

# COLLEGE



*Pot of Gold: Rainbow over the Pileys Rees*

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# COLLEGE NEWS

## STAFF NEWS

At the end of last term we bade a sad farewell to our resident IT guru, music genius and bicycle fundi, **Paul Mayers** who left us to lead the IT division at St Suthians – we wish him all the best in Johannesburg. We welcomed **Mark Mitchell** back from his term's long leave and bade farewell to **Rolene Stoffberg** who had been an integral part of the Music Department for 9 months. **Richard Smith** and **Marion Bradley** were also welcomed back from their respective long leaves.

At the end of this term we bade farewell to: **Grant Nupen** (Principal), **Michael King**

(Deputy Principal), **Grant Norton**, **Janis van Tonder**, **Aneen Kritzinger** and **Neil Watson**. We also bade farewell to our English/ History intern, Will Donkin. It was pointed out to the Editor that with the retirement of the Deputy Principal, the bearded and bespectacled 5'5" three (**Michael King**, **Rev. Terry Wilke** and **Stephen Carletti**) were to lose one of their number at the end of the year – as this is tragic, it was decided that this trio should be immortalised in the school magazine.



*The Beards: Rev. Terry Wilke,  
Michael King and Stephen Carletti*

## SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

*This term we say goodbye to many support staff:*

**Brad Strauss**, Operations Manager, leaves Bishops after 16 years at the school – **Brad** is one of the rare individuals who has experienced life both as an academic (Accounting HOD and Ogilvie House Director) and support staff member and has built up a wealth of knowledge over the years. His quiet, friendly presence on the campus will be missed

**Sue Ritchie (Gibson)**, youthful Housemother of Founders, retires after 9 years of loyal service. She will be sadly missed by the boys and the Founders dormitory staff.

**Marie Julies**, previously Cook and Supervisor of Founders and more recently First Cook of one of the teams in the Central Kitchen, has decided to take early retirement to be with her family. Over the last 22 years the boys and staff have eaten many a delicious meal prepared by Marie and there will be a big gap in the kitchen next year.

**Maryanne Zide** has worked as a Dormitory Supervisor in both Founders and School House. Whilst never shy to air her views on any matter she always looked after her boys and could be relied upon to find many lost items. After 17 years at Bishops we wish her well in her retirement.

**Petronella Morolong** has played a vital role in the Catering Department for the past 5 years. Besides dishing up lunches and making sure all the teachers got the same number of roast potatoes, she was right hand lady to **Sharon Witbooi** and could always be relied upon to be calm and collected in the midst

of multiple Bishops functions.

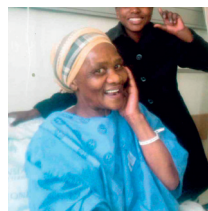
**Joyce Frances** kindly agreed to come out of retirement to act as relief nursing sister to **Sharon Hick-en** two years ago. She has been a great asset to the school, often helping out at short notice over and above her regular Wednesday and Friday slots. **Joyce** will be moving up the West Coast to live with her sister, but has already offered to help us out next year if we are in a pickle. So, maybe we won't say "toodledoo" just yet.

We also welcomed two new Royal supervisors: **Rose Magaqoza** at the Central Kitchen and **Thembie Tuwane** at the Prep,

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Fadelah Majiet** of the Cleaning Department whose husband passed away and with **Lettie Visser** of the Central Kitchen whose ex-husband passed away.

On behalf of the Bishops community we would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Mel O'Regan**. **Mel** passed away peacefully on 30 August 2012. She will be remembered for her loyalty and dedication to the School Shop.

**Katy Grootboom** (31 December 1956 – 14 October 2012) passed away at her home in Murraysburg after a short illness. **Katy** was a truly special lady known for her incredible work ethic and huge smile. She loved Bishops, especially the White House boys and the Firth family, and was so proud when she was promoted to Dormitory supervisor in June this year. **Katy's** incredible faith and the way she lived her life were an inspiration to us all and she will be missed by her Bishops family. A memorial service was held in the Brooke Chapel for **Katy** on 23 October.



*Katy Grootboom*

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

14 boys qualified for Round 3 of the South African Maths Olympiad. Participants were the top 100 Juniors or top 100 Seniors in the country. Three of our Junior boys became National Medallists: **Soo Min Lee** (3rd), **Michael Thompson** (7th) and **Sam Jeffery** (10th). Although we had no Seniors in the top 10, **Nic Cotchobos** came 16th and **Guy Paterson-Jones** came 25th. Bishops was awarded the prize for the top participating school. Fifty teams from different parts of the country took part in the Inter Provincial Mathematics Competition. Bishops had 5 boys representing Western Province: **Soo-Min Lee** in the WP Junior A team; **Rayhaan Surve** and **Jonathan Rossouw** in the WP Junior C team; and **Murray McKechnie** and **Thomas Orton** in the WP Senior B team. A truly sparkling performance by our Mathematics students!



