Cup
Cricket Cup
Cross-Country Cup
Hockey Cup
Rugby Cup
Brad Gornall Rugby Cup
Squash Cup
Swimming Cup
Tennis Cup
Water Polo Cup

Imaad Hendricks
Max Craig
Ibraheem Taliep
Joshua Mafunda
James Arkcoll
Imaad Hendricks
Nathan Whiffler
Ismaeel Darsot
Ryan Reeves
Jack Stam
Troy Webb

SPECIAL PRIZES

Sheila Wolfe Prize
for Chivalry
Williamson Fellowship Trophy
Headmaster's Award
Craig Brown
Memorial Trophy
Bishops Prep Prize
for Musical Excellence

Nicholas Young
Khalil Crookes
Julian Edwards

Cameron Brown

James Gray

GD Charlton Prize
for Sporting Excellence
Pieter van der Bijl Prize
for Academic Excellence
Mike Bromfield
All-Rounder's Award

Ibraheem Taliep
Milo Bonadei
Dominic Kotze



CULTURE



ART



Most people dream of meeting their favourite artists. I teach mine!

As an Art teacher, my role gives me much satisfaction. It is very rewarding, not only to develop skills and teaching techniques, but also to enable the boys to express their own personalised interpretations of the topics. We have an abundance of talent and creativity at Bishops.

The Art exhibition

The Art exhibition is always the highlight of the year, where we showcase and display works that have been produced. This year was no exception, but the challenging part was to find the space for all the exhibits and the time to set them up. So, we split the exhibition into two separate displays (Junior and Senior) to fit them into Jagger Hall. In total, there were 1 400 artworks on display, which was most satisfying.

My thanks to the hardworking Fatima Kervin for helping with the framing process. Parent volunteers who helped with pinning up the artworks made this mammoth task much easier and I really appreciated their enthusiasm and support.

The Art syllabus

The syllabus is a dynamic one and allows flexibility in topic selection. This enables us to adapt to topical,

relevant situations as they arise. Given the heavy load shedding this year, I was inspired to use a theme of alternative light sources in the still-life drawing project in Grade 7.

Starting simply and diverging from that point, the Grade 7s worked on a basic acrylic mountain landscape to build confidence and learn the basics of creating light and shadow using paint. Thereafter, they developed their own context and enhanced their work applying landscaped layering. This develops the creative process.

A key part of our academic focus this year was more collaboration between subjects. Linking up with English and Social Science in most grades, we were able to integrate topics and themes very effectively. In Grade 4, we produced very successful golden hornbill paintings, inspired by the African folk tales that were being covered in English lessons. In Grade 6, the boys learnt about themselves, so they worked on self-portraits to support the teaching principles.

To celebrate Women’s Month, the Grade 5s enjoyed a talk by Chantal Coetzee, an artist who has researched women leaders from Africa’s past and painted portraits of them. She showcased nine of these impressive ‘African Queens’. These women of Africa ruled nations with extraordinary skill and strength. Some were military strategists who expanded borders, some fought off

colonialists, while others vanquished slave traders. All protected their people with superb leadership and relentless stamina. This tied in with their portraits of women in our school.

Help from parents during class activities: VUSA Christmas gift bags and go-kart T-shirts

Involving the parents as much as possible in Art activities was an important focus this year and I was very appreciative of the willing and enthusiastic support I received during some of my classroom activities. The Grade 5s decorated 200 gift bags for the VUSA Christmas party, and a group of capable and efficient parents helped make this possible. Each year, the Grade 6s design their own team logos for the exciting go-kart races. Fabric painting on T-shirts does not allow for any margin of error or second chances, so I appreciated the extra pairs of hands to help make this activity successful.

Involvement with the school play, making sets and props

Making sets and props is always a very challenging task. This year the school play, *Lord of the Flies*, required the creation of giant props and sets. Again, the parents were so supportive and enthusiastic.

Art outreach activity

Outreach programmes have often been linked to sport activities, but I was so pleased to take part in an outing to the Iziko National Gallery in Cape Town that connected Bishops boys with a group of 20 VUSA students. Kate Crane Briggs of Culture Connect SA initiated this outing and I assisted. They were shown around an exhibition of



500 artworks titled ‘Breaking Down the Walls’. The students were given a sketch book with a pencil and pencil case (donated by Artsauce) during their tour. They then enjoyed lunch at 6 Spin Street after feeding the squirrels in The Company’s Gardens. This was a wonderful opportunity for our boys to socialise and spend time with the VUSA students in a non-sporting activity.

Conclusion – creative contrasts

Art at Bishops is a challenging but very rewarding endeavour. It combines a mixture of exuberance and energy as the boys release their creativity. This might contrast with something I overheard one day from one of the students: 'Whenever I walk into the Art room, I feel calm, and I know I can relax.'

This is a wonderful association to have, and my wish is for the Art room to be a nurturing and invigorating space that will encourage creativity, adding richness to all the other subjects.

Sue Johns



Grade 7 Art



Alexander Walker



Julian Edwards



Nicholas Brits



Finlay Ferguson



James Ridl



Adam Tanfield



James Gray



John Nolte



Dominic Kotze



Benjamin Klerck



Maahier Arnold



Jonah de Villiers



Luca Grunenwald



Matteo Toweel



Nicholas Young



Imaad Hendricks



Robert Sherman



Jonah de Villiers



Maximillian Steven

Grade 6 Art



Troy Webb



Ibraheem Taliep



Benjamin Klerck



Nicholas Ramsay



Luca Wakeford



James Arkcoll



Charles Traill



Sebastijan Wierzycki



Marc MacLeod



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Adam Snyman



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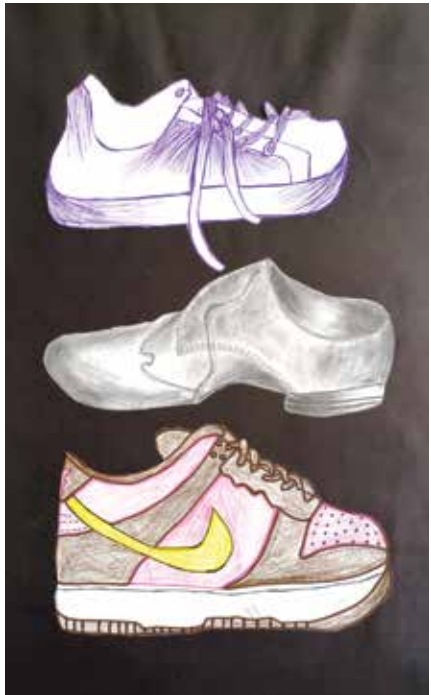
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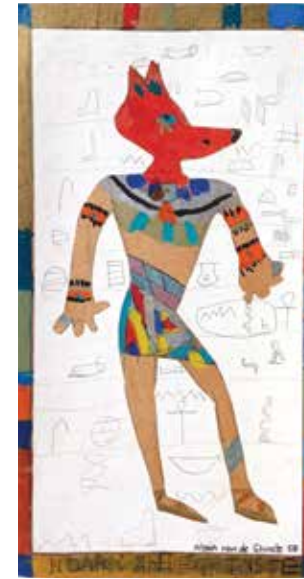
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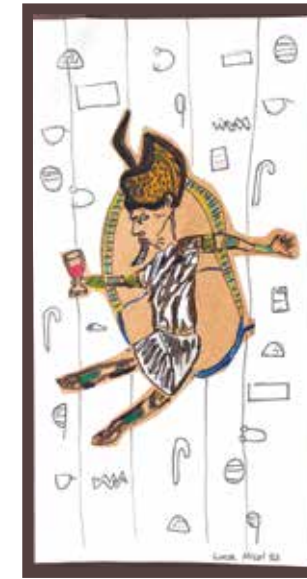
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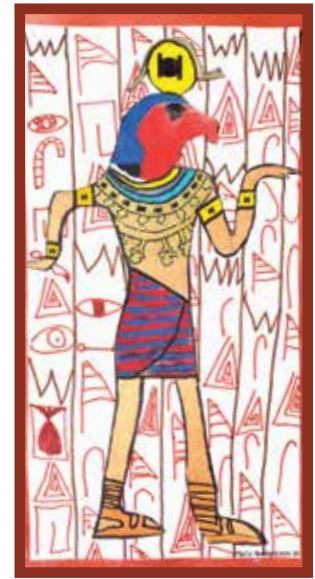
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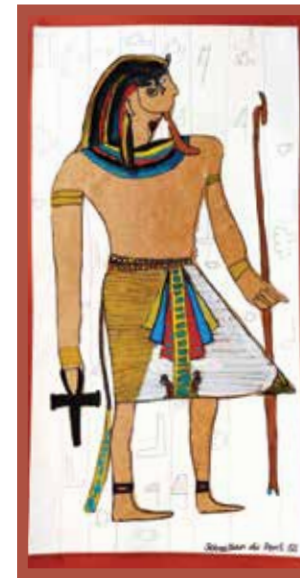
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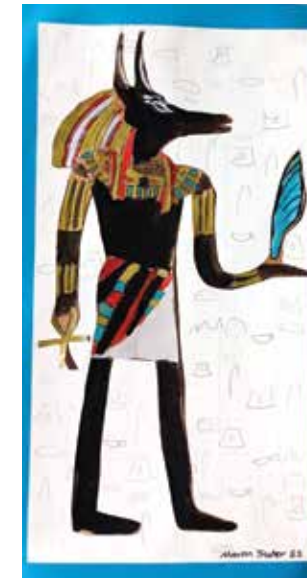
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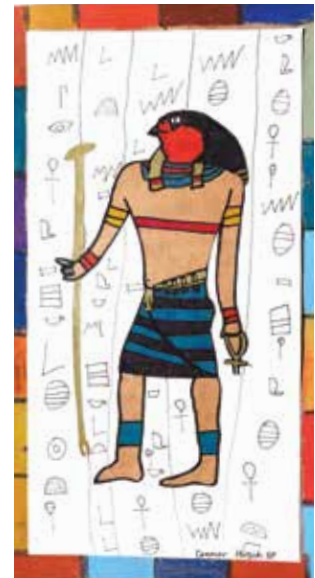
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Martin Truter



Connor Hirsch



Lameez and Lizzy



Lizzy modelling for students



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Emaad Raja



Phoenix Jordan



Joseph Hudson



Rupert Pfaff



Oliver Ferrao



Jack Bousfield



Alex Breslin

Grade 4 Art



Otsile Motsumi



Zac Gomes



Joshua Joubert



Scott Jackson



William Hatt



Nathan Venn



Matthew Wood



Logan Daniels



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Alec van der Merwe



Leandros Constantinou



Alec van der Merwe



William Hatt



Liam Khoury



Mohammed Desai



Thango Mkwanzani



Ntsika Madubela



Cameron Pentz



Adam Khan



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Callum Kirkpatrick



Finnley Emms



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Yaqeen Fredericks



Jonathan Kotze



James Scholtz



Cole Darné



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Brodie Bassett



Finnley Emms

Grade 3 Art



Cruz Harris



Moosa Ismail



Hloma Magwentshu



David Brien



Aarik Sukha



Henri Kuys



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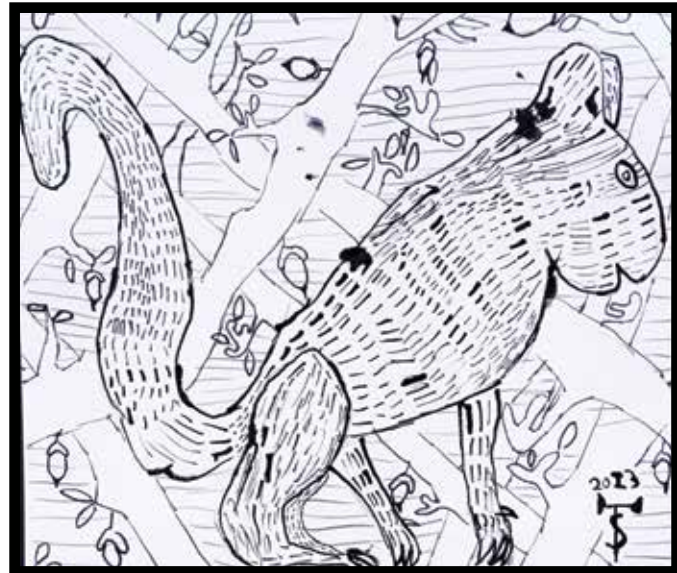
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Thomas Berry



Pravar Naidoo



Oliver van Zyl



Isma-eel Domingo



Thomas Fourie

Special Art Events



CLUBS



Young Engineers

Our first challenge this year was to understand the working power of pneumatic and hydraulic pressure. Starting with our Lego kits, the boys created all sorts of moving-part models using pneumatic syringes and pumps. This understanding formed the foundation for a handcraft project using wood, glue and hardware to create a duelling crane. The crane needed to battle another group's crane and topple it over. One syringe would turn the crane left and right, another would lift the boom so that a hook might grab the contestant's crane. The boys soon learnt that by filling the syringes with water instead of air, the crane's movement was far more predictable, faster and way more powerful.

Robert Turnley-Jones and Milo Bonadei led the charge when it came to coding our Arduino electronic kits. These kits allow the learners to install all manner of electronic components and then, by linking them to a computer, they can be coded to turn lights on and off, make sounds and control systems. As we acquire more of these kits, more learners will be able to interact meaningfully.

Robert also showed a real mastery of the 3D printing machine. At times, a line of fellow Grade 7s would be waiting for his patient assistance. In a cross-discipline project with Natural Science, each group of boys had to make a component of their artefact on the 3D printer – a really wonderful learning opportunity.

Group Members: Milo Bonadei, James Davidge, David Douglas, Sebastian Dupont, Max Forrester, Lukho Kunene, Sango Kunene, James Myhill, Martin Truter, Robert Turnley-Jones, Damian van Zyl, Nicholas Young

Mark Erlangsen

isiXhosa

isiXhosa, one of South Africa's most beloved languages, pulsates with the rhythm of the Eastern Cape and whispers stories of ancient traditions across the Western Cape. At Bishops Prep School, where isiXhosa thrives as both a Second Additional Language (SAL) and First Additional Language (FAL), a dedicated club fosters a vibrant community of young minds diving deep into the heart of this rich cultural tapestry.

From Grade 4 to Grade 7, enthusiastic learners embark on a captivating journey, not just mastering vocabulary and grammar, but immersing themselves in the very essence of isiXhosa. Their classroom transforms into a playground of engaging activities, where impromptu scenarios spark lively debates, traditional games like upuca and impumputhela ignite laughter and friendly competition, and the melodies of isiXhosa songs fill the air with a soulful resonance.

The isiXhosa Club provides more than just language content applications; it cultivates a safe space where confidence can blossom. Learners refine their

conversational fluency, their comprehension skills dancing to the rhythm of everyday interactions. The club fosters a deep sense of belonging, connecting them to the rich tapestry of isiXhosa heritage through absorbing stories of history and tradition.

But the club's impact extends far beyond the classroom walls. It serves as a vital force in preserving the language, ensuring its vibrant melodies continue to echo through generations. It enriches the cultural landscape, weaving threads of understanding and appreciation between diverse communities. Most importantly, it builds bridges of social cohesion, reminding us that the human spirit finds its truest expression in shared laughter, shared stories, and the unifying power of a language that speaks to the soul – one song, one game, and one conversation at a time.

2023 isiXhosa Club members: Milo Bonadei, Kuhle Cossie, James Greig, Sahil Khalfey, Benjamin Kombo, Lukho Kunene, Sango Kunene, William Lunn, Jasper Magrath, Khumo Matjeka, Thango Mkwanzani, James Myhill, Murray Prain, Nicholas Young

*Thamsanqa Siko and Xolani Mathyeke,
2023 Facilitators*

Art Club

I am delighted that so many boys want to – and make time to – attend Art Club as part of their extramural programme. These lessons enable more detailed and intensive projects, and allow boys to work with materials whose use is limited in a time-constrained academic class timetable. Personal and individual ideas are encouraged and developed.

Sue Johns



Mingjun Qiu



Nicholas Young



Oyama Mapukata



William Hatt



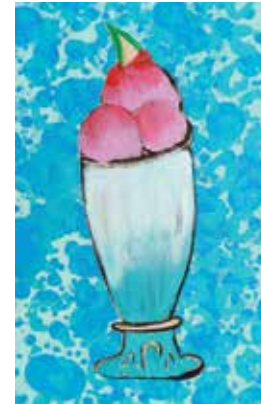
Alex Turck



Finley Emms



Wynand van Zyl



Alex Breslin



Sean Watson



Thomas McCollum



Bonnar Richards



Khalil Crookes



Harry Lucas



Zishan Kassen



Andre Kuys



Samuel Yazdanpanahi

DRAMA: LORD OF THE FLIES



Director	Caroline Duck
Movement Director	Roxy Levy
Choreographer	Elvis Sibeko
Music Composition	Sandee Clapperton and Elvis Sibeko
Lighting Design	Michiel Bester
Sound	Sean Howard
Microphone Technician	Cayla Feucht
Stage Manager	Tina Sheard
Stage Assistants	Clayton Turner and Iviwe Ndamane
Set Creation	Sue Johns
Set Construction	Mark Erlangsen
Make-Up Artists	Guilma Stander and Crystal King
Prompt	Fatima Kerven
Photographer	Ruvan Boshoff

In September, Bishops Prep presented William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*.

Nigel Williams adapted the classic story for the stage and it was first performed at his son's prep school, King's College, in Wimbledon in 1991. Golding himself attended this first production. Williams writes about how these young boys (aged 10 to 12) connected with the text and drew parallels to their own lives.

Golding's novel, set in Britain after the Second World War, was published nearly 70 years ago, but its themes, characters and exploration of human nature have much to say about the world we live in today.

We set our production in South Africa. The boys are on a choir tour when their plane crashes on a desert island,



allowing us to focus on the tensions in relationships and the personal, rather than political, landscape.

None of the adults survive the crash so the boys are on their own. Ralph is elected leader and, with the help of Piggy, he tries to do what's right, listening to those around him and being optimistic that with rules and a fire they will survive and be rescued. A major challenge to Ralph's leadership is Jack, who wants to be the leader. Jack draws the boys to his side with the lure of hunting and adventure. Percival, one of the younger boys, has seen 'The Beast' (a dead parachutist), which instils fear in the boys that grows during the act. Simon goes up the mountain to investigate, and stumbles upon Jack's impaled pig's head – The Lord of the Flies. He travels further up the mountain and discovers the dead parachutist. He comes down the mountain screaming that the beast is a man, not a beast, just a man, but the others don't hear him. He is caught in a post-hunting frenzy with dire consequences. Things continue to

degenerate until a naval officer arrives on the scene to rescue the boys.

Our production focused on the moments of kindness and friendship that we found in the text. The boys worked hard to understand their characters, to physically inhabit their world and we used stylised dance sequences to express things that sometimes words could not.

Williams writes in *The Telegraph*, 'Golding went backstage afterwards and said to the boys, "Did you like being little savages?" "Ye-e-ehhh!!" they shouted. "Ah," he said, "but you wouldn't like to be savages all the time – would you now?" They looked, suddenly, like the boys in the story do when the adult comes to rescue them at the end – cowed and, indeed, awed by what the world might hold in store.'

Caroline Duck



Drama Practice



MUSIC



The great philosopher Plato wrote: ‘Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.’

2023 began with all the usual excitement in the Prep Music Department. The new Grade 3s were eager to start their individual instrumental lessons and meet their new teachers, and the boys in Grades 4 to 7 were ready to build on the strong foundations laid in 2022. We welcomed a number of new staff members to our department: Ms Samantha Durrant (violin), Mrs Rosie Brodie (piano), Mr Ivan Preller (piano) and Ms Frances Levenderis (double bass). We were also absolutely thrilled to welcome Mrs Kashiefa Kerven to our department as our Music Administrator.

Our Ensemble Programme was very successful this year. The boys were on show at the Eluvukweni Fundraising Concert, where they enjoyed performing ‘The Prayer’ with the College choir. Matthew Fox was also featured as one of the soloists in the arrangement of ‘Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring’, accompanied by string players from the College. This concert was arranged to raise money for the Eluvukweni church roof and we were delighted when the target of R200 000 was reached. We are so grateful to all the parents and members of the Bishops community for contributing towards this very special event. The Prep boys were treated to excellent performances by many of the College ensembles – Strings, Simply Blue and Brass – and the joint Wind Band endeavour with ‘Viva la Vida’ was an exciting



opportunity for them. The Marimba Band played outside as everyone took their leave of the chapel.

The Prep Brass Ensemble started off the year with five members and they entertained us beautifully at the Ensemble Concert. Since then the numbers have grown and there are now 11 players in this ensemble, who will be able to join the Wind Band early in 2024.

Our Carol Service was a highlight, where the vocal talents of Matthew Fox, Sahil Khalfey and Troy Vomacka in ‘Once in Royal David’s City’ were greatly enjoyed. Mr Thami Siko and Samuel Yazdanpanahi gifted us with their beautiful singing of ‘O Holy Night’ (arranged by Stephen

Carletti OD) with Ms Driver, Ms Price, Ms Levenderis and special guest Jessica Scott accompanying us on strings.

The String Programme has continued to grow in leaps and bounds this year and the boys enjoyed making recordings for the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod. The Grade 4 String Ensemble was awarded a gold medal this year. They also played at the start of the Carol Service. We all enjoyed the Grade 7 String Quartet’s performance at the Leavers’ Concert.

The Wind Band excelled in another opportunity this year to perform with the College Wind Band. The joint band performed Coldplay’s ‘Viva la Vida’ at the Eluvukweni Fundraising Concert and the Prep boys had great fun. They gave a superb performance at the Ensemble Concert, too, with the same piece that was showcased again at the Prize-giving Ceremony, along with a beautiful arrangement of ‘Skyfall’.

The Grade 7 Vocal Ensemble performed ‘Africa’ on the Grade 7 tour and managed to add ‘Sh-Boom’ (arranged by Stephen Carletti OD) to their repertoire for the Leavers’ Concert, which was well received.

Our Marimba Band had a good year of music making. Under the auspices of Mrs Sheard, they performed at our Ensemble Concert, the Eluvukweni Fundraising Concert, as well as at the Grade 7 Leavers’ Concert. The highlight of the year, and their final performance, was at the annual tea for all our support staff. Here they played all their favourite pieces and then invited anyone to join in and learn to play a song on the marimbas. What a successful party it was! Music truly is a universal language, and everyone had a happy time playing on the marimbas. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition.



KZN tour

The KZN tour brought with it another opportunity for our musicians to shine. As mentioned above, the Grade 7 Vocal Ensemble performed ‘Africa’, and there were soloists who performed at the concerts: Khalil Crookes (Singing) Alex Walker (Sax), Jasper Magrath (Trumpet), James Myhill (Violin), Z’idan Hendrickse (Singing) and Dominic Kotze (Clarinet). All these performers were well received by the school audiences.

Eisteddfod news

This year all the entries were for the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod. Boys entered for the Vocal, String, Piano, Woodwind and Ensemble sections. The results were very pleasing, with a number of them winning medals that were presented at the Prestige Aand at Jan van Riebeeck High School on 11 October 2023. Jasper Magrath was invited to sing at this prestigious occasion.

KAE medal winners:

The Grade 4 String Ensemble: Miguel Mtowodzwa, Minggu Xiao, Liam Duncan, Ben Davies, Finnley Emms and Ande Mogotlane (gold medal).

Vocal section

Samuel Yazdanpanahi (2 silver medals):

First place Grade 5 Boys’ Singing; first place Junior Folk Song.

Alexander Walker (3 silver medals):

Shared first place Grade 7 Boys’ Singing; shared first place Folk Song in Grades 6 and 7; first place Grade 7 Musical Theatre.



Matthew Fox (2 silver medals):

First place in Grade 6 Boys’ Singing; shared first place Junior Folk Song.

Jasper Magrath (silver medal):

Shared first place Grade 7 Boys’ Singing.

Piano section

Maximillien Barrault (silver medal):

Piano Beginners’ section.

Finn Coetzer (silver medal):

Grade 5 Piano Recital section.