*Bishops Prize Winners at the UCT Mathematics Competition*

Bishops boys excelled at the Cape Town Expo and then at the Eskom Expo International Science Fair which was held in Johannesburg: Gold: **Michael Thompson**; Silver: **Tim Jankovich-Besan**



and Bronze: **Ihsaan Dawray**. **Michael Thompson** was also awarded a 'Best in Category' Junior Prize and was nominated for a second round of interviews for participation in an International Science Fair in 2013.

It is with pleasure that we announce that the Head Media Centre Monitor for 2013 is **Guy Paterson-Jones**.

We are proud to announce the members of the Ten Club for 2013: **Daniel Chung, Paul Ferrandi, Saleem Firfirey, Joseph Khan, John Lanser, Oliver Marr, Afika Nyati, Nevarr Pillay, Ismail Rawoot and Ty Wills**.



*Michael Thompson and his Gold-Award-Winning Expo Project*

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Nyakallo Makgoba** was appointed as Head of the Accelerated Art Programme, and **Afika Nyati** and **Oliver Marr** were appointed as Vice-Heads.

**Nicholas Steytler** and **Jack Hanekom** attended an Afrikaans Youth Conference which revolved around faith, leadership, culture and self-development and both received certificates.

**Mohamed Bhawoodien** was awarded Full Chess Colours for consistent results in our matches and for his captaincy over the last three years.

**Joe Kahn** returned from competing as a member of the South African Schools Debating team at the Thailand World Schools Debating Championship ranked 3rd in the individual speaker rankings – that is 3rd in the world! An outstanding achievement! Bishops debaters, together with their LEAP School partners, representing Portugal, won the prize for Best Resolution passed at the annual Model U.N. Debate held at the Western Cape Legislature. Congratulations to **Nikhil Narismulu** and **Rahul Naidoo** who put together a most original and watertight resolution.

Bishops will be staging Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic, Pulitzer Prize winning play, Oklahoma!, from 12 - 16 March 2013 in the Memorial Theatre! **Wayne Tucker** will be directing and staging the production, with musical direction by Joc Wrench and Stephen Carletti. Well known Cape Town choreographer, **Roxy Levy**, will be choreographing the piece. 130 learners auditioned and after a grueling three weeks the cast has been finalised! The roles of Curly, Will Parker and Jud Fry will be played by **Stuart Bristow, Oliver Marr** and **Dean de Klerk**. Laurey and Ado Annie will be played by **Ali Clayton** and **Jess Tinkler**. It promises to be a rousing rendition of a celebrated classic!

We congratulate **Mnotha Makhoba, Pule Nkopane** and **Tom Orton** on successfully completing the Foundations in Philosophy course held at UCT. In order to complete the course and be awarded a certificate, boys needed to submit a short philosophical piece which was marked and responded to by a member of



*Oliver Marr (Will Parker), Jessica Tinkler (Ado Annie), Ali Clayton (Laurey) and Stuart Bristow (Curly) - photograph by Freddie Child-Villiers*

the UCT Philosophy Society Department.

A group of eight public speakers participated in the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships at Clifton School in Durban. Of the eight boys who participated, four qualified for the South African team to participate at the World Championships (again at Clifton) in 2013. **Joe Kahn** won the competition and is thus the reigning South African Public Speaking Champion, with Nicholas Marine coming 5th overall. Congratulations to the four boys: **Joe Kahn**, **Nick Marine**, **Nic Cullinan** and **Rahul Naidoo** on their selection to Team South Africa, and we wish them well for Worlds next year.

We congratulate **Nyakallo Makgoba** (School) and **Ihsaan Dawray** (Gray) on their appointments as Chairman and Secretary of the SRF respectively.

## SPORTING AFFAIRS

The new Captain of Basketball is **Lineekela Kaulinge** and the First Team Captain is **Daniel Chung**. The winners of the Inter House Basketball Tournament were: **Birt** (Senior) and **Mallett** (Junior). The winner of the Most Valuable Player was **Sadiq Majal**.

**Daniel Russell** received a cricket bat for scoring 105 against Charterhouse on the recent 1st XI cricket tour to the UK. **School House** triumphed by 6 wickets and with 6 balls to spare in the final of the Junior Inter House Cricket competition. Special mention must be made of **Clyde de Beer**, who hammered a superb unbeaten 111.

The following awards were made for dedicated and continuous service as members of the First Aid Team: Full Colours: **Brian Magai** and **Maxwell Houliston**; Half Colours: **Jamian Heesom-Baron**, **Siseko Maweyi**, **Pule Nkopane** and **Muhammed Razzak**.

The Bishops Golf Championship and Inter House challenge was held recently. **Luke Woods** (the defending Champion) birdied the first play-off hole to win the Individual title; **Liam Cook** claimed second place and **James Beningsfield** third. The Martin Versfeld 'Rookie of the Year' Trophy (Best Grade 8 golfer of the year) was awarded to **Roch Allafranchino**. The Spirit Trophy (Golfer who best exhibited unbridled joy for the game throughout the season) was awarded to **Jonathan Smuts**. The Inter House Competition was a close-fought event and Birt House prevailed! The following golfers achieved half colours: **James Beningsfield**, **Shaun Clark**, **Chris Lowndes** and **Jason Smith**.

The Mountain Biking team participated in the Staalwater Mountain Bike Race: In the 60km category, **Chris Viljoen** came second in his age group; in the 30km category, **Alexander Rohrer** achieved third place overall and first place in his age group.

**Oliver Husband** was awarded a Distinction Tie for Rowing.

**Murray Bampffield-Duggan**, **Alex Thompson** and **Murray Willcocks** were awarded Full Sailing Colours, and **Adam van der Ploeg**, **Matthew van der Linden** and **Ian Douglass** were awarded half Colours. **Travis Barrett** was recently awarded his Junior Protea Colours for representing South Africa at the Optimist World Championships in New Zealand. As this was the highest level to which he could go in the class of boat he sailed, he was awarded a Distinction Tie.

The Inter House Soccer was yet again a hotly-contested affair. With the enthusiasm for the sport and many sideline referees, the final game for the Juniors concluded with **School House** claiming victory over **White House** with a score of 4–3. The Senior game showed impressive skill from all players as



**Ogilvie House** managed to beat **Founders House** 2 - 0.

**Ogilvie House** won both the Senior and Junior Inter House Squash Tournaments and **Derek Brink** was awarded the Jackson Cup as the top individual school player for the second year in succession.

**Julian van der Watt** took part in the World Rok Karting Championship in Lenato, Italy. Over 300 drivers from 35 countries participated in this event and we congratulate **Julian** who ended 6th overall, out of a total class of 75 drivers.

Congratulations to **Michael Mynhardt** who has been appointed as Captain of the Bishops Swimming Team in 2012/2013.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for Western Province Water Polo sides: U19A: **Max Herberstein**; U19B: **Shane Smith**; U16A: **Kimon Haralambous, Andrew Durning, Zac Herberstein**; U16B: **Luca Bersella, Jonty Quenet, Seamus Murphy**; U15A: **Liam Neill**; U15B: **Michael Alberts, David Bruchhausen, Sozon Sarandis, Nicholas Frankenfelf, Brandon Salomo** and **Keanan Alexander**; U14A: **Matthew Perrot**; U14B: **Timothy Langerman, Jordan Nel, Brett Sneddon** and **Thomas Baldwin**. The following were selected for the Boland Provincial sides: U14A: **Francois Stassen, Sebastian Prentice** and **Alex Williams**; U16A: **Max Linley** and **Stuart Bailie** and U19A: **Alistair Kirk** and **Oliver Neill**.

## AWARDS

### LEADERSHIP DISTINCTION

**Roberto Aldera, Jordan Artus, Matthew Blackwood-Murray, Andrew Butler, Nicholas Campbell, Sean-Michael Campleman, David Choi, Harry Danckwerts, Alastair Dove, James Drummond, Martin Dyer, Callan Gallacher, Alessio Giuricich, Ethan Gray, Tobias Groeninx van Zoelen, Matthew How Saw Keng, Christopher Immelman, Shaun Janse van Vuuren, James Johnston, Alex Keyser, Luke Kuhn, Oliver Linley, Declan Manca, Giovanni Marchesini, Sergio Marias, Taahir Matthews, Jack Nebe, Tim Olds, Joseph Oliver, Daniel Pinn, Daniel Potgieter, Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal, Neil Robertson, Jan Roux, Louis Spencer, Tim Stirrup, Jean Truter, Roux van der Watt, James van Heerden** and **Michael West**

### JERSEYS

#### *Academic*

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**Jonathan Black, Taahir Matthews, James van Heerden**

### TIES

#### *Distinction*

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**Oliver Husband** (Rowing)

#### *Academic*

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**Mohamed Bhawoodien, Alastair Dove, Matthew How Saw Keng, Christopher Marlow, Gregory Rawbone-Viljoen, Matthew Stanley, Thomas Warne**