Exams

The ABRSM examinations took place in September and 84 candidates were presented by the school. Our school achieved an average of 120/150 which is considerably higher than the world average, so we were very pleased. We had one of the strictest UK examiners visiting. We also presented 15 boys for an internal examination in November.

Concerts

Aside from our weekly Wednesday Assembly Concerts, which showcase the abundant talent in our department, we would like to highlight two very important concerts this year. The Beginners’ Concert is significant in that we see the boys at the start of their musical journey. All the boys played beautifully and confidently to a warm crowd assembled to cheer them on. The Leavers’ Concert was an incredible celebration of the musical journeys our boys have taken since their Grade 3 year. It was a lengthy, poignant affair and we had 40 items on the

programme as well as the Marimba Band. This concert is always approached with mixed feelings: sadness about saying farewell to our Grade 7s, but also the excitement of celebrating the talent of these young musicians as well as the hard work they have put in throughout the years. History was made this year again when we heard a small-sized student bassoon played for the first time by Matthew Fox, in a duet with Mr Glynn Partridge.

Instrumental Programme

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

Class Music

We had a busy year in Class Music. Here follows a few highlights of the year:

In Grade 3, we explored the inside workings of a grand piano and an upright piano. We also enjoyed learning many fun songs and we sang these songs at our Grade 3 Celebration Service at the end of the year.

In Grade 4, we explored the different personalities of a variety of instruments. We were able to discern whether an instrument had sound decay or no sound decay by listening to a note or a sound played on it. We also made decisions about whether an instrument was melodic or non-melodic. Another highlight was our Extreme Notation workshop, where we looked at a large variety of note values from the longest note, a

semibreve, to the best of all, a very short note called a hemidemisemiquaver!

The Grade 5 classes spent many happy weeks watching the musical, *Mary Poppins*. We explored concepts such as chimney sweeps, children raised in a nursery and, surprisingly, how socks were repaired by darning. Of course, we sang along to all the favourites: ‘Chim Chim Cher-ee’, ‘A Spoonful of Sugar’, ‘Let’s go Fly a Kite’ and ‘Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!’

The Grade 6 classes started the year by listening to a variety of South African singers and bands. We made an impressive list of artists and enjoyed listening to them. We spent the fourth term exploring Italian terms used in music to give direction to the performer. Our Italian language proficiency was coming on nicely!

Music Theory

Our Theory Programme has continued to expand. We were thrilled to offer an internal examination yet again for our theory pupils in November. This year, 40 pupils ranging from ABRSM Grades 1 to 4 participated. The boys completed these exams very successfully and there were many merits and distinctions. James Gray must be commended for preparing for the online ABRSM Grade 5 early in the year and achieving an excellent result.

Staff matters

We are very sad to bid farewell to Mr Ivan Preller, who has been with us for a year. Ivan has accepted a position in the business world, and while he is sad to leave us, he believes that this new opportunity will be a time for personal growth and will open many doors for him. We wish him well in this new career path and thank him for



the valuable work he delivered in his time at the Prep. Ms Frances Levenderis also left our department at the end of the year to further her studies, and we wish her all the very best with this. Neil Robertson stays with us at Bishops but he will be teaching at the College in 2024. In his place, we are pleased to welcome on board Ms Micaela Jacobs.

Looking back on 2023, we note that it has been a very busy but happy year in our department. The boys have enjoyed the richness of the year and we are all looking forward to our 175 Celebration year and all that 2024 holds in store for us.

Tina Sheard and Sandee Clapperton

STEM



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Our newly refurbished classroom has been very well received, and the versatility of the mobile tables has made so many classroom configurations possible. When large floor spaces are needed, the tables are wheeled out of the way. And designated ‘conference’ style spaces can be created just as easily. The bank of PCs is a real asset at times and the 3D printer was put to work frequently.

A new set of Sphero Robots was bought this year, allowing for an upgrade to the very impressive Sphero Bolt series. This robot has a display screen, allowing for animations to be developed, a gyroscope, an accelerometer and internal motors that drive the sphere around.

Grade 7

The Grade 7s started the year with some two-point perspective drawing. The boys also designed and manufactured a toy that has moving parts controlled by cranks, followers, cams and eccentric wheels. Understanding concepts such as the strengths of materials, rotational force and reciprocating motion was the measure of a successful project.

Most of this semester the boys were met with robotic challenges in STEM. Each session involved adding

aspects to their Lego EV3 Base Bots and learning to code the robot accordingly. The challenges included colour recognition, distance, timed responses, sound and touch responses and, most challenging, using the tilt sensor to create an artificial intelligence response.

The year ended with a robotics challenge evening where we hosted girls from St Cyprian’s. The teams were tasked with developing the code required and to write (with a board marker) a sequence of numbers in various ‘rooms’ on the challenge board.

Grade 6

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

In support of, and to extend, their science studies, the boys assembled an electronic alarm. Learning about each component first, they then soldered them into a circuit board. Once complete, the alarm had to be

installed into a box or container so that the various alarm-monitoring capabilities could be showcased.

Their coding skills were also evaluated. Using the Sphero Robots and iPads, the boys had an extension challenge where they had to create a game that used the robot’s voice command facility, its randomisation capability and its gyroscope.

Grade 5

The Grade 5s designed and built a crane during the first term. This provides the boys with an opportunity to explore the strength of materials, manufacturing principles and workshop skills.

As an application to their Natural Science studies, the Grade 5s made a steady-hand tester game that had to be installed into an ‘amazing environment’. Many rockets travelling through space, surfers riding the waves and racing cars skidding around tracks were created.

The boys really enjoyed the challenges involved in learning coding of the Sphero Robotic ball. From coding movement, animations, sounds and vibrations to storytelling and games, this robot is amazing.

Grade 4

The Grade 4s started the year off learning some graphic design skills. They learnt how to represent an object in a 3D view using an oblique line grid to give depth. They applied these skills in creating cardboard templates and then folding various shapes, for example, a pyramid or a house. Later, a wooden bridge project investigated their ability to design and make a bridge that would be tested to destruction on a press. Understanding the

inherent strength of materials was a great asset in this assignment.

The boys had a fabulous opportunity to use the Lego WeDo robotics kits. They explored the various models and coding steps that maximise these robots. The iPad is used to code the robots once they have been made, coding the tilt and distance sensors correctly, and allowing the motor to perform tasks as required. Using the various sensors to create useful applications is always a rewarding end to an assignment.

Mark Erlangsen





SPIRITUALITY



CHAPEL REPORT



The Lord be with you.

As we ventured into the year 2023 at the Prep school, there was a sense of bliss that echoed the harmonious conclusion of 2022. The return to normality brought with it a renewed focus on spirituality and worship, which breezed through our school.

A delightful aspect of the year was the increased participation of boys in various services held at the War Memorial Chapel and Jagger Hall, particularly during Monday mornings. The spirit of intimate worship and fellowship fostered strong bonds among the students, transcending religious boundaries. It was encouraging to witness not only Christian boys but those from diverse faiths actively engaging in the ethos and foundations of our Anglican school.

As a youth worker, this inclusivity and embracing of all faiths brought excitement. It became a platform for boys to explore and learn about the rich combination of religions within our school community. The exchange of beliefs and practices not only strengthened interfaith relationships but also expressed the value of diversity in our educational journey.

A special acknowledgement is due to the active participation and unwavering support from all staff members. Their commitment ensured the success and smooth flow of our communal gatherings. The angelic atmosphere in our chapel services, notably orchestrated

by the Music Department and the God-given gifts of our boys, deserves a heartfelt expression of gratitude.

Yet, amid the joyous moments, the year presented its challenges. Staff members faced personal losses and health issues, prompting us to draw strength from one another. The love and support demonstrated within our school community during times of hardship were a testament to the resilience and unity that define us.

Throughout it all, the faithfulness of our God remained unwavering, and together we persevered, reaching new heights. As we express gratitude for the blessings that carried us through the year, we eagerly anticipate the dawn of 2024 with a renewed faith and hope. May the grace of the Creator continue to guide us, and blessings be upon us as we embrace the promise of a fresh chapter.

Blessings and amen.

Lutho Tsotso
Youth Worker



Praise Service



PASTORAL



BRAMLEY HOUSE



2023 has been an exciting and happy one for the Bramley Bears.

We have been so fortunate to have Naadia Luzmore join us as our Assistant House Director this year. I trust that she will feel welcome and will love her years in our House.

Welcoming our new Grade 3s and their families is always a special occasion. This year we braaied around the pool, chatted and really got to know each other. Of course, the boys had a ball in the pool too. I hope that this is the start of a fantastic time for everyone at Bramley over the next few years.

Perfect weather awaited us for our House picnic at Clifton Beach. This is one of my favourite evenings, as I can reconnect with all the parents.

My goal for the year has been to strive to achieve a quote by Mavis Staples: ‘My purpose: to lift your spirit and to motivate you.’

The boys in Bramley are an incredibly special bunch. There are many different personalities, they have different ideas and different strengths. And yet, we seem to click and succeed together. My job has been to be the boys’ ‘go-to’ person. Someone who is ‘in their corner’. And to inspire and motivate everyone to be the best possible version of themselves. It has been easy to

do this with our Bramley Bears. They are enthusiastic, determined, happy and engaged.

The Grade 7s enjoyed the Leadership Workshop where we discussed what it means to be a leader in the 21st century and how we can achieve this. It was important to emphasise that everyone is a leader in their own right. We all have our areas of interest and expertise and the boys were able to volunteer for the various Leadership Portfolios. We watched a TED talk by Drew Dudley entitled ‘Everyday Leadership’. The takeaway from this was the ‘lollipop’ moments that make a positive difference, and that we should all strive to create lollipop moments in our lives. During this workshop I was reminded of how special this group of Grade 7s is. Every one of them put up their hand to take on leadership roles in various areas and I knew this was going to be a fantastic year for us.

Our leaders for the year have been exceptional. Jonah de Villiers, Joshua Mafunda and Nicholas Young led the House with humility and maturity and were completely dedicated to the House. They certainly led by example. Thank you to these boys.

One of the highlights of 2023 has been the introduction of our Star of the Term awards as well as an award for the Bramley Bears who made a significant impact and contribution to the House. This ranged from awarding Music Certificates to the boys who played at the

Wednesday morning assemblies and initiating sessions where the Grade 7s read with the Grade 3s to making a success of their academic journey and being involved in sport, music and the school play. These boys were inspirational and they received keyrings to recognise all that they had done.

Winning the Merit Cup in all four terms this year shows what a fantastic group of boys we have at Bramley. We pride ourselves on our helpfulness, kindness and grit. We were also awarded the Academic Trophy in both semesters this year, which demonstrates our commitment to working hard, being prepared and being determined to succeed.

Numerous outings were enjoyed by the boys: movie night, ten-pin bowling, Tekkerz soccer and much more. We ended the year with an enjoyable dinner out with the Grade 7 boys. It will be sad to say goodbye to them, but we know that they will immerse themselves in all there is on offer at the College. We look forward to following their progress through the years.

We initiated the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) challenge in the third term. These were captured and we created a video to motivate the rest of the school. I am so proud of all the boys who became involved in this and I hope they will be inspired to continue to make a difference in the lives of others. Our boys helped in the garden, looked after their dogs, baby-sat for friends, picked up litter, helped grannies down the stairs and donated food and clothing to those less fortunate than ourselves. It was truly moving to watch the clips that were sent to us.

Bramley enjoyed a good year on the sports field and in the swimming pool as well. We won the Spirit Trophy at both Sports Days, did well at soccer, cross-country, hockey, water polo and tug-of-war, and won the overall prestigious rugby and cricket trophies. It was a successful year.

Our musicians have also been incredible, performing beautifully at the music concerts. Special mention must be made of Jasper Magrath, who played ‘Reveille’ and ‘The Last Post’ on the trumpet on Remembrance Day. It was a real goosebump moment.



Nicholas Young was awarded the Sheila Woolfe Trophy for Chivalry at the end-of-year Prize-giving. We are super-proud of him for his incredible manners, helpfulness and kindness to all.

I would also like to congratulate Khalil Crookes on being awarded the Williamson Trophy at the Grade 7 Leavers Dinner. This is an incredibly special award, as it is voted for by the boys. Khalil was recognised by his peers as being kind, helpful and reliable in any situation. It is the second year in succession that a Bramley boy has been recognised with this trophy. I hope that the whole House will strive to emulate Khalil's example.

All in all, it has been a wonderful year and I would like to thank the Bramley Bears for their ongoing enthusiasm and dedication to the House. You are fabulous! I hope that I have been able to motivate and lift your spirits this year. Thank you, too, to our parents who tirelessly support all of our endeavours. Without you we would not be the successful House that we are.

Thank you to one and all.

Penny Graney



BROOKE HOUSE



Our aim for 2023 was to focus on our motto *Vis Unita Fortior* (Union is Strength), and further develop a sense of belonging and camaraderie among the Brooke House Knights. We introduced the Brooke House cap this year which was incredibly well received and enjoyed by the House. They finally had an equal footing among their adversaries.

Our Grade 7 leadership team, made up of head Dominic Kotze and deputies Zingce Tywabi and Kai van der Vyver, were tasked with delivering lessons to our boys during House assemblies. These lessons were all themed around the Knights' code and encompassed the qualities of a knight that we would like to see from our boys in green. These knightly virtues include mercy (empathy and kindness), humility (humbleness), honour (integrity), sacrifice (putting others first), fear of God, faithfulness, courage, graciousness and courtesy to ladies.

Our family groups continued to develop. These groups are made up of one or two boys from each grade. The Grade 7 boy leads his family group. During House assemblies they get the opportunity to talk about various issues surrounding the Knight's code. This is a good opportunity for our boys to learn the valuable skill of mentorship. It also further develops relationships between boys across the school with the ultimate goal of allowing each boy to get to know his brothers on a more personal level. It is always heart-warming to witness an older Bishops boy helping a younger one. It is true what is said about peers having more of an impact on each

other than adults, and we will look to further enhance this powerful dynamic moving forward. Each family group was awarded with points depending on their positive contributions to the school in academics, sport and cultural activities. At the end of each term, the family with the most points was rewarded with a pizza party.

On the sporting front we managed to win the participation awards for both the Inter-House Athletics Trials Day and Inter-House Cross-Country. These are the only participation awards for the year and while winning the overall prize is always the goal, the fact that we had superior participation rates shows the boys' desire to be involved and to contribute to the overall success of our House. I was very proud of our boys for achieving these accolades.

Throughout the year we spoke about how important it is to finish off strong and our tennis team lived this by convincingly winning the Inter-House Tennis Competition which was the last event of the year.

We had several Brooke House events this year. These included our Grade 3 welcoming picnic, the Brooke House family braai, movie night, the Grade 7 leadership evening, a padel tennis competition with our Grade 6 and 7 boys, and our annual games evening which we adapted to include a Donkey Derby where we auctioned off hobby horses on broomsticks that had been made by a few of our Grade 7 moms. We then created a horse-racing track and had the opportunity to bet on

each horse in a race where the winner was determined by the throw of a dice. The Grade 3 and 6 leadership afternoon with the team from Xtreme Scene encouraged the boys from these grades to work together to solve various problems on the Rossall Field. This was followed by a boerewors roll braai. To end off their Prep School careers, our Grade 7 boys were taken to the Silwood School of Cookery where they learnt how to make their own pasta from scratch, accompanied by a delicious creamy sauce. The chocolate tarts made for dessert were undoubtedly the favourites.

Brooke House are the proud supporters of the Zonnebloem children's home. Throughout the year we have grocery collections that help the home with the essential ingredients required in the preparation of healthy and nutritious meals. This year we raised enough money through our games evening and via generous donations from parents to allow us to start our renovation project. I am happy to report that we completed phase 1 by repainting the interior and giving the home a fresh look. It was a humbling experience to witness the joy on the faces of the children when we surprised them with their newly painted rooms using the colours they chose. Next year we aim to start phase 2, which will include installing a roof to cover the patio so the Zonnebloem family can be outside and protected from the rain, refurbishing the patio floor, retiling the interior of the house and giving the outside a new coat of paint. A massive thank you to Whitehead Redecorators, a Brooke House family business, that generously donated all the painting equipment and materials. Our boys will get the opportunity to make a difference through sacrificing their time and giving the garden and play area a much-needed facelift. It is always more powerful to contribute through your actions. We should not be interested in the perception of looking good but rather of doing good. A

Games Evening



Interhouse Cricket



big shout out to our head of charities, Sean Watson, for his efforts in driving this campaign.

I would like to thank Mr Clayton Turner who has assisted me in running the green machine that is Brooke House this year. A very experienced campaigner who looks after Grade 4 and 5 matters. Thank you, Sir.

To our parents, thank you for your support, generosity and kindness. There are always bumps in the road when raising young boys. They often learn best when making mistakes that can be unpacked and used as a tool for learning and growing. I appreciate the trust shown in us during the tougher moments when we do our utmost to ensure that whatever decision is made or course of action followed is done so in the best interests of each boy while maintaining the constructivism of the collective.

I am incredibly proud to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors, Willem Louw and Brendan Fogarty. Mr Louw ended his time with Brooke House last year and it was a privilege to assume the position of House Director from him. I thank him for his incredible efforts with the House over the years and for always keeping a keen and close interest in how we progress.

We cannot wait for 2024 and the continued journey with our Brooke House Knights. Watch this space, the Green Machine is gearing up to make an assault on 2024.

Gareth Jordan

Interhouse Hockey



Movie Night



Padel



Soccer



Zonnebloem Charity



Silwood Grade 7 Dinner



CHARLTON HOUSE



In the wake of an extraordinary 2022, Charlton House has once again surpassed all expectations, proving that the pinnacle of success is not a one-time feat but a continuous journey. The House was led by three exceptional leaders, Troy Webb, Milo Bonadei and Julian Edwards, whose leadership style has been nothing short of amazing, setting a standard that others are inspired to follow. Troy, Milo and Julian have guided the seniors with a blend of wisdom, camaraderie and determination, creating an environment where every member of Charlton House feels compelled to give their absolute best.

The essence of Charlton House's success lies not just in individual sports victories, though those are commendable, but in the cohesive strength of the entire House. The rock-solid foundation upon which Charlton House stands was vividly evident in the triumphs at the Athletics and Cross-Country events. It wasn't merely about the sum of individual accomplishments; it was about the unity and synergy that propelled Charlton House to victory as a whole. The boys, united by a common goal, showcased unparalleled determination and resilience. Whether it was sprinting on the track or navigating challenging cross-country terrain, Charlton House emerged victorious because of the collective effort and unyielding spirit of each member.



Charlton's commitment to kindness: Embracing charitable programmes in 2023

At Charlton, the spirit of charity is not just an initiative; it's a fundamental aspect that defines our values. Understanding the importance of giving back to less fortunate communities, we have dedicated our efforts to two impactful programmes this year, exemplifying the ethos of compassion and community service.

The first programme we passionately support is Pure Rescue Rehabilitation and Training, a noble cause that focuses on rehabilitating power-breed dogs or providing them with a safe and caring environment. This initiative holds profound significance within our community, as it addresses the unfortunate reality that many people tend to disregard or mistreat these breeds following an incident. Through our involvement, we strive to raise awareness and contribute to the wellbeing of these remarkable animals.

Our second charitable endeavour involves Vuka, a children's home situated in Langa that cares for approximately 35 children. The decision to collaborate with Vuka was rooted in their alignment with our values and the commendable work they do in an underprivileged community. To raise funds for this cause, we organised a lively games evening, with the proceeds dedicated to providing groceries as needed. Additionally, Charlton House has committed to supplying groceries on the first day of each month, ensuring sustained support for the children under Vuka's care.

The response from our boys has been nothing short of incredible. Their dedication and contributions to these charitable initiatives have proven invaluable. In a world that often forgets the power of kindness, Charlton House

set the tone at the beginning of the year, declaring 'Be Kind to People' as our motto for 2023. The boys not only embraced this ethos but surpassed expectations, embodying the values of compassion, empathy and generosity.

We take immense pride in the charitable endeavours undertaken by Charlton boys. The impact on both the canine community through the Pure charity and the lives of the children at Vuka is a testament to the profound difference kindness can make. Charlton's commitment to be kind to people has not only shaped our charitable efforts but has left an indelible mark on the hearts of those we've touched.

In a world that often moves at a hectic pace, the boys of Charlton House have shown that the simple act of kindness can be a powerful force for positive change. As we look forward, we remain steadfast in our dedication to charitable programmes, knowing that our collective kindness has the potential to transform lives and communities. As we reflect on the year that was, Charlton House stands as an example of the power of unity and leadership. Troy Webb, Milo Bonadei, and Julian Edwards have not only steered their ship to victory but have also instilled the values of teamwork and commitment that will endure beyond their tenure.

Looking ahead, the legacy of Charlton House is poised to inspire future boys. The indomitable spirit displayed in the face of challenges, the commitment to excellence, and the celebration of victories as a united front will undoubtedly echo through the halls of Charlton House for years to come. Cheers to a year of triumph, unity and the unwavering spirit of Charlton House!

Mr De Sousa and Mr Dudley

Games Evening



Grade 4 Grand West



Interhouse Cricket



Interhouse Cross-country



Spur



Grade 6 Grand West



Informal Dinner



Interhouse Hockey



Interhouse Rugby



VAN DER BIJL HOUSE



A year of strength, transition and triumph for Van der Bijl (VdB) House

Resilience in the face of change

2023 was a year of remarkable resilience and growth for Van der Bijl (VdB) House. The first term finished with a bittersweet farewell to our beloved House Director, Mr Mqomboti, whose 17-term reign has left an indelible mark on the House. Mr Siko and Ms Fry stepped up to the daunting task of guiding VdB through this transition, understanding the crucial balance between maintaining stability and fostering change. Their adoption of the motto *Festina Lente* – ‘Make haste slowly’ – resonated with the Grade 7 leadership who, under the visionary guidance of Sango Kunene, James Gray and Seth Burns, provided invaluable support and kept the spirit of the House positive.

Embracing challenges and building community

The Grade 3 Hike in Term 2 embodied VdB’s commitment to resilience. Despite the predicted rain, the few boys and their families who attended embarked on their hike with unwavering determination, displaying their faith in the rebuilding process. Ms Fry’s inspiring presence, even as she battled cancer, further strengthened this resolve. Her participation in the hike

and her contributions to the VdB Movie Night solidified her place in the VdB family.

Term 3 saw the boys rally behind the leadership’s vision. Inspired by Ms Fry’s journey, the heads, in consultation with Alex Osborne, chose the theme of supporting those battling cancer for the VdB Games Evening. The event successfully raised funds for Paedspal and Breast Health Foundation (Bosom Buddies). Dr McGuire’s presentation on paediatric palliative care, the boys’ presentation about Bosom Buddies, and Ms Fry’s heartfelt speech about her cancer journey touched everyone present. We finished the term with more bittersweet news as Ms Fry accepted an exceptional opportunity to lead the Pre-Prep and Junior Prep Foundation Phase at Western Province Preparatory School.

Renewal and celebration in Term 4

Term 4, though short, was packed with activity. The Grade 4 outing to Rollercoast brought out the boys’ lighter side, with Mr Leger valiantly attempting to guide Mr Siko. The Mentorship Activities between Grade 3s and 6s further strengthened bonds within the House, demonstrating VdB’s commitment to inclusivity.

Grade 7’s informal farewell at Dias Tavern was a joyous occasion filled with nostalgia and banter. Mr Mqomboti’s online presence allowed him to complete his five-year cycle with the boys he welcomed in 2019.

Classroom and on-the-field successes

True to their motto, VdB boys excelled in various fields. While they started slowly in Inter-House competitions, their progress throughout the year was remarkable. They secured victories in the Swimming Championship Gala and Inter-House Cricket, finishing second overall behind Bramley House. The Prize-giving Ceremony summarised their success, with Imaad Hendricks receiving the Athletics and Rugby Cups, Ibraheem Taliep taking home the Cricket Cup, and Ryan Reeves honoured with a Swimming Cup.

Beyond sporting successes, VdB boys shone in academics and music. Many received Class prizes, Academic Honours awards, and Music prizes. James Gray’s exceptional achievements, including the General Scholarship to College, Grade 7 Honours, and The

Bishops Prep Prize for Musical Excellence were a source of immense pride for the House. Cameron Brown’s resilience in managing his diabetes and his exemplary behaviour earned him the Craig Brown Memorial Trophy that serves as inspiration and guidance to the understanding of emotional and adversity intelligence.

A year of growth and a promising future

2023 was a year of challenges overcome and lessons learned. VdB House emerged stronger, more resilient, and more united. The boys’ dedication to their House, their peers, and their own personal growth is a testament to the values that VdB holds dear. Looking ahead, the future of VdB House is bright, filled with the promise of continued success and unwavering spirit.

Thamsanqa Siko and Laurelle Fry



Grade 7 Farewell Gifts



Grade 4 and 5 Outing



Grade 7 Informal Dinner



Grade 3 Hike



Grade 3 and 6 Mentorships



Interhouse Cricket



Khwezi Farewell



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Special Days

Durbanville Exchange



Class Rep Breakfast



General Knowledge Quiz



Founders Day



Heritage Day



Library Events

Reading Mascot

The reading mascot for 2023 was Spoggy the spotted pig. He went home with older readers for fun adventures. His motto this year was 'Think PIG!' Boy, was he a lucky swine! He looked into the eyes of the Mona Lisa, basked in the views from the top of Table Mountain, looked over the city of Paris from the Eiffel Tower, watched the sunset in Mauritius, climbed boulders in the Cederberg and watched Rugby World Cup games live in the stadiums. He also loved getting cuddles during load shedding while boys read with head torches – and jealous younger sisters looked on. We believe in magic because magic means anything is possible!



Spelling Bee Championship

The competitive Spelling Bee Championship returned for its second year. From 'admirable' to 'zealous', each class went through quick-fire rounds until the big finals arrived. For the first time we had two finalists who decided to shake hands and share the title after three weeks of battling it out big-time! We coined a new word, 'spellmanship', which is sportsmanship between spellers who share prizes, and the most popular word of 2023 school-wide was 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'.



Book Tasting

In winter, Exclusive Books Cavendish closed their store for the evening to specially host our top reading connoisseurs, Library Helpers of Grade 4, for 'Book Tasting', where new children's books were tasted, sampled and reviewed as though by top critics. We know the importance of fine reading.



Global Bookmark Swap

We hosted a new, fun exchange where unique, custom-designed bookmarks were sent to peers in schools worldwide. Our Grade 4 and 5 classes were twinned with students in classes in Colegio Juan de Lanuza in Zaragoza, Spain!



Book Week

For Book Week we celebrated Women's Month by reading books by female authors and hosting female storytellers. We paired older and younger grades to read outside, watched the hilarious *Hooked on Books* show and found Golden Tickets hidden in books. On the final day we dressed up as our favourite book characters and enjoyed a thriving book sale!



Million Word Challenge 2023

The Million Word Challenge saw 55 passionate readers track and test their reading throughout the year. Guest Book Fairies, their book buddies and pet dinosaur, Bob, dropped into classes to glitter-bomb welcome those who reached the million-word target. The year-end reward experience was 'The Case of the Abandoned Bookshop', an exclusive night at Exclusive Books with book Pictionary, book bingo and a scavenger hunt in the dark with head torches on. Book Club members also had the opportunity to win a specially designed club flask in the termly Spin the Wheel lucky draw. Good friends and great books, that's what book clubs are made of!

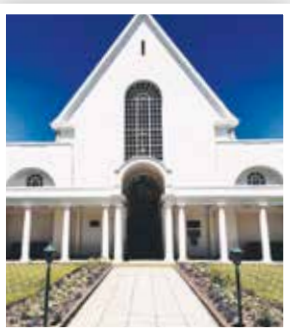
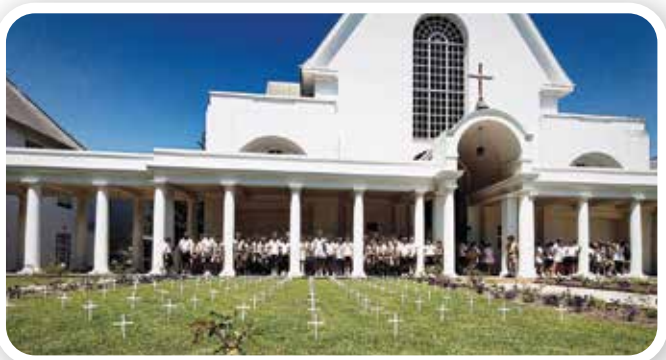
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Maths Spotlight



Remembrance Day



Tutu Memorial Blessing



Valentine's Day



World Cup Rugby



Orange River Experience



Outreach

Outreach projects develop deeper relationships between students and the communities we live in. Organisation spokespeople visited us in assembly this year to talk about what they do and, most importantly, the why that drives them. These community connections allow us to both learn about and play a role in shaping the local area and nurturing goodwill.

'It is so easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.' - Nelson Mandela

In Term 1, we collected dog and cat food for the animals of DARG shelter in Hout Bay.





In Term 2, we collected Easter Eggs for the children of St Paul's Primary School in Bo-Kaap and collected gently worn clothing for The Haven Night Shelter.

In Term 3, to celebrate Mandela Day, we beat our 100-metre goal and collected 118 metres of canned goods. The 'snake of cans' made a full loop around the buildings. We also made sandwich packs for IKhaya le Themba and their associated NGOs in Hout Bay.



In Term 4, we collected children's toys for Call To Serve and St Theresa Church in Hanover Park. These were distributed to them at their Christmas Day parties.

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SPORTS



ATHLETICS



We started off the year with our Athletics Championships, which took place early on a beautiful February morning to avoid the heat. Charlton House won the event, and Cruz Harris, Nicholas Kalil, Alex Reeves, Rhys Lategan and Imaad Hendricks were given Victor Ludorum awards. Bramley House won the Spirit Cup.

We then hosted our Quadrangular with Wynberg, Rhenish and WP Prep. We won eight gold medals. Our gold medal winners were Rhys Lategan (U12 800m), Julian Edwards (U13 high jump and U13 long jump), Imaad Hendricks (U13 75m, U13 100m and U13 200m), Carl Muller, Daniel Hobbs, Cruz Harris and Finnan MacKenzie (U9 4x100m relay), and Ben Kombo, Ibraheem Taliep, Julian Edwards and Imaad Hendricks (U13 4x100m relay).

Next, we visited Wynberg on their Lovers' Walk track for the Pentangular Championships. Again, we achieved eight gold medals. These were won by Rhys Lategan (U12 800m), Imaad Hendricks (U13 100m and U13 200m), Macen Lesbirel (U12 1200m), and Finnan MacKenzie, Daniel Hobbs, Cruz Harris and Carl Muller (U9 4 x 100m relay).

After the long winter break, we were back on the track in Paarl for the Paarl Boys' Championships under lights on a beautiful Paarl evening. The highlight of the event was Joshua Mafunda reeling in the Paarl athlete in the U13 800m and surging to an incredible victory in the home straight. It reminded me of the 1972 Olympics when

David Wattle did the same in the 800m final to win gold. We ended off the year with our festive Relay Sports event. Four boys in each house partake in both track and field events and the winning House was Charlton, with Brooke House winning the hotly contested Spirit Cup.

My thanks to Julian Edwards (captain) and James Ridl (vice-captain) for always setting a good example to the other boys at training and events.

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

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

Bruce Mitchell





Pentangular at Wynberg





CHESS



As the curtain falls on the 2023 chess season, the atmosphere at our Prep is one of triumph and enthusiasm. The boys have displayed unparalleled dedication, turning each match into a showcase of their strategic prowess. Chess fever has swept through the school, with players eagerly participating in competitions, practising diligently, and engaging in spirited battles during breaks.

The pinnacle of the season undoubtedly belongs to our 1st team, who delivered a stellar performance, losing only one match in the fourth term. Their strategic brilliance and unwavering focus on the board were key factors in their remarkable success. The team’s cohesion and commitment were evident in every move, reflecting hours of practice and a deep love for the game.

Not to be overshadowed, the 2nd team has been making commendable progress, thanks to the infusion of young talent. These budding players are set to make their mark in the 1st team come 2024, promising an even more formidable line-up. The future of chess at our Prep looks bright, with these young minds showcasing their skills and dedication on the board.

The competition scene has been robust, with well-attended practice sessions throughout the year. The boys, driven by their passion for the game, honed their skills in preparation for the numerous challenges that lay ahead. The prospect of 2024 promises exciting events, from the Bishops Prep competition to the highly

anticipated 175 School Tournament. These events promise to be a platform for our chess enthusiasts to test their mettle against a diverse range of opponents.

A unique aspect of our chess culture is the battles that unfold in the library during breaks. The chessboard becomes a battlefield, with students vying for the prestigious title of the top player. The coveted prize is not just victory on the board but also the chance to claim the library’s top player and the bragging rights that accompany it. This internal rivalry has added an extra layer of excitement to the daily routine, turning the library into a haven for strategic battles and intellectual showdowns.

At the helm of this triumphant season is Max Craig, the captain whose leadership has been instrumental in guiding the team to success. Max not only led by example on the board but also demonstrated a willingness to lend a helping hand during interschool matches. His sportsmanship and strategic acumen have set a high standard for the team, fostering a culture of excellence and camaraderie.

As we bid farewell to 2023, the chess community at the Prep eagerly anticipates the challenges and triumphs that 2024 will bring. With a growing interest in the game and a team fuelled by passion and dedication, we can only expect the battles to intensify. The chessboard awaits, and the players are ready to make their moves. Let the strategic warfare continue in 2024!

Chess players: Taufeeq Abrahams, Caid Arrison, Maximo Craig (captain), Danyal Cupido, Hamza Essop, Lukho Kunene, André Kuys, Ethan Lee Pan, Liam Middleton, Cullin Naylor, MingJun Qiu, Ethan Roberts, Storm Silander, Minggu Xiao

Grant de Sousa



CRICKET



Bishops boys returned to the cricket fields in 2023 with heavy hearts after the passing of one of Bishops Prep Cricket’s grandest servants. Mr Rob Riches held the positions of Head of Sport, Head of Cricket and 1st XI coach during the last four decades. Bishops Cricket was close to his heart, and he oversaw the development of the Rossall Pavilion as we know it today. So many boys left Bishops as good men due to his calm influence and gentle demeanour. After Rob’s retirement he remained one of our coaches, contributing so much to the sport he dearly loved. Watching test cricket was his greatest passion. Rest in peace, Rob. You will forever be missed.

The first term will certainly be remembered for the way all our teams excelled – we reaped the rewards of four years of hard work from the coaches and boys. Term 1 was characterised by enthusiasm and passion, and all the teams were rewarded with the positive results they achieved week in and week out. During practice sessions the atmosphere at the fields and nets was electric and our boys trained with smiles on their faces. We are blessed with the six fields available to us on any given match day. This enabled us to play both A and B team matches on Saturdays. There is nothing better than seeing fires lit and parents enjoying their sons perform on the cricket field. The facilities at the Coutts Trotter benefit our boys greatly and it was evident in the performances of the boys, who use these lanes on a regular basis. The skill levels vastly improved from last year and it was pleasing to see that all teams won many of their games in the first term. Results were most certainly improving across the board.

After a long winter during which boys spent endless hours working on their techniques – and developing strength while playing the physically demanding winter sports – the 1st XI embarked on their tour to Komani where they took part in the annual Cape Schools Cricket Festival hosted by Queen’s College. For the first time in 20 years, they were unbeaten, being victorious over Dale Junior, Queen’s College, Selborne Primary and Grey Junior. The boys must be commended for the way they carried themselves on and off the field. All our other teams did themselves proud, with consistent performances throughout the year. We are blessed that we now have strength in depth throughout all the age groups. Our 1st XI also defended their Southern Suburbs T20 title with great courage, losing in the final that took place towards the end of the term. At our final Prize-giving, we were very proud to see that Ibraheem Taliep was awarded the GD Charlton Prize for Excellence. His consistency on the field earned him 10 half-centuries and five centuries during a year.

This year was certainly one to remember from a results and skills-development perspective. A special mention must go to all the coaches for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the campaign. We would also like to thank the parents for their hours of continued support of our boys. We look forward to seeing them develop their skills even further in 2024 and continue to play the game of cricket for years to come.

Willem Louw

Under-13

First XI: James Arkcoll, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Julian Edwards, James Gray, John Hewat, Uzayr Johaar (Vice-captain), Callum Kleye, Shaun Norris, Robert Sherman, Ibraheem Taliep (Captain), Alexander Walker, John Weir-Smith, Nathan Whiffler

B team: Rupert Andersson, Rafael Farinha, Finlay Ferguson, Connor Kirkpatrick, Benjamin Kombo, Sango Kunene, William Lord, Aran Maharaj, James Myhill, Qadeer Orrie, Nic Ramsay, Robert Sherman, Matteo Toweel, Robert Turnley-Jones, Zingce Tywabi

C team: Seth Burns, Ismaeel Darsot, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill, Cameron Jonker, Sahil Khalfey, Benjamin Klerck, Benjamin Kombo, Aran Maharaj, James Myhil, Qadeer Orrie, Robert Turnley-Jones, Luca Wakeford

D team: Cameron Brown, Ethan Burns, David Douglas, Jack Garlick, Connor Hirst, Zishan Kassen, Jamie McCarthy, Yaasin Moolla, Kieran Nayar, Wynand van Zyl, Sean Watson, Nicholas Young

The Under-13 cricketers were an enthusiastic group who enjoyed their cricket and served Prep Cricket well.

The Under-13Ds did not register a win this year, but always played the game in the right spirit. They were prepared to develop themselves in all the disciplines of cricket and enjoyed themselves immensely during each training session and match.

The Under-13Cs played an attacking style of cricket and were able to achieve excellent wins against Western

Province Preparatory, Wynberg and SACS. Though a bit inconsistent, the boys were always positive. Many of the C boys had to do duty in the B team during the week and Saturday fixtures, which gave them valuable experience at a higher level. Many of these boys acquitted themselves well and their personal skill set improved as the year progressed.

The Under-13Bs had a super year, ending the season on a high with a hard-fought win against Wynberg. They had the opportunity to play Saturday cricket, which helped the boys to grow in confidence. They won 11 of their 19 matches, with many of the boys displaying superb commitment to the team. It was wonderful to see the boys’ enjoyment of the game on the field.

The 1st XI team started the season off strong, winning nine of their 11 fixtures. They played in the Cape Schools’ Cricket Festival in Komani during the September school holidays. For the first time in 22 years, our Prep team beat the formidable Grey Junior and were unbeaten on this tour of four matches – an outstanding achievement! The team was captained by the impressive Ibraheem Taliep. He is not only an exceptional cricketer, but also a modest and inspirational leader. He was ably assisted by Uzayr Johaar, who set an excellent example for the boys on and off the field. As defending champions of the Southern Suburbs T20 League, the team fell just short in the final against Rondebosch. The team had some tough matches towards the end of the season, and didn’t end the season as well as they had started, but they always gave of their best and will be better cricketers for all the experiences they had on the field.

Murray Anderson

Under-12

A team: Z Badroodien, J Gibbon, R Lategan, T Luscombe, D Mackenzie, P Manolas, T Pearce, Z Saloojee, J Stansfield, T Townshend, N Walford

B team: H Cursi, M Fox, D Grever, M Lesbirel, P Manolas, M Menage, E Stirk, C Townshend, N Turck, E West, J Wrensch

C team: J Allen, N Bouwer, A Hendrickse, M MacLeod, N Naidu, G Papa, L Port, Z Soofie, R Symons, M Ringwood

D team: M Allen, G Coffee, L Gibson, K Gräwe, O Hlongwane, L Hoeks, S Horrell, H Luck, C Mason, L Middleton, T McCollum, U Saloojee, A Snyman, Q Toll, K van Schalkwyk

The U12 cricket sides enjoyed a successful season based on the lessons learnt about how the game should be played as the season progressed. Among the many adjectives that best describe the 2023 U12 cricket group is enthusiasm. The U12 squad played every game with a great deal of excitement and confidence and, when necessary, they showed a great measure of perseverance in difficult match scenarios.

Under-12A: The highlight of the season for the U12A side was a brilliant spell of seam bowling by Thomas Townshend against our old foes Rondebosch. The skill he displayed allowed Bishops to dismantle them 67 all out, resulting in an 8-wicket win. The side was also fortunate enough to experience a day-night cricket game with a great win over Durbanville.

Under-12B: Cricket is a wonderful game that teaches many lessons, such as the ability to concentrate for long periods of time, staying engaged even if the ball doesn’t come to you, and, of course, respecting the good ball and punishing the bad. With that being said, I can truly say that the team experienced numerous opportunities to learn and understand these lessons, which paid dividends and showed in the positive results. There were also notable personal achievements from numerous players. Daniel Grever – 46 runs vs Ottoman Hub; Phoenix Manolas – 46 vs Ottoman Hub and 5-22 vs Sweet Valley; Max Menage – 41 vs Wetpups; Henk Cursi – 5-15 vs Durbanville; Mason Lesbirel – 64* (maiden half-century) vs RBPS; and Evan West – 68* vs RBPS. There were many other cameos from members of the team that contributed to a successful season. The team should be very proud of their performances throughout the season.

Under-12C: The U12 cricket side enjoyed a season that was filled with a mixed bag of results. The boys played each game in great spirits and always fought until the last over. The highlight of the season for this side was a thrilling 3-run win over Kirstenhof, in a match that was filled with excitement and was decided in the last over. It was a great pleasure coaching such an eager and enthusiastic bunch of players.

Under-12D: I must say, I have thoroughly enjoyed my season with the Under 12D cricket team, also known as the ‘Dream Team’. This is truly a diverse group of boys, each bringing his own unique skills, interests and talents. At first, I was a bit overwhelmed by the strong personalities in the team, but as we worked through the fundamentals of the game, I saw tremendous growth in each player.

I vividly remember a moment when I mentioned a skill they should remember from their mini-cricket days in U9, and to my surprise, they responded, ‘But Sir, it was during Covid-19 and we didn’t play mini-cricket in Grade 3.’ I was shocked and saddened by this, as I believe it’s important for them to experience all forms of the game. So, we organised nets sessions and mini-cricket matches to make up for it. It was such a joy to coach these young men and witness their improvement in skills and techniques throughout the fourth term.

I want to commend the boys for their eagerness to learn, their sportsmanship, and the respect they showed towards their opponents each week. Our season was filled with huge sixes, great wickets, and many unexpected catches that left us all in awe. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful season.

Nanele Tyali

Under-11

A team: Felix Andersson, Caid Arrison, Luca du Plooy, Tariq Eskinazi, Oliver Ferrao, Faiq Joseph, Luke Mabin, Joshua Pooler, Rupert Pfaff, Oliver Schultz, Murray Vintcent, Max Wides

B team: Matthew Arkcoll, Jack Bousfield, Thomas Cobbledick, Landon Corbett, Luke Eedes, Nityam Jeram, Ethan Larcombe, Daniel le Cordeur, Xavier Leger, Sam Neethling, Luca Nicol, Max Wides

C team: Imran Amlay, Jude Barton, Alexander Chu, Jack Grieg, Shikar Haripersad, Lukho Kunene, Jack Lucas, Anothile Mpikashe, Luca Mulder, Oliver Thomalla, Cody van Staden

D team: Taufeeq Abrahams, Altaf Dawood, Farhad Ebrahim, Kunashe Ganyeke, Nqoba Hlongwane, Joseph Hudson, Phoenix Jordan, Onalenna Maelane, Leatile Magoro, Oyama Mapukata, Emaad Raja, Christian Salie

Our season started in earnest as everybody returned from their summer holiday refreshed and ready to hone their skills during practices and trials. We as coaches knew that in this group of players, we had enthusiasm and work ethic in abundance. We had our annual trials during the first couple of weeks and after that our rounds of fixtures against our rival schools from all over the province started. It was pleasing to see that the boys began converting their scores and figures into substantial achievements. This was certainly a reward for all their hard work the previous year. We worked hard on improving accuracy on the bowling front, as there were too many extras on the scoreboard in the early stages of the season.

At the start of the fourth term, it was pleasing to see that much of this group worked hard during the winter months in order to hit the ground running. The indoor nets were abuzz with boys practising endless hours to improve and ultimately string together good, consistent performances. It always amazes me what six months’ growth and maturity can do for a boy’s cricket. On the bowling front, we certainly improved in terms of accuracy, and we have now started to limit the number of extras during matches. It made for much lower targets to chase, and the improvement in terms of batting was evident in the way that our middle order expressed themselves when the chips were down. Boys converted their scores more regularly and the accolades started rolling in. The boys continued to improve their knowledge of the game, and it was pleasing to see

that some were rewarded with promotion into higher teams halfway through the term. We had a series of very good results, and the gradual improvement in terms of skill levels was wonderful. The more you watch and play cricket, the better you understand the game. This group’s knowledge and love for cricket was certainly evident during the year, and I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout. I thoroughly enjoyed this group of boys and will monitor their progress closely in the future.

Willem Louw

Under-10

A team: Zaeem Dadarkar, Harry Edwards, Rupert Edwards, Angus Hofmeyr, Scott Jackson, Nicholas Kalil, Jonathan Kotze, Ntsika Madubela, Ande Mogotlane, Oli Naylor, Carter Smith, Daniel Twycross, Oliver van Zyl, Matt Warner

This season has been an enjoyable one, filled with mixed results but marked by significant growth. While the scoreboard results are important, U10 cricket is about so much more. Our primary focus was on mastering the basics, understanding the intricacies of the game, and learning the etiquette that accompanies it. We’ve seen steady improvement in batting, with every batsman from 1 to 8 scoring 30 runs or more by the season’s end. However, we recognise there’s still work to be done to enhance our bowling, fielding, and awareness in the field. We are extremely grateful to Mr Barnes, our Bishops professional coach, who dedicated his Wednesdays to tirelessly working with the boys. The fruits of his hard work were evident as the season progressed. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents. Your support and cheering

presence at the matches have been a significant encouragement to all the boys. The 2023 U10A team will hold a special place in my memory, not only for their tremendous improvement but also for the hours of fun and enjoyment they brought to the field.

Thank you, boys, for making this season a memorable one.

B team: Mohammed Desai, David Ebbs, Finnley Emms, Finn Ferguson, Jasper Garratt, George Hadjidakis, William Hatt, Tristan Jordaan, Jonathan Kotze, Michael McCollum, Ande Mogatlane, Matthew Moolman, Murray Prain, Adam Shaik, Benjamin Smolders, Nathan Venn, Matthew Wood

Our boys have shown exceptional sportsmanship, participating in 16 thrilling matches, winning an impressive 11, drawing one, and losing only four. Special mention must be made of Jonathan Kotze, whose consistent batting in Term 4 earned him a well-deserved promotion to the A team for our final match against Wynberg. The team’s success would not have been possible without the boys having the opportunity to bat or bowl in most games, ensuring a well-rounded experience and growth for each player. Thank you, Mr Cassiem, for your exceptional coaching and wonderful approach. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents. Your unwavering support, from cheering at matches to providing transport, has been integral to this successful season.

As we look forward to the next season, we are filled with gratitude for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the boys throughout this one.

C team: Luan Bouwer, Danyal Cupido, Logan Daniels, Cole Darné, Mohammed Desai, Hamza Essop, Finn Ferguson, Zac Gomes, Joshua Joubert, Staten Kettlewell, Michael McCollum, Adam Shaik, Benjamin Smolders, Jason Rixton, Orlando Robbins, Alec van der Merwe, Nathan Venn, Minggu Xiao

The U10C cricket team had a rollercoaster season, showcasing both early promise and later challenges. They started strong, winning three of their five games in Term 1. Term 4 brought tougher competition, leading to three losses and two wins. While fielding was exposed as an area for improvement, we did see growth throughout the season. Talented U10D players got the chance to shine in the U10C team. Overall, the boys learnt valuable lessons and honed their cricket skills, making it a successful season!