#### *All-Rounders*

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**Jonty Fish, Stuart Miller, Peter Anguria, Max Linley, Matthew Reuvers, Lood van**

**Niekerk, Tim Waterfield, Lineekela Kaulinge, Robert Leusink, Jason Botha, Daniel de Freitas, Murray Moore and Simon Thompson.**

### **OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL 2013**

Head of School: **Ty Wills** (Kidd)

Deputy Heads of School: **Saleem Firfirey** (Gray), **Mnotho Makhoba** (School)

Heads of Houses: **Max Herberstein** (Founders), **Jaydon Farao** (White), **Oliver Marr** (Ogilvie), **Michael du Plessis** (Kidd), **Luke Barker** (Birt), **Keegan Sutherland** (Mallett)

**There will be a Christmas Day Eucharist Service  
in the Brooke Chapel at 08h30 to which visitors,  
family and friends are invited.**

### **BISHOPS/HERSCHEL KILIMANJARO EXPEDITION JUNE 2013**

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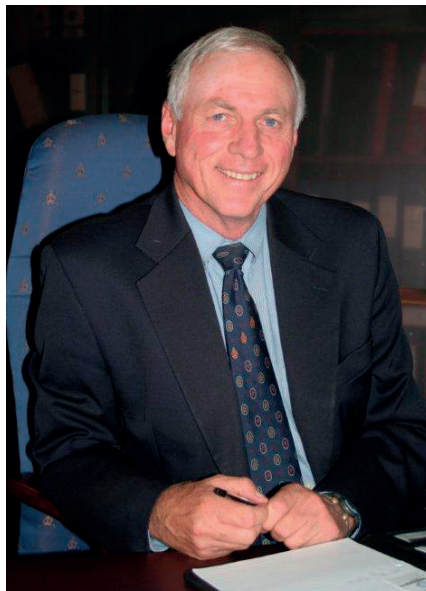
# A FAREWELL TO STAFF

## GRANT NUPEN

My first impressions of Grant were formed when he addressed the whole school at one of the very first functions after his arrival. I clearly remember these words, 'Let us laugh a lot and have fun together'. There was nothing about working hard and being professional. That was expected and the trust he had in his staff was a given. I knew then that our new principal was a gentleman; a man who was sincere; a man who would respect and care for his staff. This first impression was confirmed as I got to know Grant. For the staff there was an incredibly exciting start to Grant's tenure, a staff conference at Ganzekraal at the beginning of 2002 – a wonderful bonding experience for all. A new member of staff quoted, 'Man, if this is what Bishops is all about I am delighted to be teaching here.'

Grant you have always been a supporter of the fact that we are a whole school from Pre-prep, through to the College. You have demonstrated this by your attendance at many of our new parent functions, music concerts, sports fixtures and year-end functions. You have even featured in our Founders Day Quiz every year. Since your role changed and Mr Vernon Wood was appointed as Headmaster of the College, we have been lucky enough to have seen you at the Prep a great deal more, the highlight being in our Chapel Assembly every Monday morning. This has enabled our boys to get to know you better. I chatted to a number of the Prep boys asking the question, 'Who is our Principal?' These replies come with respect from our grade 3s, 'He is the white-haired man who we see on a Monday morning.' 'I know who he is!' said another. 'He is that old guy who is always talking to Mr Brown after Assembly.' A third young lad added, 'I think he is very wise.' One of the boys in the older grades said, 'I really enjoy Mr Nupen's talks in Assembly; he give us something to think about.' 'Wise', 'kind', 'respectful' were the words that came from most of the boys. All the boys knew exactly who you are, "the Principal of our school."

I have witnessed your strong faith and calm clear leadership over the last 12 years and these impres-



sions of mine are very similar amongst our Prep staff. I highlight just a few: 'a softly spoken, approachable man – a thorough gentleman'; 'a lovely dry sense of humour'; 'wonderful support for the Prep'; 'an incredible faith'; 'an impeccable gentleman'; 'cool, calm and collected'; 'A gentleman – a great leader – a man of wisdom and integrity.' It has been a privilege to work with someone with whom I have the utmost respect!