D team: Illan Adam, Luan Bouwer, Danyal Cupido, Logan Daniels, Cole Darné, Liam Duncan, Hamza Essop, Adam Farquharson, Yaqeen Fredericks, Daniel Goodall, Rushdi Hendricks, Asana Kalayamotho, Staten Kettlewell, Callum Kirkpatrick, Zuko Mapukata, Vukosi Matelakengisa, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Cameron Pentz, Orlando Robbins, Alec van der Merwe, Minggu Xiao

The U10Ds, also known as the ‘Dynamiters’, had a fantastic season. They thrived in an environment where team and cricket culture were nurtured. They were able to express their all-around ability with both bat and ball.

E team: Alessio Anderson, Robbie Baynham, Christian George, Leo Harcourt-Wood, Esa Harnekar, Keegan Lin, Harrison Mackay-Davidson, Leatile Magoro, Zuko Mapukata, Matthew Messaris, Cullin Naylor, Nic Reyburn, Adam Turnley-Jones

The U10Es started the season slowly, but they improved significantly towards the latter stages. They took more wickets and grew in confidence in their ability to deliver on match day. While they did not win any fixtures, the boys enjoyed the season and developed their cricketing and leadership skills.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents. Your support and cheering presence at the matches have been a significant encouragement to all the boys.

Chris Groom

Under-9

Cobras team: Isma-eel Domingo, Daniel Hobbs, Aiden Khan, Luca Laub, Henry le Cordeur, Finnan Mackenzie, Carl Muller, Nikhil Sam, Shaë Veerasamy

Lions team: Tristan Antelme, Thomas Berry, David Brien, Samuel Burchell, Cruz Campbell, James Campbell, Oliver Grave, Finn Hersov, Aarik Sukha

Dolphins team: Max Bohm, Kimon Christodoulou, James Fuchs, Cruz Harris, Yusuf Kril, Johan le Roux, Cooper Payne, Cie Rees

Titans team: Lubabalo Bam, Nathan John, Henri Kuys, Harry Lucas, Zaid Parker, Hunter Rowan, Lesedi Termark, Abraham van Wyk, Benjamin Wood

Sharks team: Joshua Bartman, Finn Beesley, Michael Bruce, Connor Earp-Jones, Sam Evans, Benjamin Knight, Alexander Turck, Tristan Wyatt

Cheetahs team: Leo Duffy, Thomas Fourie, Thomas George, Hloma Magwentshu, Joshua Meiring, Khaya McCann, Connor McGuire, Matthew Olivier, Scoot van de Ghinste

Pumas team: Noah De Gouveia, Shikhar Dunsdon, Zeeam Ebrahim, Owen Fitzgerald, Grayson Kennedy, Uphiwe Lujabe, Adam Mentor, Pravar Naidoo, Rishi Chagan

Kings team: Luke Egypt, Moosa Ismail, MingJun Qiu, Zakariah Raja, Thomas Saunders, Benjamin Sherman, Sabastian van Zyl, Seth Whitburn, Jack Whiteman

Being an U9 coach is most rewarding as you witness tremendous growth in each player as the season unfolds. A total of 72 boys, divided into eight teams, played cricket this year. Matches were played on Tuesday afternoons at different venues. Competition at this age is good for enhancing their performance and for assessing which areas need to be worked on during forthcoming practice sessions.

We worked very hard on bowling technique, throwing strength and batting skills. We are very fortunate to have wonderful and dedicated opponents who try very hard to match our attendance numbers each week. The matches were a great learning opportunity for our boys, playing the likes of SACS, Grove, Rondebosch Boys’ Prep, Wetpups and Durbanville Primary.

The winter-sport programme is often the one in which our boys suddenly mature and develop physically. This makes coaching easier in the fourth term, which is when we see the skills emerging. I was blown away by the vast improvements in all the teams and how our results

showed this growth. We had a lot more close games and favourable results across the teams, which was really exciting for our boys.

The best part of mini-cricket is that every player gets a chance to field in every position, and bat and bowl in every fixture. Mastering basic skills can be difficult, so this has been the focus throughout the season and one that will continue in the future. During Term 4, the players are introduced to hard-ball cricket during the Friday voluntary net sessions.

My thanks to a fantastic team of coaches and to the parents who supported us throughout the season.

The season ended with the traditional Inter-House matches. All boys tried extremely hard for their House and many of the matches were closely contested.

This is a very talented and athletic group of cricketers and I look forward to following their progress next year as they start hard-ball cricket.

A big thank you to all the coaches: Mr Barns, Mr Cassiem, Mr Parker, Mr Brukhwe, Mr Koster, Mr Tsotso, Mr Ndamane, Mr Van Vuuren and Mr Dollie.

Xolani Mathyeke



U9 Bishops versus WPPS



Cape Schools Week



Weekly Awards



CROSS-COUNTRY



Cross-country running is a sport that requires both physical and mental toughness. Runners must be able to endure long distances, often over challenging terrain. They must also be able to maintain a consistent pace, even when they are tired, and focus on their form and technique to avoid injuries.

Our cross-country runners per age group:

- U9:**
Thomas George
Cruz Harris
Finn Hersov
Daniel Hobbs
Luca Laub
Carl Muller
Hunter Rowan



- U10:**
Christian George
Michael McCollum
Orlando Robbins
Murray Prain



- U11:**
Jack Greig
Seth Lunn

- U12:**
Josh Allen
Thomas McCollum
Umar Saloojee
Charles Traill
William Verhage



- U13:**
Dominic Kotze
William Lord
Joshua Mafunda

Our cross-country team trained hard throughout the season, with sessions taking place on a Tuesday and our race days on Fridays. Each training session focused on a specific area, such as tempo runs, hill repeats and fartleks. These sessions helped the team develop strength, endurance and pacing skills.

The hard work paid off as the team competed in races against other schools throughout the season. We faced tough competition from teams from Kirstenhof Primary, Zwaanswyk Academy, Camps Bay, Wynberg Girls', Westcott Primary and Fish Hoek Primary. Our boys gave it their all in every race and were proud of their accomplishments.

Our cross-country team progressed well, with some notable individual performances:

Cruz Harris: achieved first place for every race he participated in.

Daniel Hobbs: achieved a top-five position for all his races.

Carl Muller: showed excellent improvement in his position for every race.

Seth Lunn: achieved first place for every race.

Charles Traill: achieved first place for every race.

Joshua Mafunda: showed excellent progress to move from a top-10 to a top-five position.

Dominic Kotze: showed excellent improvement to get to a top-five position.

Runners who qualified for the Southern Team for the Metro Champs:

- U10:** Orlando Robbins
U11: Seth Lunn
U12: Charles Traill
U13: Joshua Mafunda

The competition was tough and exposed the boys to runners from the Northern Suburbs. Charles Traill placed third and progressed to the Cape Metro Schools Cross-Country competition in George where he placed seventh.

Our annual Inter-House Cross-Country events took place during the third term. A Performance Trophy and Participation Trophy were awarded to the winning

Houses. Congratulations to Charlton House on receiving the Performance Trophy and to Brooke House on receiving the Participation Trophy.

Cross-Country Inter-House top-five runners per age group:

- U9:**
1. Cruz Harris (VdB)
2. Tristan Antelme (VdB)
3. Daniel Hobbs (Charlton)
4. Finn Hersov (Brooke)
5. Carl Muller (Charlton)



- U10:**
1. Ben Smolders (Brooke)
2. Orlando Robbins (Charlton)
3. Murray Prain (Charlton)
4. Michael McCollum (Bramley)
5. Matt Warner (Bramley)



- U11:**
1. Seth Lunn (Brooke)
2. Thomas Cobbledick (Bramley)
3. Max Wides (Charlton)
4. Leandros Constantinou (Bramley)
5. Felix Andersson (Bramley)

- U12:**
1. Charles Traill (Bramley)
2. William Verhage (VdB)
3. Noah Walford (Bramley)
4. Josh Allen (Charlton)
5. Evan West (Charlton)



U13:

- 1. Daniel Brink (Charlton)
- 2. Joshua Mafunda (Bramley)
- 3. Dominic Kotze (Brooke)
- 4. James Ridl (Bramley)
- 5. James Gray (VdB)

The annual Pentangular was hosted by RBPS and we competed against RBPS, WPPS, WBJs and SACS.

We achieved third place overall with some notable performances by:

U9: Cruz Harris (first), Tristan Antelme (second), Daniel Hobbs (third)

U11: Seth Lunn (third)

U12: Charles Traill (first)

Thank you to Mr I Ndamane for assisting with coaching our cross-country team. We are looking forward to another amazing year of running.

Naadia Luzmore



HOCKEY



Under-13

U13 hockey was on a high this year! We had full teams from A to D. There was a marked improvement in skills, with many boys going the extra mile and arranging time on the Astro to practise further. Of course, the Grade 7 tour to KZN was the highlight of the year. We played full-field matches, and this was much fun for the teams that don't normally do so. Each of the coaches has noted special moments from the season.

A team team: John Hewat (captain), James Arkcoll (vice-captain), Daniel Brink, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenport, Julian Edwards, Jack Gibbon, James Gray, Uzayr Johaar, Sango Kunene, Joshua Mafunda, George Seymour, Thomas Townshend, John Weir-Smith, Nathan Whiffler

Played 26, won 22, drew 3, lost 1
Goals for 72, goals against 6

I have been incredibly privileged to coach this year's U13A side. They are an exceptional group of boys, who are driven and determined. What makes this group stand apart from others is their teamwork. They trusted each other on and off the field and played for the team. We started the season with a pre-season tournament in Stellenbosch. The aim of this tournament was to give the boys the chance to play together for the first time, to work on our pattern, identify specific positions, work on set pieces and, of course, to have fun. We were pitted against the Northern Suburbs teams who are always

physical and played at a high level. It was a wonderful weekend of hockey and the boys found themselves in the final against Gene Louw Primary, after being undefeated in the pool stages. The final went to a showdown and the boys won 1-0, with our goalie Sango Kunene preventing the opposition from scoring any goals. This tournament set the stage for what proved to be an incredible season. We went into it with such enthusiasm and a will to learn and improve. The players attended voluntary Friday practices and worked hard at their skills and our set pieces. We were unbeaten in season, with only two goals being scored against us in total. This was an amazing feat. Goals were scored from open play and short corners. The stats for the season were: played 20, won 18, drew 2, lost 0, goals for 64 and goals against 2 – nothing short of phenomenal!



It is interesting to note that the goals for the season were scored by 11 different players. Our top goal scorers were Julian Edwards with eight, Jack Gibbon with nine and James Arkcoll with 11. Ending the season as the number-1 ranked team in the Southern Suburbs meant that we qualified for the Top Schools Tournament with an unbeaten record. The boys stepped up even more and played the passing hockey that we had worked on. I asked for 'pretty hockey' and that is what the team delivered. We won all the pool stage matches, won the semifinal and moved on to the final against De Hoop. This was a very strong team and, unfortunately, we went down 0-2. This meant that we ended second, which is a super result. Of course, the players were gutted. They had worked so hard through the season and were determined to win. I could not have been prouder of a group of boys than I was this year. The entire season was a true team effort. Every single one of the 14 boys in the squad stepped up and played their hearts out. As a coach I could ask for no more than that. It has been a pleasure and an honour to coach this group. Special mention must be made of our brilliant captain, John Hewat. He led from the front (or the back in his position as centre-back) with composure and by example. Our super vice-captain, James Arkcoll, was selected as vice-captain for the WP U13A side and played a fantastic tournament with his team who won overall. James Gray played for the WP U13C team in their tournament. I hope that all the Grade 7s will continue with hockey next year. This is an incredibly talented group that will shine on the field in the years to come. I would like to thank Fadl Ebrahim for his expertise in coaching the team this year. The boys thrived under his guidance, and I know that they appreciated all he did.

Penny Graney



B team: Cameron Brown, Z'idan Hendrickse,
Josh Katz, Benjamin Kombo, Dominic Kotze,
Aran Maharaj, James Myhill, Kieran Nayar,
Adam Tanfield, Matteo Toweel, Robert Turnley-Jones,
Kai van der Vyver

Played 13, won 11, drew 1, lost 1
Goals for 44, goals against 5

The 2023 season was a successful one for the boys. Of the 13 games played, they won 11, drew one and lost one. Defensively the team was solid as they only conceded five goals and kept seven clean sheets. In terms of attack, the players can be proud as they managed to score 44 goals.

Their improvement over the duration of the season was impressive and they are in a good position ahead of high school hockey. For most of the boys, improving their shooting and ball pace will make them better players as they will now be playing full field. They have been a pleasure to coach, and I am excited to see what their future in hockey looks like.

Kamva Sabela

C team: River Boltman, Khalil Crookes, Cole Hirsch, Jack Garlick, Benjamin Klerck, Matteo Lanfranchi, Max Lanfranchi, Aran Maharaj, Yaasin Moolla, Dominic Planting, Nic Ramsay, James Ridl, Maximillian Steven, Luca Wakeford, Nicholas Young

Played 13, won 8, lost 5
Goals for 30, goals against 16

The U13C team of 2023 was a talented group of players who showed great passion for the game of hockey.

From the onset of Term 3, individual skills development and teamwork grew from strength to strength, which resulted in solid and creative match play, and many goal-scoring opportunities throughout the season.

The boys can look back on a successful season and some impressive achievements.

I wish you all the best for next year's hockey season at the College!

Maaïke Tiaden

D team: River Boltman, Nicholas Brits,
David Douglas, Max Harvey, Connor Hirst,
Zishan Kassen, Matteo Lanfranchi, Jamie McCarthy,
Yaasin Moolla, John Nolte, Alex Osborne,
Dominic Planting, Keyaan Tyer, Wynand van Zyl,
Max Venter, Dean Weich, Harry Weiss,
Sebastijan Wierzycki

Played 18, won 5, drew 4, lost 9
Goals for 20, goals against 37

The mighty U13D team was a lively bunch this year. We had an extended squad of players of varying talent and ability. This allowed us to seamlessly change the team around to give all the boys a chance to play this wonderful game.

The boys are commended for their positive attitude during matches and practices, always ensuring that they represented themselves well and had fun while doing it. We scored some cracker goals and made stellar saves and I hope that most of them keep up with the sport next year.

The boys were always up for a challenge, regardless of whether it was half or full astro matches. I wish them well and hope for many more fruitful hockey years ahead.

Lehahn Esterhuizen

Under-12

The hockey season of 2023 was one to be remembered. Our boys came to practice ready and raring to go. Each practice involved basic drills and stick skills and more advanced match set plays. The boys were willing to learn, and they put all they learnt into practice at match time. The boys played many matches and we saw them grow in strength as the season progressed. Every practice had plenty of laughs and fun times too. This group of boys is a happy, excited, keen and skilful bunch and it has been a pleasure having them in U12 this year. We know they will continue to make Bishops hockey proud in the years to come.

A team: Alex Botton, Henk Cursi, Rhys Lategan, Macen Lesbirel, Drummond Mackenzie, Marc MacLeod, Tom Pearce, Luke Port, Charles Townshend, Noah Walford



The U12A team had a wonderful, successful season this year. The boys arrived motivated and ready at every practice. They had excellent knowledge of all the basic skills which allowed us to work on more set plays and strategies. The team was a strong unit, full of talent and eagerness. Coaching this team has been an absolute pleasure! Some of our boys were selected for zonal teams – Drummond, Henk and Noah for the Zonal A team, and Macen was selected for the Zonal B team. We are very proud of these boys and this wonderful achievement. The U12A team went on to play very competitively in the Sporting Chance Day-Night Hockey Tournament. The A team won their pool after beating Rondebosch, SACS and the invitational team. The boys played so well, and they went through to the semifinals against Sweet Valley. It was a tough match, but the boys never gave up and made it to the final against Rondebosch. This match was a fantastic display of healthy competition between the boys, with good sportsmanship on and off the field. Our U12A team played their hearts out and were rewarded with a victory in the final, placing us first overall. We couldn't have been prouder of these boys.

It has been an honour and a privilege to coach this incredible group of boys. I know they will do Bishops hockey proud in the years to come. Good luck, boys, and thank you for such a wonderful season!

Leanne Hamman and Cassa Cassiem

B team: Matthew Allen, Samuel Huntingford, Phoenix Manolas, Farley Moran, Maxime Menage, Gianluca Papa, Matthew Ringwood, Zayaan Saloojee, Zia Soofie, Charles Traill, Evan West

From the start of the season, it was evident that the standard of this year's U12 group was higher than what



we normally experience. This encouraged healthy competition within the U12B group (and between all the teams in the age group) and fostered a great dynamic that resulted in a group of committed and focussed boys who also took the opportunity to shine individually, showing determination and discipline. Their capabilities flourished and were demonstrated at training sessions and match days. Once the boys recognised signs of small successes, their enjoyment of the game became manifest. Team spirit grew as the victories started coming, which made the training ground a pleasant space with the anticipatory buzz of the match day ahead. Attitude met discipline, and discipline afforded consistent results and unforgettable memories and experiences. I am incredibly proud of the progress made by this team over the course of the 2023 season – it was an absolute pleasure to be a part of it. Bring on 2024!

Rushdi Salie

C team: Wazir Amanjee, Zayd Badroodien, Jan Harm Coffee, Konstantin Gräwe, Daniel Grever, Adam Hendrickse, Samuel Huntingford, Liam Khan, Phoenix Manolas, Thomas McCollum, Bonnar Richards, Umar Saloojee, Troy Vomacka, Michael Whiffler

The U12C hockey team had an outstanding 2023 season, delivering an unbeaten record and demonstrating some of the best skills development progression and work rate. The boys were keen to learn and improve their basic skills and were motivated to understand the technical strategies of the Bishops Prep hockey philosophy during practices. This positive attitude towards the game showed in their matches, as they played hard and kept their structure as a team in every game. This led to some of the boys being promoted to the U12B side.

Out of the 12 games played, the boys won 10 and drew two, both against Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School.

They scored 45 goals and conceded just three, with two of those coming in their two 1-1 draws.

We are so grateful for the fantastic support we had from parents and friends on the stands, which made the season all the more enjoyable.

Congratulations to the boys on an exceptional season! They have been exemplary and their passion and discipline for the game of hockey is truly inspiring. Well done, boys!

Thami Siko

D team: Gert Coffee, Jan Harm Coffee, James Davidge, Liam Gibson, Amo Kotelana, Harry Luck, Carter Mason, Gus Moran, Liam Middleton, Ethan Roberts

It was my pleasure and privilege to coach our U12D boys this year. At the outset we focused on mastery of the basic skills and responsibilities of player positions on the field. Gameplay as a team naturally flowed from this, which allowed us to concentrate on situational awareness (looking up).

Our season didn't start favourably in terms of results, but our players remained committed and passionate. Their enthusiasm at practices grew as teamplay developed. Once the team members knew what to expect from each other, their growing confidence in themselves and the team manifested in victories.

Towards the end of the season, several team members showed potential to become very good players and their progression in gameplay saw them promoted to the C team.

Pierre de Wit



Under-11

A team: Matthew Arkcoll, Xander Chu, Luke Eedes (goalie), Tariq Eskinazi, Luke Mabin, Luca Nicol, Rupert Pfaff, Oliver Schultz, Oliver Thomalla, Oliver Vickers, Murray Vincent, Max Wides

B team: Caid Arrison, Thomas Cobbledick, Oliver Ferrao, Max Forrester (goalie), Xavier Leger, Luke Mabin, Sam Neethling, Luca Nicol, Josh Pooler, Oliver Schultz

C team: Taufeeq Abrahams, Finn Coetzer, Elliott Dornonville de la Cour (goalie), Thomas Hartog, Ross Hendricks, Connor Hirsch, Nityam Jeram, Phoenix Jordan, Ethan Larcombe, Ethan Lee Pan, Emaad Raja, Cody van Staden

D team: Kuhle Cossie, Max Burns (goalie), Altaf Dawood, Chris de Wet, Luca du Plooy, Farhad Ebrahim, Kunashe Ganyeke, Shikar Haripersad, Connor Hirsch, Joseph Hudson, Ethan Lee Pan, Onalenna Maelane, Leatile Magoro, Oyama Mapukata, Raadi Rinquist, Damian van Zyl

This season we saw a willingness to play hard from the first whistle to the last, and an ability to fit into any position on the field. And, most importantly, the boys played with lots of self-belief. By these measures, we had a very successful season.

The results support this notion. The A, B, C and D teams played 43 fixtures, won 28, drew 5 and only lost 11. In total 148 goals were scored and only 45 conceded.

Many new facets to the game awaited the under 11s. A goalie becomes the first challenge – both training them

and then learning to score past them for the first time. Scoring past a goalie demands a big change in one's game plan from U10. The goalie has to be drawn out of position so that the strikers can score. Thus, the game plan has to be well practised and adhered to for success. The A team, in particular, can be very proud of achieving this discipline. It was so pleasing to see Matt Arkcoll carrying the ball down the right wing and delivering it across the circle for our hungry goal scorers. Max Wides rarely wasted any opportunities to convert the pass into a goal. While every player excelled at some aspect of the game, it was the diminutive Xander Chu who impressed us so frequently as he worked tirelessly to shut down opposition attacks. The other defenders, Luke Eedes (goalie), Murray Vintcent, Oliver Vickers and Rupert Pfaff showed such impressive growth as the season progressed. They showed admirable discipline



in holding their positions and sticking to their roles. Up front, Luca Nicol, Oliver Thomalla and Tariq Eskinazi enjoyed the challenge of running hard and chasing down every goal-scoring opportunity. Well done, too, to Luke Mabin who frequently filled in for so many positions during our games.

The excellent calibre of the coaches in this division allowed us to enjoy a very diverse range of practice formats. Relays, focused skills sessions, match practices and shadow hockey were methods frequently employed. We were fortunate to be able to call on Murray Anderson to give the boys some advanced skills training. The other coaches – Cassa Cassiem, Fadl Ebrahim and Dan Elliott – are all exceptionally talented and motivated. But Maaïke Tiaden, this year’s D team coach, deserves a special mention. After many years of outstanding dedication to coaching hockey at Bishops, she leaves us to enjoy a new venture. I’m certain this will be a success given her ability to plan meticulously, coach with fun and passion, and her amazing camaraderie. I, and Bishops, will miss her greatly. Thank you, Maaïke!

Mark Erlangsen

Under-10

2023 proved to be yet another enjoyable season for our boys. Each week, around 40 eager boys met on the Woodlands Astro ready to improve their skill sets and work as a team. This year we were fortunate to have a Dutch international impart his knowledge to the boys in combination with the continued input and experience of Mr Cassiem at our training sessions. We focused on the fundamentals of the game such as hitting, stopping, ball control and a few game-based situations as the game advances. The continuous quality knowledge delivered

to the boys was invaluable. A big thank you for your leadership and guidance.

A team: David Ebbs, Harry Edwards, Finnley Emms, Angus Hofmeyr, Oli Naylor, Matthew Warner

The U10A team showed real grit and determination this season. Overall, they scored 48 goals and won seven



out of 11 matches. The team showcased their ability to step up to any challenge, not back down, and support each other within the group – a quality they will keep for the rest of their playing careers.

B team: Rupert Edwards, Finn Ferguson, Jasper Garratt, Jonathan Kotze, Ande Mogotlane, Adam Shaik, Daniel Twycross, Alec van der Merwe

The U10B team also had a memorable season. They won seven out of 11 games. Their dynamic and silky game play was a standout this year. The players were able to read the game well and focus on teamwork as opposed to individuality. At such a young age this is admirable.

C team: Nicholas Kalil, Nicholas Kimberley, Vukosi Matelakengisa, Matthew Moolman, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Nic Reyburn, Orlando Robbins

The U10Cs had an almost unbeaten season, right down to the last game, in which they faced a mighty opposition team. Their passing, movement off the ball and fighting spirit were crucial to their success as a team. They enjoyed a remarkable achievement, with 51 goals for and only 14 scored against them.

D team: Danyal Cupido, Adam Farquharson, Christian George, Daniel Goodall, Asana Kalayamotho, Zuko Mapukata, Cameron Pentz, Carter Smith

The U10D team had a great season, only losing three out of their 11 games. Their teamwork and positive spirit were a highlight this season and contributed to the growth of their skill sets as well as the fun-natured team environment.

E team: Scott Benjamin Jackson, Daniel Eedes, Hamza Essop, Leo Harcourt-Wood, Adam Khan, Keegan Lin, James Scholtz, Adam Turnley-Jones

The U10E team had a valiant season, showing up every week to face opposition. They have remained consistent in their improvement. They have made Bishops proud as they faced a few challenges this season.

A huge thank you to all the coaches who manage the players through rain, sunshine, and gale-force winds. The boys have really benefitted from all their advice. Overall, the U10 squad was a pleasure to work with and proved to be a top contender among the Southern Suburbs schools. Well done to all for a fantastic season!

Jamie Southgate

Under-9

What a phenomenal time we had with our U9s this year! We started off the season with an overwhelming number of boys signing up for hockey, which is a wonderful problem to have and shows that the passion for this sport is alive and well. Due to the numbers, we decided, for the first time, to have five teams instead of four. This worked well as it gave the boys a chance to bond with their teams and coaches, and gave them more game time instead of having to rotate too much each week.

With our experienced and enthusiastic group of coaches, we were able to provide the boys with great skill sessions on Mondays and prepare them well for their structural team play and strategies for their Wednesday matches. The boys were keen to learn and worked hard to improve their skills on Mondays, but the real excitement was the wonderful anticipation of playing either two or

three matches every Wednesday. Each Wednesday they got to play against WPPS, SACS and Rondebosch, and it was great to see how each team improved from week to week. Our boys were competitive and fought hard for every win, but we emphasised that we never win at all costs, as sportsmanship and respecting the opponents and umpires are far more important values to develop at this age. The games were played in a good spirit and we stressed the importance of building our teammates up. This brought the best out of the boys, which resulted in many victories and happy boys who started developing a love for the game.

The results that these boys produced this season were exceptional and I have included a summary below. I want to make special mention of the U9C team, who were unbeaten, and the U9A team, who only lost one out of 19 matches.

These results reflect the hard work and focus that the boys put into their hockey this year and they reaped their rewards. Thank you to the coaches for their

expertise and enthusiasm, which helped many boys develop a love for the game and an understanding of how to be a team player. Thank you also to Mrs Dallas who, aside from her passionate coaching, kept the boys organised and safe.

Well done to all for a very successful season. We look forward to seeing how our young hockey stars develop next season and continue loving their hockey.

Jill Walsh

A team: Tristan Antelme, Sam Burchell, Cruz Campbell, Isma-eel Domingo, Cruz Harris, Finn Hersov, Daniel Hobbs, Henri Kuys, Henry le Cordeur, Finnan Mackenzie, Carl Muller

B team: Max Bohm, David Brien, Nathan John, Yusuf Kriel, Luca Laub, Cooper Payne, Cei Rees, Hunter Rowan, Nikhil Sam, Benjamin Wood, Tristan Wyatt

	WON	DREW	LOST	PLAYED
U9A	14	4	1	19
U9B	8	4	6	18
U9C	11	3	0	14
U9D	11	1	2	14
U9E	8	0	5	13



C team: Kimon Christodoulou, Noah De Gouveia, Shikhar Dunsdon, James Fuchs, Oliver Grave, Ben Knight, Johan le Roux, Khaya McCann, Matthew Olivier, Mingjun Qiu, Abraham van Wyk

D team: James Campbell, Thomas Fourie, Thomas George, Grayson Kennedy, Aiden Khan, Josh Meiring, Pitso Motale, Pravar Naidoo, Zaid Parker, Aarik Sukha, Lesedi Termark

E team: Rishi Chagan, Zaeem Ebrahim, Luke Egypt, Owen Fritzgerald, Moosa Ismail, Uphiwo Lujabe, Adam Mentor, Benjamin Sherman, Scott van de Ghinste, Sebastian van Zyl, Jack Whiteman





RUGBY



Under-13A

This year's U13A rugby team will be remembered for their character, attitude, heart and consistent effort. It was not an easy journey by any stretch of the imagination, but the way our boys pitched up every week to improve, have fun while learning the technical, tactical and physical intricacies of the game we love, while enjoying their teammates' company, was admirable.

We found ourselves asking why we play grassroots sports, and the characteristics that have been instilled in our boys throughout their Prep School rugby-playing years always came through in our conversations.

I suppose it is easier to talk about these qualities when results don't go your way, and while we would like a higher win ratio, perhaps developing these attributes early in life is a victory in itself.

I have mentioned before that rugby at prep-school level is largely determined by physics. While we may not be blessed with the biggest boys, we are blessed with intellect combined with a good skill level across the team. We pride ourselves on developing most of the team through a shared contribution and game plan involving all players. This was evidenced by the range of try scorers throughout the season. This will put our boys in an advantageous position moving forward. Bigger is not always better. When we get bigger, we will

be better. We as coaches and parents need to exercise patience and continue to provide an environment that will promote a love of the game. Every coach wants to coach an unbeaten side and I am no different, but that is not in the best interests of our boys. They must learn how to lose and bounce back from adversity while developing resilience in a world that is going to demand grit to get ahead.

The season's highlights were the tours to Pretoria for the Independent Schools Rugby Festival hosted by Waterkloof House Preparatory School. Here we were pitted against like-minded independent schools with similar numbers. Winning two, drawing one after being 7-31 down, showing tremendous character, and losing one close-fought encounter to the better team at the tournament made it a successful tour. The second highlight was the weekend away in Beaufort West. I am not sure who enjoyed it more, the boys or their parents. It was such a great weekend for all. The experiences of the Karoo coupled with the amazing hospitality make it little wonder as to why we have been going for over 30 years. Long may it continue.

The team was well led by Troy Webb, who suffered an eight-week injury resulting from our first game. This did not stop him from being at practices and matches regularly, checking up on selection, practice plans and game plans. He kept me on my toes and helped me to think out of the box. The beauty of this game is the opportunities to be creative in your thinking while being

courageous in your approach. Thank you, Troy. Adam Tanfield, our vice-captain, carried the team with a well-spoken word of encouragement when the chips were down. I must also thank my forwards and conditioning coach, Norman Mukondiwa. He has been a terrific addition to our programme and must be commended for developing the best lineout in the business in the shortest space of time. Our parent group was simply sensational. The support shown all over the country was always welcomed and I know the relationships developed will undoubtedly last a lifetime. Thank you for the medical advice, technical analysis and selection suggestions. We thoroughly enjoyed having you in our corner. We look forward to seeing this group of boys grow through being challenged in the College. We are particularly keen to see how they fight through any adversity they experience while finding their place amongst the U14 teams. Work hard, make the sacrifices that will fulfil your goals, be coachable and strive to be the best version of yourself in everything you do.

A team: Rupert Andersson, River Boltman, Jonah de Villiers, Julian Edwards, Hunter Girling, Imaad Hendricks, Connor Kirkpatrick, Benjamin Kombo, Dominic Kotze, Shaun Norris, Alex Osborne, Michael Pentz, Dominic Planting, Daniel Prestage, Robbie Sherman, Ibraheem Taliep, Adam Tanfield, Zingce Tywabi, Kai van der Vyver, Alexander Walker, Troy Webb, Nathan Whiffler

Gareth Jordan

Under-13B

My team was truly remarkable. We functioned seamlessly as a unit, and conflicts among us were rare. Credit goes to our coaches, Mr De Sousa and Mr Hampshire, who

were the best mentors I could have asked for. While I may not have been the star player, they saw potential in me. Although victories were few and far between, our resilience never wavered. We faced challenging games and experienced low moments, but the spirit of our team remained unbroken. Despite setbacks, we rallied, and often emerged victorious in the next match. Being part of this team was an absolute privilege, and I can confidently say it was the best team I could have wished for. The memories of this team will forever hold a special place in my heart.

James Ridi (Captain)



This rugby season has been nothing short of a roller-coaster of bonding and personal growth with our exceptional team. These boys, an absolute delight, radiated enthusiasm and consistently gave their all on the field. Our practices were more than just drills; they were moments of pure joy, with each boy bringing his own unique flavour to the team dynamic. In the face of a challenging season, we embraced valuable lessons, and witnessed remarkable improvement from Term 2 to Term 3. Victories may have been scarce, but the boys demonstrated unwavering resilience and determination. Kia van der Vyver’s jaw-dropping solo try from his own try line is etched in our memories, destined to be cherished for years to come. The Grade 7 tour was a magical journey, solidifying our bonds, and the match against St Charles was an epic highlight. The boys played not just for victory but for each other, overcoming a formidable opponent. It was a match that will be recounted with smiles for years. Working with this extraordinary group was a true pleasure. Despite the limited victories, I’m certain these experiences were powerful lessons in self-discovery. As the season wraps up, I encourage each player to reflect on the choices made; understanding that growth and making the right life decisions are the real triumphs of this rugby season.

B team: River Boltman, Seth Burns, Rafael Farinha, Finlay Ferguson, Hunter Girling, Michael Goodall, James Gray, Luca Grunenwald, Benjamin Kombo, William Lord (Vice-captain), Khumo Matjeka, Qadeer Orrie, Michael Pentz, Nicholas Ramsay, James Ridi (Captain), Jack Stam, Matthew Thomashoff, Kai van der Vyver, Max Venter, Luca Wakeford

Grant de Sousa

Under-13C

The 2023 U13C team was a lovely group of boys to work with and it was wonderful to see their rugby skills and knowledge development. On results as a team, we fared poorly but on individual progress, I am happy that every player had, by the end of the season, made some strides and had enjoyed playing.

We managed to win one match on our KZN Tour against St Charles College and the boys enjoyed that a great deal.

It has been a pleasure for me and Coach Ndamane to have had the opportunity to coach and mentor these boys and to see their growth as players and more so as good people. I wish them all the best in their rugby and life journey.

All the best, boys.

Clayton Turner



C team: Milo Bonadei, Ethan Burns, Seth Burns, Dylan Cale, Michael Collins, Max Craig, Max Darnell, Mohamed-Irshaad Davenport, Michael Goodall, Jasper Magrath, Khumo Matjeka, Qadeer Orrie, Nic Ramsay, Ryan Reeves, Max Steven, Matthew Thomashoff, Max Venter, Luca Wakeford, William Warrick, Sean Watson, Clayton Turner, Iviwe Ndamane

Under-12A

An exciting season of rugby started with our pre-season training, and it was evident early on that this was a competitive age group, with a good balance of speed and skill. Sadly, size was lacking. It is clear that our boys are late developers – not a bad thing if the basics are well coached and all understand the long-term development of sportsmen. What the boys lacked in size they made up for in heart, determination and a willingness to give of their best.

There were some spectacular tries scored, with the ball moving through many sets of hands before being dotted down. The tackling improved as our resident defence Nama Xaba (Stormers player) drilled into our boys the importance of good hard low tackling and defensive alignment. Our attack was at times a little stilted as our passing let us down at crucial stages. Passing remains an integral part of the game, particularly the way we strive to play at Bishops!

I predict that this age group will grow into competent rugby players. They must keep working on individual skills, and coaches and parents must remain patient – growth spurts, coupled with testosterone, will happen. We need to ensure that our skills and love of the game are honed so that when the stars align, we are ready to play the game with pace, precision and resolute defence.



On a personal note, I would like to thank the boys and parents who supported me and brought great comfort during a rather difficult time. Thank you!

Go now to the next age group and set of coaches; listen, watch, practise hard and, above all, keep loving this great game!

A team: Henk Cursi, Luke Port, Rhys Lategan, Macen Lesbirel, Tom Luscombe, Dylan Lytham, Maxime Menage, Phoenix Monalas, Farley Moran, Gus Moran, Tom Pearce, Jack Stansfield, Charlie Townshend, Tom Townshend, William Verhage, Noah Walford, John Weir-Smith, Jayden Wrench

Brendan Fogarty

Under-12B

The U12B forwards displayed physically throughout the season, showing some impressive tackling and intensity at scrum time. The forwards adapted well to numerous changes in the squad, especially in the lineout, where there was a change almost every week. A standout for the forwards was their skills in contact by looking for an offload at every opportunity. They supplied the team with some much-needed go-forward balls. The U12B backline had an incredible season, showcasing tremendous skill development and an unwavering spirit. The team's skill set improved greatly, especially during the second half of the season, when plays became second nature to the boys and their commitment to development showed. Noteworthy improvements included better passing accuracy, strategic positioning and an increased understanding of defensive and attacking manoeuvres. The U12B backline became a cohesive unit. They began to understand each other's movements, which improved their ability to read and adapt to changing game situations. A defining aspect of the U12B journey was their refusal to give up, whether confronted with a formidable opponent or trailing on the scoreboard. The U12B's season was a testament to the power of perseverance and collective effort. The players' journey throughout the season reflects commendable commitment to growth as individuals and as a team. The U12 rugby side is a story of triumph, not solely in terms of wins and losses, but the lessons learnt, and the spirit displayed throughout the season.

B team: Robbie Symons, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Matthew Fox, Konstantin Gräwe, Daniel Grever, Osiphile Hlongwane, Sebastian Horrell, Sam Huntingford, Tom Luscombe, Drummond Mackenzie, Marc Macleod, Gus Moran,

William Newborn, Gianluca Papa, Cameron Ranger,
Charlie Townshend, Nicholas Turck, Matthew Wakefield

Josh van Vuuren

Under-12C

The U12C Crusaders had a tough start to the season, losing our first few matches. We as coaches could see all the potential the boys had; it just took them a couple of games to realise that. Once the momentum was on our side, the Crusaders were unstoppable. We lost our first game against SACS quite convincingly and I was worried the boys wouldn't believe they could turn it around in their second game, but they believed and played the best game of rugby I have ever seen. We were 14-0 down after five minutes but heads didn't drop and the confidence was through the roof. We ended the match with a successful kick from the corner to win 34-32. The U12Cs were an absolute pleasure to coach. Aside from the rugby, they were respectful, committed and friendly. A great rugby team and even better people, and without a doubt many potential first-team players in the future.

C team: Josh Allen, Nua Bouwer, Shafeeq Brinkhuis, Gert Coffee, Jan Harm Coffee, Joshua Fried, Konstantin Gräwe, Daniel Grever, Osi Hlongwane, Luke Hoeks, Liam Middleton, Likhanye Mpikashe, Nirvaan Naidu, Adam Snyman, Qiran Toll, Kaleb van Schalkwyk, Luke Weingartz

James Köster

Under-11A

The season was characterised by tough games that put our team’s resilience and unity to the test. We improved our skills through tough training sessions, and the camaraderie among players grew stronger. Each game was an opportunity to learn and grow. The road trip to Beaufort West was by far the highlight of the season, giving boys the chance to experience various styles of rugby and play against opponents they would not normally face. It was a pleasure coaching such a talented group of players.



A team: Felix Andersson, Jude Barton, Max Burns, Xander Chu, Thomas Cobbledick, Landon Corbett, Luke Eedes, Tariq Eskinazi, Thomas Hartog, Faiq Joseph, Daniel Le Cordeur, Jack Lucas, Luke Mabin, Anothile Mpikashe, Sam Neethling, Joshua Pooler, Alexander Reeves, Oliver Schultz, Oliver Vickers, Murray Vintcent

Nanele Tyali

Under-11B

What a thrilling season to have coached and been a part of. The boys showed great enthusiasm at practice and were eager to put in the work, which was later demonstrated every Saturday morning. It was evident that the boys’ defence improved throughout the season, and that they became much more comfortable with the ball in hand. In the second half of the season, they conceded significantly less points and were able to showcase what running rugby is all about. Although it was a challenging season, the boys performed brilliantly under pressure and were able to remain focused under stressful circumstances. It was thoroughly enjoyable to coach such an enthusiastic bunch of boys, to watch them grow as individuals, and as a team.

B team: Jack Bousfield, Xander Chu, Landon Corbett, Nqoba Hlongwane, Luhko Kunene, Ethan Larcombe, Luke Mabin, Anothile Mpikashe, Luca Mulder, Sam Neethling, Luca Nicol, Josh Pooler, Jake Reed, Raadi Rinquest, Oliver Schultz, Cody van Staden, Oliver Vickers, Owen Vorwerg, Sam Yazdanpanahi

Aaron Woodman

Under-11C

It’s never about the end goal but enjoying the journey, and what a journey it has been.

It was such a satisfying feeling watching the team steadily gain confidence in themselves and their teammates. The boys practised hard during the week, and their performances on match days showed that. Rugby is a beautiful game when you have a group of individuals working together towards a common goal. Oh, and how well they did that! There have been notable performances throughout the season. One of those must be the match against Wynberg, coming back from a 0-12 deficit to eventually win 24-12. The boys showed true grit on defence and looked after the ball well in order to grind out the win. Their final match against the rivals from down the road was a back-and-forth affair. Boys played some of their finest rugby and were very unfortunate to draw that match.

I would like to commend the boys on a wonderful season. They should be proud of all their effort and should continue believing in themselves. Hard work is always rewarded.

C team: Imran Amlay, Finlay Barnhoorn, Hugo Bonadei, Jack Bousfield, Dex Campbell, Leandros Constantinou, Benjamin Davies, Luca du Plooy, Sebastian Dupont, Jack Greig, Ross Hendricks, Phoenix Jordan, Kgosi Kumalo, André Kuys, Seth Lunn, William Lunn, Casey Nevin, Christian Salie, Martin Truter, Noah van de Ghinste, Cody van Staden, Joshua Whitburn

Bruce Mitchell

Under-10A

The U10A rugby season of 2023 has drawn to a close, and it has been a true test of skill, determination and sportsmanship for our young athletes. This year’s competition was intense, with our team taking on some formidable opponents from neighbouring schools and beyond. Our journey began with double-header clashes against our neighbouring schools: SACS, Wynberg Boys’ Junior and Rondebosch Preparatory schools. These matches were not for the fainthearted, and our boys displayed incredible teamwork, grit and a passion for the sport that filled the fields with excitement. One of the standout moments of the season was the away fixture against VUSA. This outing was not just about rugby; it was a true adventure that tested our mettle. The matches against VUSA were played in the spirit of fair competition, and the memories forged on that day will undoubtedly last a lifetime. The dedication and heart shown by our players were truly commendable. But what made this season truly special was the unwavering support of our families. It was heartwarming to witness



the sidelines filled with parents, siblings and friends, all cheering enthusiastically for our young athletes. This support goes beyond the game itself; it fosters a sense of community and unity that is the essence of school sports. The same spirit of camaraderie was on full display when we hosted Durbanville Primary. The match was highly competitive, and our players demonstrated not only their rugby skills but also their respect for their opponents. These moments remind us that rugby is more than just a sport; it's a platform for character development and building lifelong friendships. As the final whistle blows on the U10A rugby season of 2023, we reflect on the challenges, triumphs, and unforgettable moments that have defined this journey. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every player and supporter who has contributed to the success of this season. Thank you, and congratulations to all for your dedication and passion for the game!

A team: Alexandros Constantinou, Mohammed Desai, David Ebbs, Harry Edwards, Finn Ferguson, Yaqeen Fredericks, Zac Gomes, Angus Hofmeyr, Scott Jackson, Ntsika Madubela, Murray Prain, Oli Naylor, Nicholas Kalil, Pano Protoulis, Nic Reyburn, Daniel Twycross, Oliver van Zyl, Nathan Venn

Xolani Mathyeke

Under-10B

The U10 age group collectively had a tough rugby season filled with lots of character-building moments. It took longer than we would have liked for the boys to settle into their positions and be confident in themselves as a collective group. We hope the boys all grow individually with confidence, skill and compassion for each other.



Ultimately the boys understand the type of rugby Bishops is renowned for playing and we are confident that they have learnt valuable lessons during their time in the U10B team.

B team: Ilaan Adam, Robbie Baynham, Cole Darné, Rupert Edwards, Finnley Emms, Jasper Garratt, Zac Gomes, Daniel Goodall, George Hadjidakis, William Hatt, Scott Jackson, Jonathan Kotze, Michael McCollum, Thango Mkwanzani, Otsile Mostumi, Pano Protoulis, Nic Reyburn, Orlando Robbins, Cater Smith, Alec van der Merwe, Matt Warner, Matthew Wood

Milani Lubelwana and Thabang Machelesi

Under-10C

At the beginning of the season, I was impressed by the way the boys knuckled down during trial matches and practice sessions. They showed great commitment and enthusiasm during the skills sessions and displayed great courage and bravery during the initial contact sessions. It emphasised the character and enthusiasm of this group of boys, and I knew we were in for an enjoyable season. We improved our defensive and rucking skills during the early part of the season and worked very hard in order to stick to the attacking platforms that we put in place. It took some time before everybody was confident in implementing this system, but hats off to the boys for persevering in order to achieve their goals. We soon realised that by keeping possession and building a platform by going through phase after phase, we would reap the rewards on the scoreboard. Players arrived at practice sessions with enthusiasm, and the team spirit was fantastic. We were blessed with a mixture of strong runners and some players with great skill and creative

ability. On attack we outwitted defences with our confidence and flair. The boys must be commended for finishing off the first half of the season with a convincing win against Rondebosch.

During the second half of the season, we also competed very well at the breakdown. Scrummaging was an area that we identified as a weakness, but the boys were soon reaping rewards for the time they put in on the scrumming machine. We were rewarded with several tight heads in the latter stages of the season. We managed to continue our great form from the previous term and the results continued to be positive. This was certainly great reward for the hard work and the boys all had a very enjoyable season with more ups than downs. Never did anybody drop their heads after a defeat, but rather reflected and moved on to better performances. I wish this group of boys all the best for next season. I would also like to thank the parents for their continued support throughout the season.

C team: Ilaan Adam, Alessio Anderson, Brodie Bassett, Luan Bouwer, Daniel Cupido, Liam Duncan, Leo Harcourt-Wood, Esa Harnekar, Rushdi Hendricks, Troy Hewetson, Joshua Joubert, Zaeem Kader, Keegan Lin, Staten Kettlewell, Liam Khoury, Nicholas Kimberley, Callum Kirkpatrick, Jonathan Kotze, Luke Kuttel, Daniel Logan, Zuko Mapukata, Miguel Mtowodzwa, Cullin Naylor, Nic Reyburn, Jason Rixton, Alec van der Merwe, Matthew Warner, Minggu Xiao

Willem Louw



Under-9

This year has been an exceptional one for the U9 group, characterised by remarkable growth, a dedication to mastering the fundamentals of rugby, and harnessing and cultivating a foundation of fun.

This year marked a significant milestone in the boys' rugby journey, as they embarked on a quest to learn and perfect the fundamental skills of the sport. From mastering the art of passing and tackling to understanding the intricacies of teamwork, the boys made great strides in their rugby knowledge and abilities. Their coaches provided the guidance and encouragement they needed, fostering a positive and nurturing environment for their development.

What truly made this year special was the incredible improvement exhibited by the players throughout the season. With every practice and game, they honed their skills, displayed impressive teamwork, and demonstrated unwavering commitment to their growth as rugby players. Their resilience and dedication were nothing short of inspiring, and it was evident that these young athletes are going to fly the Bishops flag high in the future.

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional support and encouragement of the parents. The dedication shown by them in cheering on their young men, attending matches, and actively participating in the team's success were truly remarkable. The positive influence of the parents not only bolstered the boys' morale but also instilled a strong sense of community within the teams.



On reflection of an incredible winter programme and the Grade 3's first year of competitive sport, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents for their unwavering love and support for the boys. Your commitment and encouragement have been invaluable in helping them grow not only as rugby players but as well-rounded individuals. Many important life lessons have been learnt throughout the season in narrow defeats, resounding victories, devastating losses, and the occasional injury, but the resilience and determination shown by every boy has made the school very proud. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their continued growth and contribution to the school in the years to come.

The U9 Bishops rugby squad has had an outstanding year filled with progress, camaraderie and an abundance of fun. The fundamentals of rugby have been laid down well, setting the stage for a bright future in the sport. Thanks to our dedicated coaches, enthusiastic parents and this talented age group. The sky is the limit for these boys, and we hope that they continue to remain as committed and passionate in the future.