When I was appointed to my present position your letter of congratulations and best wishes and the arrival of flowers for Jenny at our home in Pinelands were very special moments, reflecting your thoughtfulness and care of your staff. Being on the Prep Executive I have had the pleasure of watching you chair, control and lead meetings; deal with difficult situations; deflect and handle tough questions. As a parent I have experienced your calm, clear and strong leadership and deep passion for our school and I refer to that very difficult time of Operation Mayhem in 2008. My son Matthew was in the Matric class

Of course, beside every great principal is a wonderful wife. Rosemary, you have been just that, supportive of Grant and the Prep, watching sport, attending many concerts, Eisteddfods, Inter House singing competitions. At the Prep you have always been at our beginning-of-the-year parents' functions and have been famous for your staff wives teas, making sure that the Bishops family continues to bond together and that nobody is ever left out. At every school function you attend you are always smiling, greeting, asking after families, husbands or wives. This despite the kind of day you might have had! Grant and Rosemary thank for what you have done for our school, thank you for your wonderful support of the Prep. It is, and has been, a privilege working with you. I would like to close with an adaptation from a prayer called 'Lord teach him gently':



Lord treat them gently.

Grant and Rosemary will leave our school at the end of this term.

It's all going to be strange and new for them next year and

I want you to sort of treat them gently, Lord.

You see he's been our principal.

He's been boss of our School.

He has always been around to lead our school, give advice  
and listen to all our needs and worries.

But things will be different now.

Next year Grant and Rosemary will walk away down the Avenue  
and start on another great adventure of hard work and great fun.

It's an adventure that will have its ups and downs.

Please take them by their hands Lord and teach them the things  
they will have to know.



But teach them gently if you can.  
 Above all help and guide them to continue to recognize you  
 and love you and others around them with all their hearts.  
 This is a big order Lord but see what you can do.  
 They are such wonderful people our Grant and Rosemary.

*Rob Riches*

## **MICHAEL KING**



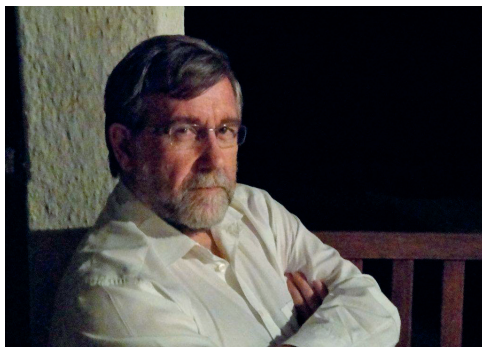
Michael was appointed as an English teacher at the start of 1988. Over the next few years he was appointed Assistant Housemaster in Birt House, and Head of the English Department. He coached Athletics and was Master-in-Charge of Badminton. At the end of 1991, Charles Currey retired as Vice-principal and John Gardener was due to retire at the end of 1992. Council did not want to pre-empt the appointment of the Vice-Principalship – preferring to give Gardener’s successor the freedom

to exercise his own choice. Accordingly, five Senior Masters were appointed as a temporary expedient – Tim Hamilton-Smith, Dave Hiscock, Hugo Leggatt, Hugh Fynn and Michael. Six months after Clive Watson took up his position as Principal, he changed the structure around the deputy’s position by appointing Michael as Senior Vice-principal, and making Tim and Dave Vice-principals. Hugo and Hugh remained as Senior Masters, but moved on to other situations within a few years. When Clive Watson resigned in the middle of 2000, Michael became Acting Principal until Grant Nupen took up his appointment in April 2001. The structure was changed again in 2004, with Michael becoming Deputy Principal, and Tim, Marcus Bizony, and Stuart West being the Vice-Principals and forming a Bishops Executive committee with the Headmaster of the Prep. This structure was changed again in 2009, with the decision to appoint of a Headmaster for the College to match the Headmaster position at the Prep, and so the current structure was put in place. With his retirement at the end of this year, he will have served as deputy to the Principal for 20 years, the longest any individual has done so at this school, which is, in his words, a dubious distinction. From next year, the position of Deputy Principal will fall away. Michael continued to teach English throughout, but to fewer classes, but the classroom contact was very important for him to keep in touch with the core business of the school.

I still remember the day I first met you – you were 38 years young and together we explored the Bishops campus – you were pushing Matthew (aged 1) in a stroller. You were already a very experienced teacher and had some good advice to give me, a first year teacher juggling a busy load. And back in January 1988 you did not have a beard – and so I am one of only 3 members of staff who

have ever seen you without a beard.

I remember sitting in the very first laptop meetings with you and others and would like to acknowledge the incredible role you played in researching, developing and implementing the laptop programme at Bishops - now the technology rich environment in which we find ourselves. You have been recognized as a world leader in this area - and how different all of our lives are as a result of your efforts. I remember how delighted I was to phone you one weekend to tell you that Aidan Sylvester



had broken the Bishops U19 all time long jump record – 7m 12cm – in 1991. He broke the record at the Peninsula Champs and you had coached him in the build up to that event.