A team: Cruz Campbell, Isma-eel Domingo, Finn Dutton, Sam Evans, Cruz Harris, Henry Le Cordeur, Johan le Roux, Finnan Mackenzie, Carl Muller, Cooper Payne, Cei Rees, Abraham van Wyk

B team: Tristan Antelme, Lubabalo Bam, Maximillien Barrault, Thomas George, Daniel Hobbs, Henri Kuys, Luca Laub, Hloma Magwentshu, Josh Meiring, Hunter Rowan

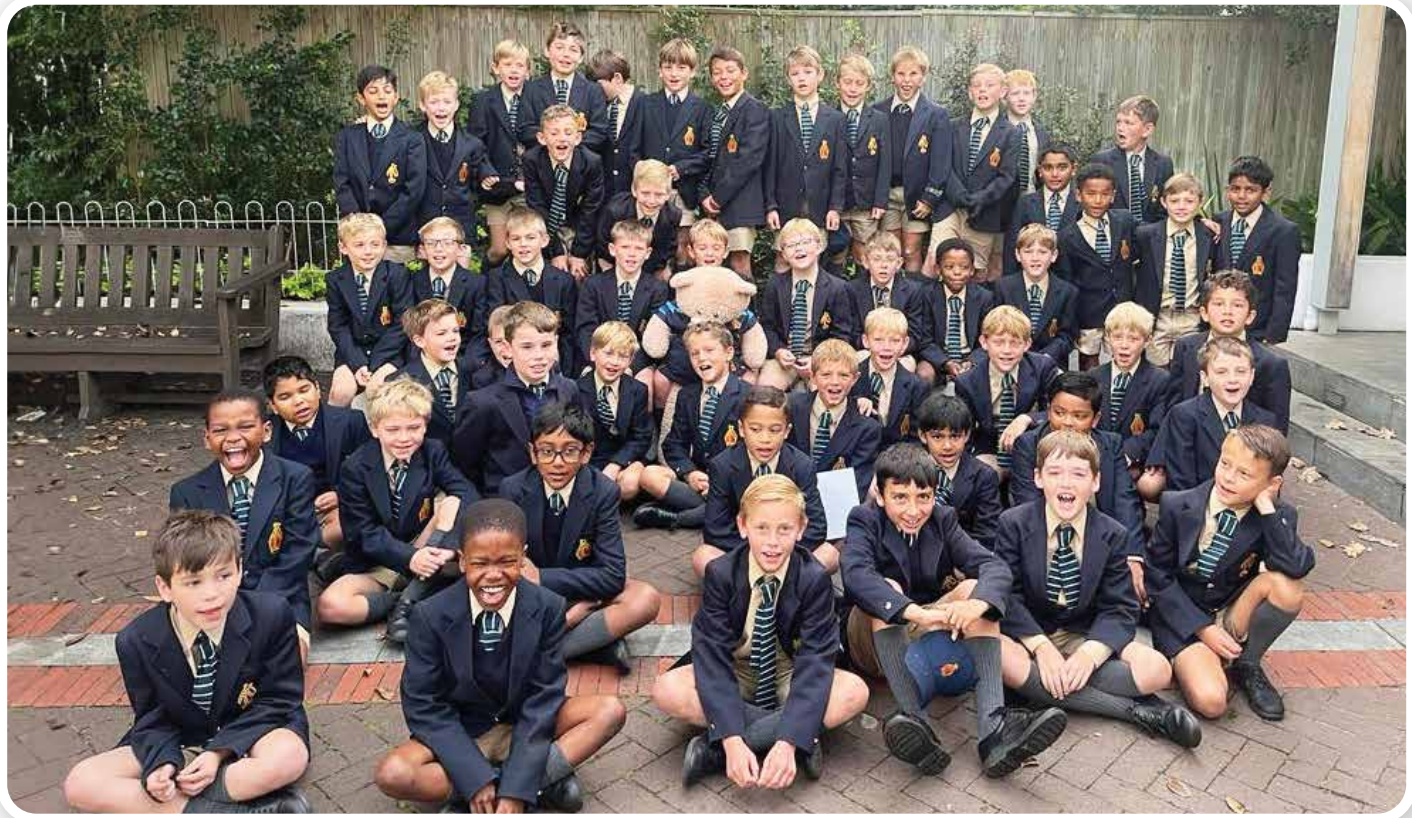
C team: Finn Beesley, Thomas Berry, Max Bohm, David Brien, Sam Burchell, Finn Hersov, Yusuf Kriel, Harry Lucas, Pitso Motale, Aarik Sukha, Benjamin Wood

D team: James Campbell, Noah De Gouveia, Leo Duffy, Connor Earp-Jones, Owen Fitzgerald, Khaya McCann, Pravar Naidoo, Zaid Parker, Thomas Saunders, Benjamin Sherman, Alex Turck, Seth Whitburn

E team: Kimon Christodoulou, Leo Duffy, Zaeem Ebrahim, Thomas Fourie, Grayson Kennedy, Sebastian Lakhani, Uphiwo Lujabe, Connor McGuire, Pravar Naidoo, Zakariah Raja, Thomas Saunders

JP Dudley





U12A



U11A



U10A

SOCCER



The 2023 soccer season at Bishops Prep was an absolute blast for everyone involved – learners, staff and parents alike. Soccer, already a beloved sport among the boys, exploded in popularity this year, spreading like wildfire across the school. It wasn't uncommon to see boys dribbling down the field before school, during breaks, and any other chance they got. The enthusiasm was infectious, and with so many boys eager to play, each grade boasted a staggering 70-strong soccer squad!

To elevate their game, we partnered with Ballers Football Academy, the same experts who run the soccer programme at the College. This meant our boys were exposed to a diverse range of coaching styles and expertise from experienced professionals – a game-changer for their development.

While we opted out of joining any external leagues this year due to scheduling constraints and the sheer number of teams – we fielded five teams per age group, ranging from U9 to U13 – we still ensured our boys had ample opportunities to shine. We organised fixtures with our fellow Southern Suburbs schools, Wynberg Boys', Rondebosch Boys' and WPPS. The Bishops boys absolutely dominated these matches, showcasing their fantastic skills across all age groups.

One of the season's highlights was undoubtedly our final fixture against our friends from Langa. Played barefoot on the Lutgensvale fields, the boys of Bishops Prep faced off against VUSA in a series of spirited yet competitive

matches. The raw talent and passion displayed by both teams was truly inspiring, making for an unforgettable morning of soccer.

To cap off an incredible season, we held an exciting Inter-House soccer competition, where our boys battled it out for House glory. It was a fitting end to a remarkable year on the pitch, and we can't wait to see what next season holds. We're determined to hone our skills, nurture our passion for the game, and keep Bishops Prep soccer soaring to even greater heights!

Xolani Mathyeke



VUSA



SQUASH



I am thrilled to share with you the progress and achievements of our squash teams this season. Despite the challenges we faced, our boys showed incredible dedication and determination.

With the departure of Mr Mitchell as the teacher in charge of squash and the majority of the 2022 squash teams being made up of Grade 7s, we had a big gap to fill. However, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our 2023 squash captain and the remaining senior players, we were able to rally the support of our Grade 5 and 6 boys to complete our teams for the season.

To enhance our coaching staff, we partnered with the College and secured a specialist coach from the Duminy Academy. The coaches’ combined expertise and knowledge greatly contributed to the development of our boys throughout the season. Our practices were filled with fun and the boys had the opportunity to receive one-on-one attention from our coaches, allowing them to truly test their skills.

Unfortunately, we experienced several interruptions and cancelled matches due to a shorter hockey and rugby season, resulting in Fridays being used for catch-up fixtures. However, the matches we did play showcased great skill and growth. One of the highlights was both of our A League teams winning their fixtures against a

provincially loaded Sun Valley team. Our players showed tremendous grit and determination, digging deep to come out victorious.

We concluded the season with a well-deserved spoil for the boys. They were presented with a squash pack filled with treats and goodies at our annual Inter-House event. The day was filled with excitement and fun, and Charlton House emerged as the winners, with Ismaeel Darsot being crowned the Squash Champion for 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parents for your unwavering support and for providing lifts throughout the season. I would also like to commend all the boys who participated in the season. Your commitment and hard work have contributed to a great season, and we look forward to an even better 2024.

Thank you once again, and congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic season!

Players: M Arkcoll, Z Badroodien, N Bouwer, D Cale, L Corbett, K Crookes, I Darsot, A Dawood, O Ferrao, C Hirsch, S Khalfey, C Kirkpatrick, D Le Cordeur, A Maharaj, J Myhill, K Nayar, Z Saloojee, J Stansfield

JP Dudley

SWIMMING



First Term

We had a successful year in the swimming pool. Our faithful captains, Ryan Reeves and his deputy, Dominic Kotze, led the team valiantly. Every Monday and Wednesday, bright and early, the boys braved the morning chill and dived into the water. I am so proud of their dedication and commitment to improving their fitness and stroke technique – it certainly paid off!

The Pentangular, hosted by SACS, the B-League Gala, hosted by Bishops, and the C-League Gala, hosted by Wynberg, were very competitive but also a lot of fun. It was such a joy seeing the boys excel in the water and improve on their individual times. I was particularly impressed by the improvement in their stroke technique and streamlining, which is something we worked hard on at morning sessions. Galas are always very exciting and many races were neck and neck. The Bishops team swimmers showed true sportsmanship by congratulating the other boys swimming on either side of their lane. It shows humility and true character to celebrate another person’s victories over your own loss. I am passionate about developing our boys into competitive swimmers who not only enjoy their time in the water but who, most importantly, grow in their character.

The Interschools A-League Gala was hosted by WPPS. Being a relay gala, this meant that it was a big team effort from the boys, with more than 40 Prep boys (and U8s from Pre-Prep) all contributing to the gala’s success.

I was so impressed with how fearlessly the little U8s swam and how respectful and well-mannered the older boys were.

We ended the season with our annual Inter-House Relay Gala. The VDB U11 dream team were back with a vengeance and the boys really gave it their all! Bramley took home the cup, with Charlton and Brooke closely behind them in second and third place respectively.

Mandy Gloak

Fourth Term

The change of seasons during the fourth term brought its own challenges, but thanks to the advantages of a heated and covered pool, squad sessions went full steam ahead. It was encouraging to note the early-morning commitment by most members of the Junior and Senior squads, as well as the U9 swimmers. The dedicated regulars certainly benefited from the hours spent under the expert guidance of Su and Gary Bonney, to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

Two interschools relay galas were held during the fourth term, one gala each for the Juniors and Seniors, with a combination of A, B and C League swimmers participating. Rondebosch, SACS Junior, Western Province Prep and Wynberg were the other participating schools. Relay galas are competitive, but also loads of fun for the boys.

Rondebosch hosted the Seniors Gala, with Bishops finishing in a hard-fought fourth position. Our U12Cs swam superbly to win two of their races. Bishops finished second in a further two U12 races, as well as in five U13 races.

At the Junior Gala (hosted by Werpups), Bishops finished in a strong third position. This was due mainly to excellent swimming by the U11 age group, who won eight of their events. The U10Cs also excelled in winning their medley event. All the swimmers, especially the U9 group, benefited from this exposure to swimming in an enjoyable yet competitive environment.

The swimming season was brought to its traditional close with the eagerly anticipated Inter-House Championship Gala on the final Friday of the term. The top six swimmers in each event in each age group competed for both individual success and for Inter-House triumph. After a morning of frenetic activity in the pool, the following boys proved worthy champions: U9 shared between Johan le Roux and Carl Muller, U10 Daniel Twycross, U11 Samuel Yazdanpanahi, U12 Tom Townshend and U13 Ryan Reeves. Congratulations to Samuel Yazdanpanahi (first) and Oliver Vickers (second), who both broke the record for the U11 Individual Medley. This was the only new record set on the day. The Inter-House Trophy was awarded to Van der Bijl, with Charlton not far behind. Bramley and Brooke finished third and fourth respectively.

We have many wonderful swimmers at the Prep, some of whom also enjoy club swimming. Most tend to get swallowed by water polo once they go to College. Grade 7s, talk to your coaches – make it your mission to keep swimming at College, and to enjoy your water polo at the same time.

Many thanks to Ryan Reeves (captain) and Dominic Kotze (vice-captain) for the positive example they set to the other swimmers.

Swimming requires a substantial effort behind the scenes for training and galas to happen. Our sincere thanks go to our hardworking and more than capable A Team, who make this happen with minimum fuss at the Prep: Jerome Wolfaardt, Robert Njokoya and Patrick Jacobs. In addition, Mandy Gloak, Leanne Hamman, Naadia Luzmore, Shameemah Allie and Jamie Southgate have all contributed significantly to the overall success of the swimming programme this year.

Keep swimming!

Richard Goedhals



TENNIS



2023 has proven to be a standout year filled with dedication, improvement and remarkable victories. The boys on the tennis teams have not only showcased their commitment to enhancing their skills but have also consistently pushed for triumphs on the court, making it a season to remember.

From a results perspective, the teams have notched up some impressive wins, both as cohesive units and through individual brilliance. The collective effort and synergy of the players have translated into great team victories, while standout individual performances have added a touch of brilliance to the overall success of the tennis programme.

One player who deserves special mention is Jack Stam, who had an incredible year on the court. Playing in the challenging position of number 1, Jack achieved the remarkable feat of losing only one singles match throughout the season. His consistency and skill have been a driving force for the team, setting a high standard for his fellow players.

Highlighting the wealth of talent within our tennis programme, Oliver Schultz, a Grade 5 boy, made a significant impact by joining the 1st team as a junior player. Matthew's remarkable achievement of remaining undefeated throughout the season speaks volumes about his potential and promising future at our school.

His ability to compete at such a high level is a testament to his skills and dedication on the tennis court.

While the second and third teams faced some challenging fixtures, they demonstrated resilience and secured commendable victories. The learning experience from these tough matches will undoubtedly contribute to their growth as players, setting the stage for future successes.

A highlight for the Grade 7 tennis boys was the exhilarating tour to KwaZulu-Natal. The team showcased exceptional tennis skills, pushing Clifton to the limit and outplaying St Charles. This tour not only provided valuable match experience but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the players.

The captaincy of Jack Stam has been pivotal to the success of the tennis teams. Jack's leadership style, characterised by leading by example and a never-say-die attitude, has undoubtedly influenced the team positively. His resilience on the court has become infectious, inspiring his teammates to give their best in every match.

Looking ahead to 2024, excitement is building for the Bishops 175 tennis tournaments scheduled for Term 1. This tournament, featuring eight teams from across South Africa, promises intense competition and a chance for our boys to showcase their skills on a national stage.

Tennis at the Prep is thriving, and the prospect of monitoring the progress of younger boys in 2024 is particularly exciting. While the challenges may be tough, the dedication and motivation of these players are sure to propel them to personal victories and contribute to the success of the team as a whole. As we bid farewell to 2023, the echo of smashing serves and thrilling volleys lingers, setting the stage for another promising year in the world of Prep Tennis.

Team: River Boltman, Dylan Cale, Julian Edwards, Rafael Farinha, Finlay Ferguson, Oliver Ferrao, Jack Gibbon, Imaad Hendricks, Josh Katz, Benjamin Klerck, Luca Nicol, Thomas Pearce, Rupert Pfaff, Dominic Planting, Oliver Schultz, George Seymour, Jack Stam (Captain), Oliver Thomalla, Murray Vintcent, Dean Weich

Grant de Sousa



WATER POLO



Under-13A

The U13As had a season filled with lessons, losses, wins and improvements. As a team they developed after each and every game, in terms of cohesion and their willingness to play and fight for each other and the Bishops badge. Individually, they have all grown as young water polo players, with regard to both skills and an understanding of the game.

Special mention should be made of the most improved players in the team: Josh Katz, James Ridl, Ryan Reeves and Robbie Sherman. I believe that they will all have amazing water polo careers as they head into College, and I hope they continuously develop their love for the game.

I would also like to congratulate Troy Webb for his selection to the WP U13B side, which was well deserved. I hope he has an enjoyable tour and I'm sure they will come back with a medal. To the boys who made the WP squad but aren't going on the tour, Jonah de Villiers and Adam Tanfield, keep pushing and fighting and I'm sure you will be cemented into a WP team next year.

Good luck for College, everyone at the Prep is rooting for you and we can't wait to watch you all grow as players and young men.

A team: Jonah de Villiers, Finlay Ferguson, Josh Katz, Daniel Prestage, Ryan Reeves, James Ridl, Robbie Sherman, Adam Tanfield, Kia van der Vyver, Troy Webb

Coach: Jethro Johson

Under-13B

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of boys. Practices have been productive with a good balance between swimming, skills development and matches. The games against the A side have pushed and extended the boys. Our fixtures have generally been hard-fought games with the boys growing in confidence and believing in our defence structure. Attack will improve as the boys get stronger and their swimming improves. Swimming remains a core part of the game. While often the least favourite part of training, it is key to being able to play the game at a high level. As always, the boys' antics make coaching at this level a pleasure. Good luck at College, I hope you have many years of playing this great game.

B team: Nicholas Brits, Cameron Brown, Michael Goodall, Max Lanfranchi, Joshua Mafunda, Jasper McGarth, James Myhill, Alex Osborne, Michael Pentz, Matthew Thomashoff, Nathan Whiffler

Coach: Brendan Fogarty

Under-12A

This U12A water polo team has exciting potential. They are a competitive group who push each other to give their best and hold each other accountable if there is any slacking off. We have focused on being able to play in multiple positions, balancing players throughout the pool on attack, making the pool bigger by appreciating space, defence in numbers and playing out from the back using a front-on approach to promote attacking water polo. Our swimming strength is an area that requires constant work. Being fitter, faster and stronger in the water automatically gives you an edge over opponents who are not as physically fit. We have developed a squad of 15 players who could go on to represent the school at U13A level next year. It is the effort these boys put into their swimming and water polo over the summer holidays that will determine their selection next year.



U12A Polo Panda Winners (1 March)

A team: Alex Botton, John Weir-Smith, Samuel Huntingford, Liam Khan, Dylan Latham, Macen Lesbirel, Maxime Menage, Farley Moran, Gus Moran, William Newborn, Charlie Townshend, Thomas Townshend

Coach: Gareth Jordan

Under-12B

The U12B team grew in confidence as the season progressed. They worked hard at practice. The team beat a strong Wynberg side 6-3, a good WPPS side 8-1, and lost to a good Rondebosch side 4-3 and lastly a good SACS side 3-2.

B team: Wazir Amanjee, Nua Bouwer, Samuel Huntingford, Tom Luscombe, Marc MacLeod, Luke Port, Charlie Townshend, Troy Vomacka, Matthew Wakefield

Coach: Christiaan Swanevelder



U11D Polo Panda Winners (1 March)

Under-12D

The U12D team enjoyed their time in the water. They practised well and certainly made progress. Some close games were an indication of their hard work and determination. I look forward to their progress next year.

D team: James Davidge, Joshua Fried, Amo Kotelana, Liam Middleton, Storm Silander, Robbie Symons, Nicholas Turck, William Verhage, Luke Weingartz, Michael Whiffler, Sebastijan Wierzycki

Coach: Josh Felton

Under-11A

The U11A team gave their all this season. In the face of some very tough opponents, they never let their heads drop. Coach Matt and I focused heavily on fitness, strength and in-game skills, and the boys' hard work really started to bear fruit towards the end of the season. The team consistently surpassed my expectations with how hard they worked during practice and in their games. I strongly encourage all my boys to keep playing, keep trying, and maintain their never-say-die attitude. It has been my privilege to coach these amazing boys this season and I cannot wait to see how they progress next year. Thank you for an amazing season.

A team: Felix Andersson, Max Burns, Thomas Cobbledick, Leo Constantinou, Tariq Eskinazi, Jack Lucas, Sam Neethling, Alex Reeves, Raadi Rinqest, Oliver Vickers, Max Wides, Sam Yazdanpanahi

Coach: Andrew Good

Under-11B, C & D

The dynamic 11B, C and D teams had an enjoyable season, learning new skills in the pool. They have worked hard at improving their fitness and it has been wonderful to see how much they have improved throughout the year. They played as a team, encouraged each other, laughed, and enjoyed the competitive side of the matches. Their sportsmanship was exemplary. It was super to see the boys slot into various positions in the pool, which is a fantastic way to get to know the game better. I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of boys this year and wish them well for their future water polo seasons.

B team: Matthew Arkcoll, Xander Chu, Kuhle Cossie, Maximilian Forrester, Jack Greig, André Kuys, Ethan Larcombe, Daniel le Cordeur, Seth Lunn, William Lunn, Josh Pooler, Cody van Staden, Owen Vorwerg

Coach: Matthew Westenbrugge

C team: Jack Bousfield, Landon Corbett,
Elliott Dornonville de la Cour, Thomas Hartog,
Ross Hendricks, Phoenix Jordan, Kgosi Kumalo,
Ethan Lee Pan, Anothile Mpikasho, Casey Niven,
Josh Pooler, Jake Reed, Martin Truter, Joshua Whitburn

Coach: Busang Mmole

D team: Tafueeq Abrahams, Finlay Barnhoorn, Hugo Bonadei, Alex Breslin, Dex Campbell, Finn Coetzer, Benjamin Davies, Chris de Wet, Sebastian Dupont, Connor Hirsch, Lukho Kunene, Noah van De Ghinste, Damian van Zyl

Coach: Penny Graney



Grey Water Polo Tour



U11B Water Polo Panda Winners (30 October)



Under-10

What a super time the Under-10 boys had during their first season of playing water polo. The boys always arrived at the pool with much excitement, keen to brave the cold water, improve their swimming, learn new skills and work hard at playing as a team. It was lovely to see their perseverance and determination to work hard for each other at every match. The boys always gave of their best and played with much passion and eagerness to improve their water polo skills. Well done to all the boys for being prepared to step in and step up for boys who were absent due to illness, often playing more than one match on a day against strong opposition. The Under-10 boys displayed great sportsmanship in and out of the pool and it was wonderful to see their love of the game develop throughout the season. Well done, Thunder-Tens.

A team: Alex Constantinou, Finn Ferguson, Angus Hofmeyr, Tristan Jordaan, Joshua Joubert, Vukosi Matelakengisa, Otsile Motsumi, Oli Naylor, Pano Protoulis, Nic Reyburn, Carter Smith, Daniel Twycross

Coach: Chris Webster

B team: Rupert Edwards, Jasper Garratt, Daniel Goodall, Troy Hewetson, Scott Jackson, Nicholas Kimberley, Jonathan Kotze, Ntsika Madubela, Murray Prain, Oliver van Zyl, Nathan Venn, Matthew Wood

Coach: Nicholas Cattell

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Coach: Karen Dallas





PRE-PREP



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



Looking back on the year brings a mix of nostalgia and excitement. As we bid farewell to familiar faces and experiences, we also look forward to the promise of new beginnings. In the words of an influential educator, ‘The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence; the past is a place of learning, not a place of living.’ These words resonate deeply as we reflect on the journey that brought us here.

As I mentioned in my speech to the Grade 2 boys and parents at the Blessing of the Ties, the Pre-Prep is a place of growth, discovery and friendships. We watch the boys transition from wide-eyed kindergarteners to confident, curious learners. They learn to read, write and solve problems. They explore the world around them, ask countless questions and soak in knowledge like sponges. They laugh, play and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

Next year is a new beginning, a step towards greater independence and responsibility. The boys will be challenged academically, encouraged to explore their passions and empowered to think critically. They will continue to grow, not just in stature but in character.

As the head of the Pre-Prep, I step down with a heart full of gratitude and pride. It’s not about dwelling on the past with regret but rather about eagerly anticipating

the future. The canvas of my educational journey is painted with countless stories, each highlighting the transformative power of learning, and it’s this power that propels us forward into the unknown.

Expressing deepest gratitude to all who entrusted me with the privilege of leading the Pre-Prep, I can’t help but feel honoured. The students, the staff, the entire school community – you’ve been the heart of this journey. The memories we have woven together are threads that will forever connect us, creating a tapestry of shared experiences.

Stepping into a new chapter is not without its challenges, but it’s these challenges that excite me the most. A new role, new responsibilities and the prospect of contributing to the growth of education in different ways. It’s a thrilling adventure that awaits, and I’m eager to embrace it.

To the incredible team of educators and the brilliant students who have been the backbone of the Pre-Prep, my departure doesn’t mark an end but a transition. The legacy of this institution is in capable hands, hands that will continue to nurture the flame of education. The torch is passed with confidence, knowing that it will illuminate the path for generations to come.

As we look back on the pages we’ve written together, let’s also turn the page with excitement for the stories yet to unfold. The journey continues and the best is yet to come.

‘Teacher’s Prayer’ by James J Metcalf
We want to teach our children how
To live this life on earth,
To face its struggles and its strife
And to improve their worth.
Not just the lesson in a book
Or how the rivers flow,
But how to choose the proper path
Wherever they may go.
To understand eternal truth
And know right from wrong,
And gather all the beauty of
A flower and a song.
For if we help the world to grow
In wisdom and in grace,
Then we shall feel that we have won
And we have filled our place.
And so we ask Your guidance, God,
That we may do our part,
For character and confidence
And happiness of heart.

Sharlene Groom



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STAFF NEWS



A new year always brings change, milestones to celebrate and a few challenges here and there. The Pre-Prep team has embraced all that has come their way and we echo the South African phrase 'Stronger together!'

We welcomed Mrs Nathierah Essa as our new Educational Psychologist, Counsellor and Head of Learning Support. She has brought a lot of sparkle and efficiency to our side of the school! We were so happy to have Ms Jane Bird join our staff as our Art teacher for Grade 1 and 2. Her happiness and warmth radiate through the Pre-Prep. Another welcome goes to Ms Nomhle Tabata, our new Xhosa teacher. Nomhle settled into the Bishops routine very quickly, bringing lots of fun to her lessons with the Grade Rs, 1s and 2s. We welcomed Mrs Amy-Lee Band as our new Drama teacher towards the end of the year. We look forward to her creative energy filtering through our school.

Nazli Kingwill celebrated her wedding day mid-year, to her now husband, Grant. Charmaine Adams got married to her love, Tyrone, and they enjoyed the holidays together as a newly married couple. We wish them every happiness in these wonderful new chapters of their lives. We congratulated three staff members on the birth of their new babies. Nureen Maged brought a new baby girl, Ayah, into her now family of five. Five seems to be the new number, as Melody Green had twins, Matthew and James, brothers to little Anna. Kelly Kortjie gave birth to her first child, a little boy named Kellian. Heartfelt thanks to Ms Zuki Gibbs who substituted for



Nathierah Essa



Kellian

Nureen in aftercare during her maternity leave, Amanda Edwards who stepped in to take Melody's Grade R class and Ms Zolela Mzinda who took over from Kelly while she was away. Mrs Sharon Alberts was delighted to meet her first grandchild, Jayliah, on Good Friday and she just can't get enough of spending time with her! Mrs Groom was blessed with another grandson towards the end of the year. The Groom family welcomed little Samuel to the world and their now family of four.

The VUSA Cyclathon took place on a very cold and wintry day. This is a 24-hour charity cycle race that raises funds for the Vusa Rugby Academy. Our team 'The Black Pant(h)ers' did a fabulous job of keeping a stationary bike seat warm for a whole day and night. Everyone involved was able to raise just over R1 million rand to support this charity.



Zukile Ncube

We were fortunate enough to have Zukile Ncube on our staff for the second part of the year. Apart from being a Foundation Phase teacher and turning 30 this year, he is a top athlete who may be one of the world's first to run a marathon and then shortly after this row the length of a marathon on a rowing machine! He enjoys raising funds for schools in need. Watch out world, Zuks is breaking records with his strong body and his kind heart!



Zukile Ncube rowing a marathon

Noluvuyo Tandwa, one of our Grade R teacher's assistants, celebrated her 60th birthday this year. Fifty is definitely the new 60 as far as Nolu is concerned. She has aged gracefully and we wish her many more happy celebrations.

Vuyo Tukwayo became a permanent member of our cleaning staff this year. She always has a smile on her face and is ready to help wherever she is needed. We are always so grateful to our cleaning 'fairies', Sharon Alberts, Marilyn May and Vuyo, for all their dedication. Nothing is too much for them.



Nomhle Tabata



Zuks turns 30



Vuyo Tukwayo



Matthew and James Green



Gaea Hendrickse and Amanda Edwards



Ms J Bird



Sharlene Groom

We bid farewell to Mrs Sharlene Groom, who has been at the helm of the Pre-Prep for the past nine years. We wish her well as she takes early retirement to discover hidden talents, reawaken new ones and to enjoy her precious grandchildren. We thank her for her invaluable contribution to the Pre-Prep in her time here. Go well, Mrs Groom!

With so much good and so much change, we look back and marvel at the beginning and now the end of the year.

'To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.' - Winston Churchill

Heather Fraser

LOOKING INTO...



GRADE 2



This year we likened the growth of our Grade 2s to building a house. A lot of important groundwork had already been laid in previous years and we were fortunate enough to see it all come together in this final year of the boys' Pre-Prep careers. With so much to learn and do during the year, it was very special for us as teachers to watch the growth of all the boys and to celebrate their milestones with them.

In Term 1, we had to first lay the foundations based on the cornerstone that was Grade 1. It didn't take long for the boys to get into their new Grade 2 routine. We all enjoyed our Fun Sports Day towards the end of February

and got to show off our agility, flexibility and speed in the races. Our first outing of the year was to Exotic Animal World, which tied in with our theme of insects. The boys were enthralled by the presentation, which included a touch-and-feel session with a blue-tongued skink, an egg-eating snake and a tenrec, among others. The boys explored all the outside and inside areas and saw a lot more than just insects. There was something for everyone on this outing – snakes, tortoises, birds, bunnies, meerkats, lizards, axolotls, guinea pigs and lots more! The boys had already started practising their songs and roles for our *Aladdin* production which was set to take place in the middle of Term 2.



Boys look on at a large iguana.
Who is going to cross the bridge?



A little furry friend having some
shoulder time!



Spiders, spiders, spiders!



Aladdin production



Readathon

Next, in Term 2, the walls of our house project were built with intent and accuracy. Each brick had to be interlocked and carefully aligned. The windows were fitted and things were really starting to take shape! This was a jam-packed term with 'school as usual' along with major *Aladdin* production preparations. The boys blew us away with a 'true to all characters' show. The theatre was packed and the songs from *Disney's Aladdin KIDS* production would never be forgotten! To have a calm end to the term, we asked Gilly Southwood to come and share some South African tales with our boys. She has an incredible way of holding the attention of these young gentlemen for 45 minutes with her detailed and interactive stories. The Grade 2 teachers are still trying to work out her attention-grabbing secrets!

In Term 3 we focused on fitting the doors and installing the roof of our house. A great growth in maturity always seems to have developed after the June/July holidays, which is delightful for the teachers to witness. This brings about a greater sense of independence and confidence in the boys, which really cements togetherness and

certitude. Our annual Readathon took place in the middle of the third term. Thousands of pages were read collectively. The teachers were really proud of the strides that took place in everyone's reading in this particular week. Mr Fraser came to do a presentation on careers in aviation. With lots of boy's toys and flying things to chat about, our boys were in their element. During the third term, all the classes had a chance to do some shelter-building in Newlands Forest with Rein Buyze from Call of the Wild. The boys learnt some survival skills and very important tips on building an effective shelter outdoors. We were blessed with the most beautiful weather on each of the mornings and we all enjoyed the 'reset' that being in nature for a few hours provides. We also had a few playdates with the Grade 3 boys who had kindly written letters to each boy in Grade 2. This 'buddy' connection continued as the Grade 2s wrote back to their Grade 3 buddy, followed by another playdate. This all helped to ease any anxiety about the unknown and replaced any negative feelings with excitement and intrigue!

GRADE 1



In a land of wonder and magic, this year's journey of the three Genies – Mrs Kingwill, Mrs Fernandez and Ms Merrick – began with a sense of excitement and anticipation. Alongside them was Mr Julius, an intern Genie eager to assist throughout the adventure. Their mission? To take 72 boys on a magnificent magic carpet ride, filled with lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic, and to impart the values of kindness and unity. The expedition commenced with an exploration of the travellers and their families, laying the foundation for a strong bond among the boys. They embarked on a journey of cultural discovery, starting with an intriguing story entitled 'The Colour of Us'. Through this tale, the boys learned about the rich tapestry of cultures, races and religions that make the world diverse and beautiful. The Genies emphasised the importance of embracing these differences, highlighting the significance of the MITRE. As the days passed, the boys grew closer, becoming more like a family than mere travellers. A thrilling stop at the Lutgensvale fields awaited them, where they participated in fun sports races, cheering each other on with unbridled enthusiasm. The magic carpet then whisked them over the boundless ocean, where they marvelled at rocky shores and the fascinating sea creatures that inhabit them. Their next destination was the Two Oceans Aquarium, where they learnt about the importance of preserving our oceans and keeping them clean for future generations. The adventurers celebrated Founders Day, exploring their school's rich history and listening to Liam Shirley share wisdom

about sportsmanship and being a good sport. Leaving the magic carpet behind, they embarked on a train trip to St James, where they joyfully splashed in rock pools on a chilly day with light showers of rain. For many, it was their first ride on the new blue train, making it more memorable. While these adventures unfolded, the boys diligently prepared for a spectacular production, honing their skills for an eagerly awaited performance. The excitement was palpable as they looked forward to their upcoming shows.



As the second term commenced, the boys sampled green eggs as we read the book *Green Eggs and Ham*, with some finding the foreign food tasty while others were less enthusiastic. The changing seasons brought new sporting opportunities, with hockey and cross-country becoming the favourite choices. Their educational journey took them into the realm of bird species, introducing new phonics digraphs and comical interactions between our 'Letterland' characters. Amid these amusing sound adventures, they prepared for the *Aladdin* production, delivering show-stopping performances night after night, impressing their parents and Genies alike. Their exploration of birds continued with a visit from Eagle Encounters, where rescued birds captivated the boys in the music room. High above

the Earth's atmosphere the adventurers flew, and they delved into the mysteries of the solar system, paying tribute to astronauts Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison by leaving footprints on the moon. They enjoyed creating the moon phases with Oreo cookies and even enjoyed eating a few! As they flew over some heavily polluted areas, it led to important discussions about recycling, reducing and reusing, guided by the teachings of Michael Recycle. The term concluded with a soccer party, where the boys engaged in spirited competition and challenged each other in a soccer tournament, marking the end of a term filled with exhilarating adventures. The travellers were ready for a break and hopped off the carpet as some of them hopped on to planes to experience some fun with their families.



With Term 3 on the horizon, the Genies and their young charges were ready for a fresh start. They journeyed to a farm, embracing inquiry-based learning to uncover the wonders of this new topic. The Genies empowered the boys to take charge of their learning, allowing them to write their own stories and build independent sentences. As they reached the horizon once more, a breathtaking safari awaited them, inspiring the creation of safari posters and the discovery of Elmer, the patchwork elephant. In our weekly stories they even encountered lions lurking in a box of cornflakes, a vivid metaphor for their adventurous spirits. The boys also honed their blending skills by creating smoothies with strawberries and blueberries, even enjoying a competition that rewarded them with delicious crunchies. Their final stop took them back to their homeland, South Africa, where they celebrated their diverse cultures and heritage. They learned to make samosas, pap and peppermint tart, all while deepening their understanding of each other's backgrounds and experiences.



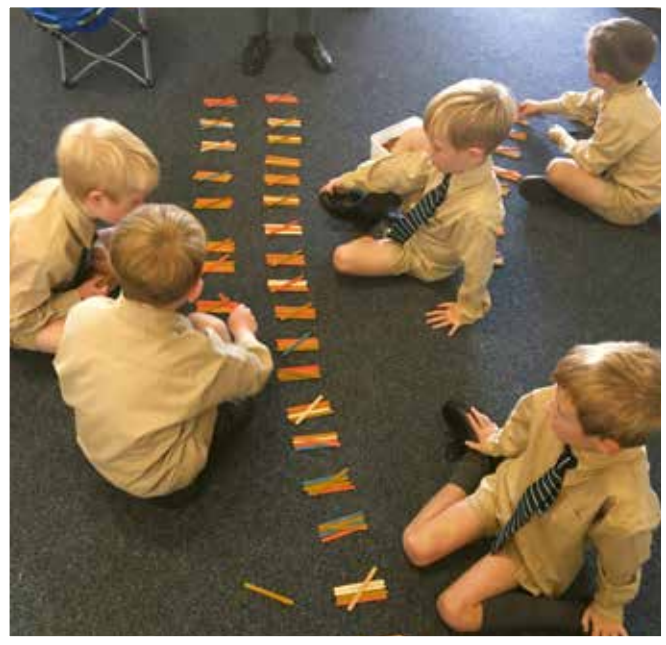
As the final term of Grade 1 dawned, the adventurers returned from their holidays, eager to embark on the last leg of their Grade 1 journey. They had grown in size and knowledge, equipped with a treasure trove of words and mathematical techniques. The Genies, recognising their progress, aimed to further refine their skills, ensuring they would step into Grade 2 with confidence. The term kicked off with a deep dive into South African currency. The boys delved into hands-on learning, using their piggy banks to make purchases and calculate the correct coins. A notable event was the Bishops Praise Service, where the entire school gathered to offer praise and gratitude to God. Kiddies Campus offered a unique experience for the adventurers, allowing them to explore various occupations, including learning about bank accounts, trying their hand at weather reporting, and even stepping into the shoes of a veterinarian. The visit to the Checkers store, where they could play the role of a shopkeeper, was a definite hit. Trading Day, a highlight of the term, brought an energetic atmosphere to the market. Sellers enthusiastically traded goods with their friends, honing their skills in giving change and managing transactions. As preparations for the Carol Service began, the travellers readied themselves to conclude their Grade 1 journey by praising God for the blessings bestowed upon them throughout the year. The arrival of Gilly Southwood brought enchanting tales that captivated the eager listeners. The year drew to a close with a visit to Smile Radio Station, where the adventurers had the extraordinary opportunity to meet Ryan O'Conner and the breakfast team and experience the thrill of being a radio station presenter. The day culminated in a grade picnic, where laughter and joy echoed through the air. A sense of nostalgia and sadness enveloped the Genies, knowing that their beloved adventurers would soon be moving on to Grade 2. Yet, the memories created during this magical journey



would stay with them forever, a testament to the power of education, unity and boundless curiosity. With hearts full of hope and excitement, they waved the adventurers off, confident that the young explorers were destined for many more exhilarating experiences and a future brimming with new discoveries.

Amy Fernandez





GRADE R



We have had a magical and super-eventful year in Grade R! As most of our focus is on developing social and emotional skills, the move to 'big school' comes with challenges and joys. Developing fine and gross motor skills while building a strong academic foundation is quite a juggle, but where do you get to learn and play best? In Grade R, of course! With everything from playdough and starch, water babies and sawdust, sand and mud to colouring and cutting, learning writing patterns and Muscle Mania letter formation.

The boys develop many skills while playing, and the highlight of each day for most is snack- and playtime. It is always interesting to see who starts playing imaginative games, who wants to play cricket or football and who climbs, races on the go-karts or heads straight for the sand pit!

The boys have loved isiXhosa lessons this year with Mrs Tabatha and her hedgehog, Thabo. The boys sing along, repeat her sentences and play games to reinforce the vocabulary they learn. Coding lessons and visiting the library each week to choose a new book are right up there with the firm favourites, not forgetting iPad reward time!

The boys loved the introduction of cricket in the first term, where the coaches focused on ball skills and working together as a team. In the winter terms they started playing Tag Rugby, also developing their endurance and general fitness. The highlight was our

Tag tournament which brought many, many game faces to the field!

This year, at Fun Sports Day, we participated in a dress-up race and a baton relay, with cheers from the stands encouraging the boys to have fun and do their best! The first-term themes included settling into a new Grade, our senses and learning about our families, bodies and diversity.



Our visit to the Salt River Fire Station was a hit as we went on the school bus as big boys do! This is always a favourite, and the boys remember this experience for years to come. We started presentations this term where the boys had to remember and present five facts about reptiles, and in Term 3 about sea creatures. We noticed a significant growth in confidence from one term to the next. Well done, boys!

For Heritage Week, the boys learnt about being proudly South African, and much excitement ensued with Rugby World Cup frenzy!

Speeding ahead to the fourth term, our boys shone in the Nativity Play. Each boy showcased his singing and speaking, and there was plenty of confidence to boot!

It was such a special morning sharing the story of Christmas, and our boys certainly brought many a tear to parents' eyes.

To end our year, we had a fun day where we had treat lunches and a slip 'n slide! Wheeeeeeee! The weather was great and our Grade R boys loved spending their last few hours in Grade R with some craziness! Well done to our boys, our team of teachers and assistants, and also to our parents who walked the 2023 journey with us.

'Every child is gifted; they just unwrap their packages at different times.' - Unknown

Carmen van Zyl



GRADE N



A year of learning, laughter and growth in Grade N!

As the school year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey our Grade N boys have had at Bishops. Each term brought its own unique tapestry of experiences and learning. In the first term, our little boys settled into the rhythm of their school day. The warm and sunny weather provided the perfect backdrop for sand and water play, and the garden became one of our favourite classrooms. We were delighted to have Lloyd Bristow visit us with his incredible trained dogs, treating us to The Incredible Dog Show – an experience that brought joy and laughter.



Our second term brought cooler weather as well as more fun playing and learning through play. Some of us learnt to write our names without our name cards, to do 24-piece puzzles and to cut with more precision. The Easter Bunny visited us and we went on an Easter egg hunt with the special Easter baskets we had made. The boys loved our Wild Animal theme, with many bringing in amazing and interesting objects for Monday morning show and tell. Gilly Southwood enchanted us in Term 2 with her marvellous storytelling in 'Tales of Mystery and Intrigue'. The magic of her stories sparked our imaginations and opened up a world of wonder.



Term 3 brought rain, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We embraced indoor play with construction toys, created art and enjoyed various games in the Resource room. A highlight was our outing to Kirstenbosch Gardens, where our teachers turned the visit into an exciting hunt by providing a checklist. The gardens became our playground as we explored and discovered the beauty of nature.

In Term 4, we celebrated Book Week, focusing on South African authors, especially the beloved Niki Daly. Our book character dress-up day was a hit. We celebrated our Rugby World Cup win and were visited by Mr Steve Sherman, the mathematician, who sparked our thinking and encouraged problem solving. The term concluded with our much-anticipated Nativity Play. The walk through the tunnel under the road to the Prep school

was a thrilling adventure, and our Grade Ns shone as angels, shepherds and stars, singing their hearts out in the Jagger Hall. It was a proud moment for teachers and parents.

Sensory Day brought giggles and joy as we slipped and slid, and explored different textures. We wrapped up the year with a fabulous picnic, creating lasting memories with friends and teachers. As we celebrate the end of the year, we acknowledge the individual achievements of each boy. They have learnt so much, whether it's mastering a new skill, making a new friend, or simply overcoming a challenge or learning to write their name. We celebrate them all. We are sure the boys are going to have much fun learning in Grade R.

Fiona Stuart





CULTURE



CULTURE REPORT



Like most things at Bishops, 2023 started and ended in the Memorial Chapel.

It always brings a sense of unity and belonging for boys and staff alike to start their year in what most people

consider ‘the heart of Bishops’. This is where we can just be quiet as a school, look at the candles and reflect on what is happening in that moment.



Memorial Chapel

For a large part of the year, we also gathered in the Brooke Chapel, due to renovations in the Memorial Chapel. Here some of our boys experienced their first encounter with Ash Wednesday as some participated in receiving the ashes.

We also had the opportunity to come together as a school for Bishops Praise and the Founder’s Day Service, both strengthening the feeling of togetherness.



Brooke Chapel



Monday morning chapel service

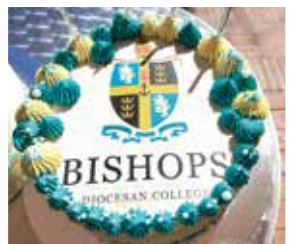


Ash Wednesday service



Heritage Day

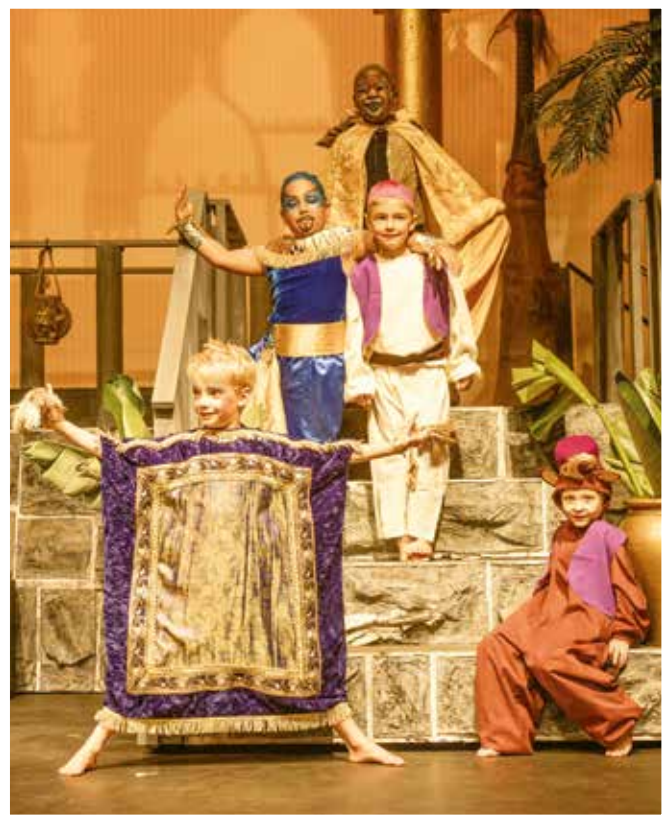
It is always special for the boys when the parents join us for our termly Family Chapel Services. Our third term service focused on heritage and our boys did beautiful response prayers in English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and Zulu. We also celebrated each other’s cultures and heritage through dressing up in our traditional clothing, sharing traditional foods and singing traditional songs from different cultures.



Founder’s Day

School production

What a busy year it was at the Pre-Prep. We literally hit the ground running, already starting rehearsals for our annual school production in the second week of the first term. Choir auditions were completed by the end of the first week and the boys enthusiastically engaged in rehearsing the lyrics and actions for *Disney's Aladdin* KIDS 2023!



There was no shortage of boys auditioning for the main character parts, and those who did not make it rocked the chorus roles of this familiar musical. The enthusiasm on stage was electrifying and the set and props were absolutely outstanding. It is times like this that we realise just how blessed we are to work alongside such a phenomenal parent body that is always able to pull tricks out of a hat to ensure that our productions are next level. With the help of our AV team, under the leadership of Sean Howard, the wonderful expertise of Kieran Cattell as the lighting designer and the stage managers (teachers), costume and make-up teams (consisting of parents and Mrs Carmen van Zyl), the magic truly came alive on stage.



Drama and Music

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

Several of our Grade 2 boys completed their Africorder Level I and received their certificates. Kwamena Sam (Distinction), Nicholas Gray (Distinction) and David Chen (Honours) excelled in their ABRSM practical examinations during the August/September sitting this year.



ABRSM Practical Exams 2023



Nativity and Carol Service

The fourth term was a very busy one and the boys were geared towards practising for all the end-of-year concerts. For the first time in history, the Pre-Prep used the Prep Jagger Hall for the Nativity and Music concerts, due to construction happening at the College and the unavailability of the Memorial Theatre.



And there were
animals in the stable!



The shepherds were amazed!



Nativity for Grade N and R

Our Grade N and R Nativity was an absolute delight with boys dressed up in their costumes, singing and dancing beautifully, giving renditions of songs that varied from 'Hosanna Rock' to 'Happy birthday, Jesus'.