I was taught by your brother Dom and 30-odd years on I still remember things that Dom said and taught me and I know that there are 33 years of boys and girls (now men and women) you taught who remember you and things you taught them and shared with them. You are an outstanding teacher and educator and we acknowledge all you have done and achieved in the classroom during your career (and in this context thank God for the gifts he gave you and the way in which you have used them). One of my wishes for you in your retirement is that you get a job teaching a few classes of English at a local school and just enjoy the simplicity of being back in a classroom and all the excitement and rewards that go with interacting with young people – drop all that heavy Vice-Principal stuff. I fondly recall the period you stood in as Acting Principal - all the staff who were at the College at the time, and in particular my former Housemaster colleagues will know exactly what I mean – you breathed new life, and vitality and energy and excitement into the school. And I remember the Headboy, Jason Van Dijk, asking you to attend a meeting in the school and Jason and the entire school surprised you in the amphitheatre by singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to you – it happened to be the day of your 50th birthday. What a defining moment – I have not seen the school boys show that level of respect, appreciation and admiration for any other teacher over the past 25 years. I discovered just yesterday that in addition to singing to him Mike was presented with birthday cards from each House that every boy in the school had signed – need I say more!

Archbishop, you will no doubt be pleased to hear me call Mike a dyed in the wool Anglican. Son of an Anglican priest Mike has lived a life devoted to his faith and dare I say calling. Mike and I served on the Chapel Committee together for many years and when I suggested reformist things like having the annual Carol Service on the Frank Reid Mike supported the traditional Advent Carol Service. I know, Mike, how important the Anglican liturgy has been, and is, for you and respect that this is a vehicle for you to draw close to God. You have been a good and faithful servant - we thank God today for your faithfulness to Him throughout your life, but above all for His faithfulness to you.

Hamba kakuhle, Mike!

*Phil Court*

## GRANT NORTON

For any staff member to dedicate twenty four years of service to one institution is by any measure an exceptional effort. Grant has had an incredible career of service to Bishops as a Maths teacher in the Maths department, a House Director for fourteen years and, most notably, for Bishops cricket where he served as first team coach for fifteen years and Teacher-in-Charge for ten years. What many are unaware of, outside the squash fraternity, is that he served as chairman of WP youth squash for twenty two years along with being chairman of SA youth squash for sixteen years. As a Maths Teacher, Grant taught Maths to all Grades and sets and is probably the only teacher to have taught Add Maths and Maths Literacy. This shows his versatility in the classroom. He builds up strong relationships with his boys who feel secure in class and thrive under his watchful eye. Grant is remarkably well organised and undoubtedly holds the record for producing his tests and exams well ahead of deadlines. The Maths Department will miss his commitment to high standards and input at department meetings.

He was an excellent House Director that helped bring in and pioneer many changes over his fourteen years particularly in bettering leadership systems and relationships between boys from different grades. He was a very successful Founders House Director who will forever be remembered for his love for the house's traditions and developing a happy family culture amongst the boys and all the staff connected to the house. He was the rock and certainly paved the way for many strong leaders to come out the house over the past ten years he was in charge. He is certainly the perfect man for his new position as Head of Boarding at Stanford Lake College and will add great wisdom and expertise to their systems from his service at Bishops.

Grant will be remembered in the Bishops cricketing annals as being the most experienced and most successful cricket coach of the Bishops first team to date – a true Bishops coaching





Legend. Fifteen years of coaching and around 450 games later he has lost less than 10% of all these games played to a result. His love, passion and total commitment to the sport has been instrumental in developing an amazing cricket culture that I was fortunate to be a part of over the past five years. This is also indicated by so many young ODs who have played for him in the past coming back to coach and support - some still hang around with the team and mingle with senior players who were their juniors when they were seniors. He has coached many players who have gone onto play first class and even international cricket- from Herschelle Gibbs, Paul Kirsten and more recently Siya Simetu.

What set Grant apart as a teacher, House Director and in his coaching was his undoubted skill in organization and administration. He was often the envy of many House Directors because he had always finished his reports by the start of third term, before most had even started. He is still renowned for marking Maths papers and returning tests in record time and the boys love the immediate feedback. His precision and efficiency in his organization of cricket practices as well as tours set him apart from the average first team cricket coach. He was just exceptional in his work and really didn't care much for second best. Grant also knew when to have fun and lighten the mood with the odd prank most notably stealing caps on tour or setting up players and students in class by taking their belongings when left around and seeing their reaction once they have discovered they had lost them... As well as the odd funny chirp about a player's character or playing style all in jest and part of the cricket culture... As he often said to some of the younger boys in his sides 'I wouldn't tease you if I didn't like you' which certainly made them feel a part of the group and well accepted. A more passionate and committed person I have yet to meet. He really helped instil a work ethic amongst many of his students and most of his players - it was infectious. But outside the unrelenting workhorse, he was a kind hearted and loyal friend who looked after and supported his close friends and staff in the House passionately. His wife Claire and daughter Sydney were exceptional in caring for and making Founders staff and stooges most welcome over the past ten years. They were very much his right hand in the running of the house. I will be forever grateful for the Norton's influence in my life. We wish Grant and his family all the best on their next adventure up in the North of our country and we thank him for everything he has done for Bishops. What a legend!