Our older Grade 1 and 2 boys blessed us with a beautiful Carol Service in the Memorial Chapel. They explained how God made the impossible possible through 'Christmas in Genesis'. The singing and readings were really uplifting.



Go to Bethlehem!



The angels worked
very hard that night!



'Happy birthday, Jesus'



The kings followed that star!

Music Concert and Grade 2 Farewell Tie Ceremony

The year finally came to an end with 96 Pre-Prep musicians filling the stage of the Prep Jagger Hall and showing off their skills at the Annual Music Concert. The items on the programme ranged from solo pieces on guitar and piano to piano pieces for eight hands. A highlight was the audience participation in 'Country Roads' where everyone was singing along to the guitar accompaniment of Ethan Mills. The Orff Ensemble also amazed the audience with its performance of items such as 'Africa' (Toto) and had everyone foot tapping to the beat of 'Real in Rio'. The boys thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the audience and ended the year with a big boom. Thank you to all of them for their hard work throughout the year, to ensure a vibrant cultural programme at the Pre-Prep.





The Grade 2 Farewell Tie Ceremony always leaves one with mixed emotions. The excitement of the unknown is evident, but also the joy and pride of what the boys have achieved at the Pre-Prep is reflected on their faces. We send all our wonderful Grade 2 boys off with the best of wishes for their new journey and will be looking out for their achievements at the Prep.

Desiré Swanich



READATHON



What an exciting week! Readathon 2023 celebrated South African authors and stories and our Reading superpower was highlighted.

The boys were treated to some amazing storytellers, including staff from the College and Prep, the very exciting Reading Fairy, and Mr Reeler and Mr Brown. We were also delighted to have some authors come in to share their books with the boys, including our very own parent author, Claudia Gray. Lesley (Lulu) Fellows, from the African Penguin series, shared some of her favourite books with us, as well as her message of conservation. She believes that we all need to grow up with conservation in our bones. The older boys welcomed Tamsyn Alfino who read her special book to our boys and shared her message of the importance of emotional wellbeing.

All our boys had fun dressing up, wearing crazy ties to school, some had picnics while others wore pyjamas. Superhero masks were made during Art and the boys got to wear them on Superhero Mask Day. The week culminated with the very exciting dress-up day, when both boys and staff got to come to school as their favourite book character! The costumes were creative, amazing and fun – definitely a highlight of the week.

While all this was going down, READING was happening in all sorts of interesting places and spaces, as the Grade 1 and 2 boys worked through their Reading Challenge Board. Some boys shared photographs that went up

on our bulletin board. The Readathon sheets were very impressive as a few boys returned their sheets having read thousands of pages in just one week. Sheets were tallied and winners were chosen, but ultimately Reading was the winner during this very special week.

Karin Wallace



ART CLUB



The attendance at Art Club has been tremendous this year. The boys had many opportunities to experiment with developing different art techniques. Some of these included pastel and dye, which were used to draw lighthouses by the sea. Another favourite was a still life watercolour painting of fruit on a table. These came out beautifully. The boys took time to plan their sketches beforehand with pencil. As a result, some stunning pictures were produced. During the winter terms, we took time to read up on polar bears and all the challenges they face with overfishing and pollution. The boys did some amazing drawings using white chalk and pastel on blue paper. The boys felt proud of their pictures and were excited to take them home.



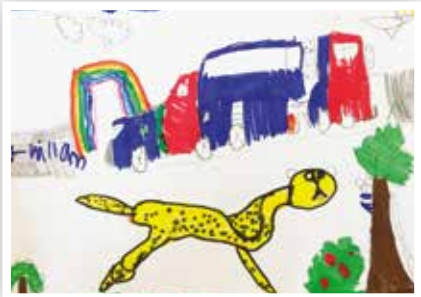
Art Club not only helps the boys develop their creativity, but they also learn to share, decide which materials to use and to plan ahead. Most importantly, they learn about how incredibly creative they are and it's wonderful to see how their belief in themselves grows after they've created a masterpiece. A quote by one of our Art boys, Mason Maldow says it all: 'Nothing is ever too difficult when you come to Art Club!'

Here's to many more wonderful art lessons at Pre-Prep!

Geordie Nolte



Grade 1



Grade 2



Aladdin



OUTREACH



Cultivating generosity and mindfulness at Bishops Pre-Prep

At the heart of Bishops Pre-Prep, a profound commitment to fostering a spirit of generosity and mindfulness is thriving. The school's outreach initiatives with small children aim to instil values of giving, sharing and awareness of those in need. The journey is woven into the fabric of daily conversations, encouraging students to look beyond themselves and actively contribute to making a positive impact on the world.

The school strategically chooses one collection each term as a hands-on approach to giving back, providing an opportunity for boys to be physically involved in collecting, packing and witnessing the impact of their efforts. While the focus has traditionally been on collection activities, the school is now striving to involve the boys in the actual delivery of goods, taking their commitment to outreach a step further.



Term 1: Love extended to furry friends

Aligning with Valentine's Day, the first term collection centred on spreading love not only among classmates but also to furry friends in need. The boys collected pet food, collars, blankets, unused kennels and more, donating these items to a local animal shelter. The initiative not only brought joy to each animal that benefitted from this collection, but also left a lasting impression on the boys, reinforcing the joy of making a difference in the lives of others.

Term 2: Books, books and more books

Amid the excitement of the *Aladdin* production, Bishops Pre-Prep embraced a Readathon Week. Gently used books from home were collected and distributed to libraries in Manenberg, addressing the need for literary resources. Additionally, the school honoured those who sacrificed their lives in battle on Remembrance Day, symbolised by red poppies and small white crosses on the Chapel lawns. The funds generated from poppy sales were directed towards supporting those affected by tragic events.

Term 3: Recognising the unsung heroes

At the end of Term 3, a civvies day welcomed cash donations, regardless of amounts, as tokens of appreciation for the diligent cleaning and security staff. Our cleaning team, Mrs Sharon Alberts, Miss Marilyn May and Mrs Vuyo Tukwayo, do an amazing job of keeping our school clean and tidy. Beyond the traditional roles of guards, individuals like Miss Baninzi (hall gate/drop-and-go gate) were celebrated for their superhuman efforts in ensuring the safety and wellbeing

of the boys. Thanks to the generosity of parents, the school expanded its support to all our cleaners as well as 21 other security guards across the campus.

Term 4: Nourishing hearts and stomachs

The final term culminated in a remarkable food hamper collection. Three substantial hampers were assembled for cleaning staff, two for main guards, and additional ones for the groundsman and Chapel cleaner. The recipients expressed heartfelt gratitude to the parent body for their supporting gesture, acknowledging the immense impact of such generosity.

In a resounding thank you to parents, the school acknowledges their unwavering support and generosity. Bishops Pre-Prep stands as a testament to the belief that the foundations of giving generously are laid in the early years of education, shaping compassionate and mindful individuals who carry these values throughout their lives.

The Outreach Team



SPORTS



ATHLETICS



The 2023 Pre-Prep athletics season at Bishops was nothing short of spectacular. From the rigorous selection process to the heart-pounding competitions, these young athletes showcased their talent, determination and unwavering sportsmanship.

Selecting the best of the best

The journey began with intense time trials in the initial weeks of the term. This gave us a selection of eight boys in each age group including our Grade R boys. Off to Sports Day we went where we ran races and could narrow down the contenders to just four exceptional athletes in each age group. The Grade 1 boys included the dynamic quartet of Oliver Taylor, Leo Bechis, Sha’n Hendrickse and Tobi Smolders. Meanwhile, the Grade 2 boys, Channiel Magozore, Declan Hammon, Kwamena Sam and Nicolas Hatt, demonstrated their prowess and secured coveted spots in the team. A Grade R team was not needed, but we knew that they would be ready for the challenge next year!

Gearing up for the challenges ahead

Preparations for the Quadrangular and Pentangular events kicked into high gear. Some boys brought valuable experience from the previous year, while others faced the exhilarating prospect of competing against learners from other schools for the first time. Undeterred by the scorching sun, these athletes committed

themselves to rigorous training, demonstrating their unyielding dedication.

A day of nerves and excitement

The highly anticipated Pentangular event, hosted by Wynberg Boys’, arrived, bringing a mixture of nerves and excitement. As the starting gun fired, our boys hit the ground running, displaying a natural aptitude for the sport. The palpable camaraderie among the team members was a testament to their shared passion and determination.



A test of mettle at the Quadrangular

Just a week later, at the Bishops Quadrangular event, our boys faced even greater challenges: extra races and longer distances with no extra time for practice. However, they rose to the occasion with charisma and true Bishops sportsmanship and spirit, leaving an indelible mark on the track.

October resurgence

Following a well-deserved break, some of the team returned to action in October, participating in the Paarl Boys’ Primary School Athletics Meeting. Eager and proud to represent the Bishops team, the boys gave their all, embodying the spirit of true sportsmanship. They ran their first relay around the track and shocked the coaches with their resilience and outstanding achievements.





A season of growth and encouragement

Throughout the season, we witnessed the team's remarkable growth in confidence and their unwavering support for one another. The bonds forged on the track are sure to last a lifetime, a testament to the unique spirit of Bishops Pre-Prep athletics. As this incredible season ends, we extend our heartfelt best wishes to all the boys for the challenges and triumphs that await them in the coming year and for the continued support of their amazing parents. With their grit and determination, we have no doubt they'll continue to shine as the future stars of Bishops athletics.

Amy Fernandez



FUN SPORTS DAY



Our Fun Sports Day took place at the Lutgensvale fields this year. We were so excited to host this wonderful event in a new venue and had a fantastic day on 24 February. The weather was perfect and Lutgensvale proved to be a wonderful space to host our Fun Sports Day for the Pre-Prep.

Many parents, siblings and other family members came out to support our little athletes. All boys from Grade N to Grade 2 took part in various activities. We had fun watching them take part in several races. The Grade Ns ran in a hoop and beanbag relay. There was much

laughter as we watched our Grade Rs running in the dress-up race. They also enjoyed the paddle and ball race. The Grade 1 boys all participated in a sack race and an egg-and-spoon race, and many worked hard trying not to drop the egg. Much fun was had watching them throwing the beanbag into a hoop too. Our Grade 2s showed off the physical literacy skills they have developed as they jumped over the mini hurdles and walked like crabs in a crab-walk race. There was great excitement as the boys cheered each other on in the sack races.



After running in the fun races, all boys took part in a shuttle relay and the highlight of the day for the boys was watching their parents and teachers run against each other in a shuttle relay. Many parents demonstrated their athletic skills while running in the races and had fun warming up and stretching before taking part. The boys cheered and squealed with delight watching the staff run against their parents.

We all had a lot of fun cheering, clapping and running, and then it was time to have a picnic or buy food from the food trucks and enjoy the stunning setting that the Lutgensvale fields offer. Many families stayed on even after sunset, as children ran around the fields and had their own races in the lines marking the lanes. Thanks to all teachers, assistants, interns, support staff and parents who played a part in helping to make this such an enjoyable and memorable event. Thanks must also go to the PA who arranged a wonderful tuck shop with

delicious goodies and the food trucks for the event. We so appreciate your help and support. Our boys and staff look forward to another exciting Fun Sports Day in 2024 as we celebrate our 175th year at Bishops.

Cindy Anstey



CHESS



Remondo Solomons, our Springbok chess coach, organised a wonderful year of chess for our boys. Our Grade Rs began in the second term with an introduction to chess during half-hour slots every Friday. Mrs Green's class began, and we ended with Mrs Venter's class in the fourth term. They learnt the basics and managed to play a few games pairing up with various friends.

Our Grade 1s and 2s loved their chess sessions with coaches Triston and Shane Willenberg. We have some

prominent players who enjoyed the competitions held outside of school. These included the Winter Chess Challenge in Pinelands, the Steinitz Chess Challenge in Durbanville and the Growing Minds Chess Challenge in Gardens. This last tournament is a Swiss competition consisting of six rounds. Congratulations to all our budding chess players and we hope our Grade 2s continue to play at the Prep next year.

Fiona Stuart



CRICKET



'East or west, cricket is the best!.' 'Keep calm and bat on.' 'One team, one dream!' These are just a few phrases we've heard from the Grade 1 and 2 cricket boys over the past year.

The cricket season began with very eager boys, some were just starting to play the sport and some were there to sharpen their techniques and skills. Equipped with their hats and white sports uniforms, the boys enjoyed being split into small groups to have specialised coaching each week.

Towards the end of the year in the fourth term, they played some matches during their practice sessions to put their skills to the test. It was remarkable to see the strides the boys had made over the year. This is accredited to the great coaching they received as well as the countless hours spent playing cricket on the field

at break time (as well as the countless tennis balls that landed on the Pre-Prep roof!).

Thanks to the coaches for motivating our boys with healthy competition while showing them care and encouragement.

Heather Fraser



HOCKEY



As we end another wonderful season of hockey, it's time to reflect on the skills we acquired and the camaraderie that blossomed on the field. Our Grade 1 and 2 hockey boys thrived in a term filled with excitement, growth and fun moments.

Our season always begins with the basics, as we learnt to hold the stick, dribble the ball and master essential ball-handling skills. These foundational skills laid the groundwork for what would be an exciting season ahead.

As the weeks progressed, we delved into passing and receiving. The joy of connecting a pass with a teammate and the satisfaction of receiving the ball brought moments of pure delight. Our dedication to improving these skills resulted in more coordinated gameplay.

The thrill of stealing the ball from an opponent and the pride in defending our goal taught lessons in determination and teamwork, while learning to stay in our 'zones' improved our individual performance. One of the most exhilarating aspects of hockey is the opportunity to score goals. We practised our shooting skills, attempting accurate shots. We were able to employ all these skills in the annual Rondebosch tournament, which the boys thoroughly enjoyed. The thrill of seeing the ball go through the 'cones' was a reward for our hard work and dedication. Beyond individual skills, the boys discovered the importance of



teamwork. Watching the boys encouraging one another and shaking hands after the games was inspiring.

I am proud of the boys' dedication to learning and improving. It's been a joy to see each player grow not only as an athlete but also as a team player.

As the season of hockey comes to an end, we carry forward not only a set of honed skills but also memories of laughter, sportsmanship and personal growth. Our journey on the field was about more than just sport; it was a testament to the power of dedication and the enduring spirit of teamwork. As we look forward to future seasons, we do so with gratitude for our amazing coaches and the anticipation of the new challenges that await.

Nazli Kingwill

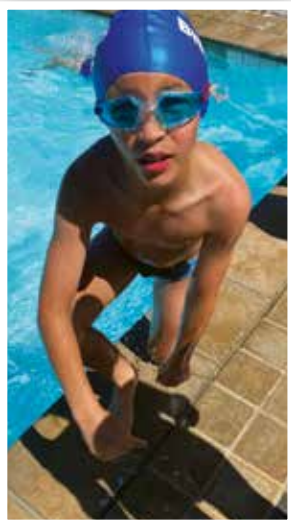




SWIMMING



Swimming is always a popular extramural activity at the Pre-Prep, and we were delighted to be able to accommodate so many Grade 1 and 2 boys in our afternoon sessions either at the College pool or the Prep School pool. The boys were divided into groups to make sure that the numbers at the two pools were evenly balanced and to allow enough space for the swimmers to develop their strokes. The aim of the afternoon sessions was to help the swimmers improve their swimming skills – including stroke correction in various strokes – and to improve stamina, enabling them to swim several widths and hopefully lengths too. We were delighted to see how many boys could swim lengths by the end of the year and could enjoy taking part in fun relay races in our last afternoon session.



Class swimming lessons for Grade 1 and 2 boys took place in the Prep pool and coaches from Headstart Swim School worked incredibly hard to assist boys to further develop their swimming ability. We are exceptionally grateful to have swimming coaches with their expertise coach our class swimming lessons. It was exciting to see how much the swimming improved over the two terms as we watched boys taking part in various races at our fun class swimming lesson at the end of Term 4. Many boys are now able to swim in the deep end and they even took part in a race swimming with a water polo ball.

Our U8 boys showed off their swimming skills as they joined the Prep School boys swimming in the Pentangular gala held at SACS High School on 21 February. They were excited to join the U9, U10, U11, U12 and U14 boys who were swimming, and are very keen and motivated to join them again in 2024.

Our U8s also swam in the A League Gala held at Western Province Prep School on 16 March. They swam against boys from Rondebosch, SACS, Western Province Prep School and Wynberg, and cheered each other on as they swam in relay races.

We were thrilled to take one U7 and two U8 teams to swim in the Splash Gala held at SACS on 10 November. This gala is focused on fun and giving boys the opportunity to participate in races with other schools. Boys swam in relay races against SACS, Rondebosch, Wynberg and Western Province Prep School. It was fantastic to see the excitement as boys dived or jumped into the pool to swim their races. Swimmers took part in backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and medley relays. Our boys made us proud and were superb ambassadors for their school. There were lots of toothless smiles and gasps of delight as they got in and out of the pool. Many family members came out to support the swimmers and cheered and clapped for the boys taking part in the various races.

Congratulations to all our swimmers. We are so proud of their achievements and commitment to the afternoon swimming sessions. I am sure that 2024 will hold many more exciting events that will give our swimmers the opportunity to shine and have fun.

Cindy Anstey



TAG RUGBY



As we celebrate another exciting season of Tag Rugby, we reflect on the triumphs, challenges, and the spirit of our boys. This year's Tag Rugby season was eventful, filled with laughter, learning and a dash of unpredictability – much like Cape Town's ever-changing weather, which ended up playing a significant role in shaping our season. One Saturday session had to be cancelled due to unpredictable weather, disappointing many eager players. However, on one rainy Saturday morning, a handful of dedicated boys braved the elements for a memorable session. Despite the low turnout, the boys revelled in the experience, proving that enthusiasm triumphs over weather woes.

Rainy days often left our fields soggy, with one Friday afternoon in particular etched in our memories – the Grade 1s and 2s found themselves knee-deep in mud during an exhilarating Tag practice. White shorts turned into a canvas of mud, showcasing the sheer joy and camaraderie that rugby fosters among our young players.

Fortunately, most days blessed us with great weather, allowing our Grade R players, who were first-timers, to embrace the game and its fun activities. The terminology of the game, such as 'staircase' and 'line defence', became second nature to the boys, and the classic game of 'Open the gates' spilled over into the playground during school hours, a testament to the impact that Tag Rugby was making beyond the rugby practice field.



For the Grade 1s and 2s, each week brought opportunities for mini matches within their teams, allowing the boys to showcase and enhance the basic skills they had learned in Grade R. The progression was evident, and the season ended in an exciting Tag Rugby tournament at Lutgensvale.

Despite having to be postponed due to bad weather conditions, when it did finally take place, it was a great success! The Grade Rs experienced the thrill of playing against another team, providing a taste of what lies

ahead. The Grade 1s and 2s engaged in a spirited 'round robin,' showcasing their perseverance, determination and sportsmanship.

A family picnic marked the end of the event, creating a warm and memorable conclusion to the season. As we bid farewell to our Grade 2 boys, who are set to embark on their journey into 'tackle' rugby at the Prep, we look forward to an even more exciting Tag Rugby season in 2024.



From Stuart McConnell (Director of Tag Rugby® SA):

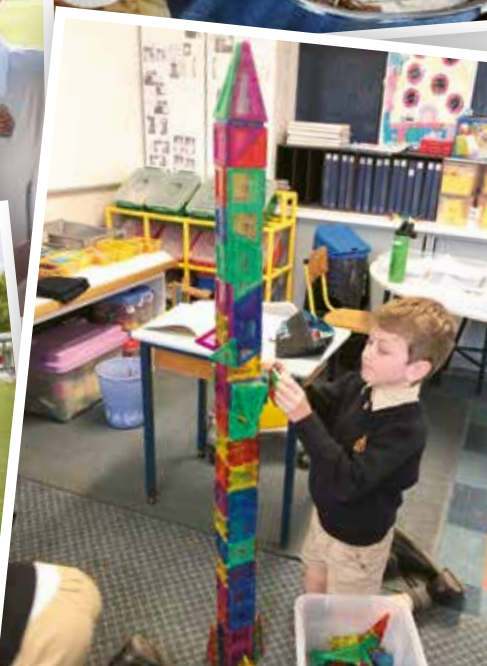
'Bishops and Tag Rugby® have travelled a long journey together. It all started at the turn of the century (2000). Bishops Prep uses Tag Rugby® to create a love for activity. Yes, rugby is the focus, but the skills learnt while our boys are enjoying Tag Rugby® stand them in good stead for the development of skills both in the classroom and on the sports field. The classroom skills include moving across the mid-line (essential for reading and writing), body posture, teamwork and discipline. The sporting benefits include balance, agility, hand-eye coordination, peripheral vision, catching and passing.

We are extremely proud of our association with Tag Rugby® and it's lovely to hear OD Stormers players like Imad Khan and Sacha Feinberg-Mngomezulu saying that they fell in love with rugby when they were introduced to the game at Bishops Prep playing Tag Rugby®.

Tag Rugby® is definitely the sporting highlight of most of our boys' week.'

Emily Venter





SALVETE VALETE





SALVETE
2024

Grade N

- Allie, Isa

Andjelopolj, Leo

Bastard, Roan

Beesley, Jasper

Berry, Samuel

Besanko, Oliver

Bowden, James

Boytchev, Petyr

Brander, Brodi

Brown, Nathan

Carter, Josh (2022)

Constantinou, Matteo

Cupido, Abubakr

Dallas, Raef

Di Pasquale, Rocco

Dunn, Harrison

Dyssell, Hunter

Edwards, Thomas

Featherstone, Casey

Fernandez, Christian

Fester, Eli

Field, Connor

Fuchs, Christian

Goss, Cosmo

Hamman, Alexander

Hanekom, Elijah

Hellebuyck, Daniel

Hofmeyr, Michael

Isaacs, Muhammad

Johnston, Sterling

Joomratee, Isa Zayn
- Joseph, Mohammed Ebrahim

Kalayamotho, Anesa

Kew, Kaiyo

Khan, Muhammad

Lapere, Jude

Lightbody, Renn

Maddison, John

Mafanya, Khaya

Margetts, Rafferty

Martin, Nate

Maverengo, Daniel

Mbanga, Sabatha

Mcguire, Liam

Mellor, Remi

Miller, Mika

Moir, Kennedy

Naidoo, Ranav

Naidoo, Rehan

Peacock, Christian

Pedlar, Alexander

Proudfoot, Angus

Rose, Aiden

Shepherd, Matthew

Shirley, Jordan

Slamdien, Ebrahim

Snaith, Joshua

Soldati, Nqaba

Sulaman, Amaan

Sykes, Finn

Tashe, Lulamile

Walker, Matthew

Grade R-7

- Bassett, Brodie

Basset, Alastair

Basson, Max de Waal

Beer, Jackson

Chagan, Rishi

Darnell, Max

Davidge, William

Du Plooy, Luca

Dupont, Sebastian

Dustan, Tristan

Dutton, Muhammad Khalid

Fredericks, Yaqeen

Goodall, Daniel

Goodall, Michael

Harris, Cruz

Hlengwa, Sihle

Iqbal, Maisun

Isaacs, Raqueeb
- Johnston, Spencer

Kimberly, Nicholas

Laurencik, Sevastian

Loots, Vian

Luscombe, Thomas

Maboko, Otondwa

Meldau, Mason

Moodley, Vahaan

Palin, Roman

Pentreath, Matthew

Rehse, Nathan

Reyburn, Nicholas

Rose, Oliver

Rowan, Hunter

Smith, Benjamin

Toweel, Matteo

Ward, James

Whiteman, Jack



VALETE
2023

Grade 1-7

- Abrey, Jordan

Crookes, Khalil

Dadaker, Zaeem

Hatton-Jones, Grayson

Isaacs, Rauqeeb

Lakhani, Sebastian

Mackay-Davidson, Harrison

Mkoko, Ubuntu

Moodley, Kartar

Moolla, Yaasin

Orrie, Qadeer

Roberts, Ethan

Rose, Oliver

Snyman, Ross

Thornley, Judah