*Richard Smith*

### ***JANIS VAN TONDER***

Janis joined Bishops in 1997, having moved down from Durban with two young children. Right from the start, Janis was not – and remains not – at all the stereotypical old-school spinster librarian – elite, snobbish, stern and steeped only in the classics. She is young at heart, has an excellent understanding of boys and books – and she appreciates that in an age of technology she has had to compete for the attention of boys. To do this, she has employed a wide range of tools – technology, insight, humour and a love of sport. Her news bulletin boards are a delight to read, filled by an unerring eye for 'what's important' in current affairs. Many a debater has done last minute prep in front of her bulletin boards on some topical issue.

Guy Paterson – Jones, the Head Librarian for 2013 commented: 'There's a lot that goes on be-

hind the scenes in the library that we often take for granted – books have to be tracked down, sorted, catalogued, repaired. New books are constantly arriving in the library and each one has to be laminated, inscribed with the Bishops Mitre and entered into the system. This is an enormous task, but not once have I seen any hitches, delays or issues arise under Mrs van Tonder's watchful eye. She takes the job in her stride, and over the years she has run the library smoothly despite its situation in the middle of an all boys' school with its myriad interruptions, noise and distractions. While books are arguably still one of the most important aspects of a library, Bishops is known for providing many opportunities and the home of literature is no exception. Every year we relied on Mrs van Tonder to organize teams and transport for the various competitions around the Cape. Events such as the Bergvliet Battle of the Books and the Cape Argus challenge typified these. She has also been the driving force in the Book Club where those with a love for reading can meet once or

twice a term to talk about life, the universe and books - and even get to meet local authors .We will miss her enthusiasm for her role and the energy she brought to the library.'

Janis has an incredible general knowledge and set the school's General Knowledge Quiz for a number of years. For over ten years, along with Mr Bizony, Mr and Mrs King and Mr Wensch, she was a member of the staff team who participated in the Inter Schools' Staff General Knowledge Quiz at Westerfod High. She joined the Drama Department in 2009 and brought with her a wealth of knowledge and talent, especially in the movement section, where her years of ballet training helped her impart invaluable basics to her students. Wayne Tucker notes that she has been a creative and dynamic drama teacher and that it has always been a delight and laugh-a-minute sharing an adjudication or marking panel with her. Janis contributed to or supported many events in the school. She ran the front of house for school plays; she was a caring and involved tutor in Founders House. Boys and staff all know that she is an avid rugby fan and supporter of the 1st XV and that she rarely missed their matches. And her passion for her favourite rugby players is legend. Janis is fun to be around because she is informed, witty and enjoys the company of others and, because of her positive nature, makes the most of any situation. The staff will miss her at all the formal and informal functions.

*Sue McPetrie*



### **ANEEN KRITZINGER**

Aneen is respected as a dynamic, creative and resourceful educationist, with excellent subject knowledge. She has been a wonderful asset to Kidd House and the Xhosa Department. In her two short years as a member of the College staff, she has brought stability and passion to her Department and worked extremely hard to uphold the academic standard of Xhosa. She has also shown real concern to the boys she has tutored, not to mention in her work with Interact and the African Languages Society. She has been a rock solid friend and colleague. 'Ek het lanklaas in my lewe iemand ontmoet wat so veeltalig is en sy is 'n inspirasie vir almal van ons. Sy is 'n Xhosa-Afrikaner en is lief vir mense. Sy is 'n persoon met meegevoel en is altyd daar om te luister, 'n mens te laat lag of jou by te staan.' She leaves a most favourable impression on all those who have interacted with her, particularly the Bishops boys who have had their potential maximised by her caring nature and concern for their psychological well-being. It is with regret that we say good-bye to her, and we wish her well in her new position at Bloemhof Girls School in Stellenbosch.

*Graeme Klerck, Rhoda Manie and Wessel Theron*



### **NEIL WATSON**

Neil joined Bishops at the start of 2011 as a part time teacher/ intern and staff member in School House. In addition to teaching Grade 8 and 10 Maths in 2011 and Grade 8 and 9 Maths in 2012, Neil completed his PGCE at the end of 2011 and has been studying toward a PHD in 2012. He leaves Bishops to take up a position at UCT in the Statistical Sciences Department from January 2013 and continue research for his PHD with the title Project Management in the Development Context. Neil has had an excellent rapport with his students and has been a wonderful mentor to the boys in his classes as well as the School House boys. They see him as good role model; a 'wise person', in whom they can confide and who will give good advice. They have enjoyed his sense of humor and the kindness and fairness he has shown towards them. Neil will be marrying Laura Taylor in the Brooke Chapel on the 1st December. We wish him well in his married life and for his studies and lecturing post at UCT.

*Sue McPetrie*





## CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

"Glorious things of thee are spoken" - Hymn 172 boldly proclaims and this is true of the many functions we have encountered in the Memorial Chapel of late. Friday 19th October was the day for the College and Prep to bid farewell to Grant Nupen and Michael King. A beautiful service of Thanksgiving followed with the Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and Bishop Garth Counsell in attendance. The liturgy was compiled for the occasion and, with the support of the Music School, became a beautiful and memorable moment in the life of the school. The music and readings



*The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba prays for Michael and Liz King, Grant and Rosemary Nupen.*

for the day were selected by Grant and Michael and an anthem "Angels will guard you" based on Psalm 91 was composed by Stephen Carletti and sung by the choir as a special tribute to the esteem in which both school leaders are held. Tribute was paid to both men with words from the 2012 Head Boy, Sebastiaan Remmelzwaal, followed by Phil Court (Geography) who started teaching at Bishops on the same day as Michael King, and claims to be one of a small and select group to have seen him without the beard, followed by Rob Riches, who spoke of the Prep school and its close ties to Grant and Rosemary. His first memory of Grant as Head was the phrase, "Let us laugh and have fun together" and confirmed that this was the abiding memo-



*2012 Confirmation candidates with Grant Nupen and Archbishop Thabo.*

ry he has of Grant over the last 11 years. The Archbishop spoke of men of substance and affirmed that both Grant and Michael were educators of the highest order who had served education, the Anglican Church and the Bishops community with honour and dignity. He ended the service by taking leave of Grant and Rosemary Nupen and Michael and Liz King with this blessing, "May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always." A standing ovation followed and the service ended with a stirring rendition of "Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer" as the procession left the Chapel.

Prior to this occasion we had said farewell to the Matric Class of 2012 at their Valedictory Service held in the Memorial Chapel on 12 October. James Drummond and Louis Spencer delivered the Valedictory Address on behalf of the Matric group followed by the staff reply. Michael King, using the beautiful and newly-donated Lectern, delivered a deeply soul searching address to the congregation linking values and responsibility and ending with these words "Be willing to give of your time, your energy, your vision so that other people may have a better life, and in as much as you are doing that for the weakest of the weak, the poorest of the nation, you are also doing it for our school and its place in our national life". The service ended with a rousing rendition of Psalm 150, the throwing of the kneelers into the air and the Headmaster, Vernon Wood, formally dismissing the Class of 2012.

September proved to be a busy month too, with the Confirmation Service on 2 September and the Prep Family service on 6 September. For the first time in many years the four Anglican Church schools of Cape Town combined in a joint service of Confirmation, presided over by the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba. The Memorial Chapel was filled to capacity as family and friends of the candidates from St George's Grammar school, Bishops College, St Cyprian's Girls' School and Herschel Girls' School. Tribute must be paid to the positive and collaborative team ministry exercised by the chaplains of the four schools, Mrs Bev Voigt, Rev. Terry Wilke, Rev. Natalie Simons-Arendse and Rev. Bob Commin who persevered with classes within the challenges and demands of very busy school programmes where students were not always available. The pre-confirmation Quiet Day was lead by the Rev. Rus Blassoples, of St Steven's Parish, Pinelands at St Cyprian's challenging the group to look deeper and more inward as they developed their relationship with God. The group consisted of 27 candidates from Bishops, 9 from Herschel, 5 from St George's, 2 from St Cyprian's, 1 from Springfield (Ex St Cyprian's) and 1 from UCT (ex Bishops). A special moment in the service was the glance between father and son as the Archbishop laid hands on his son, Nyakallo. Surely an historic moment as there cannot be too many Archbishops worldwide who can claim to have done the same?

The third term Prep Family service was one of great excitement as we prepared to welcome the change of the season. Previously we had thought to celebrate with a Harvest Festival but thought that the Seasons of Creation liturgy provided more exciting and interesting content for a service celebrating life, the end of winter and the beginning of spring. A beautiful service followed with a special reading of a thought provoking meditation by Lynn Adelbert and a gift of seeds and pansies from the Starke Ayres Nursery to each boy with the invitation to go and plant them and to celebrate new life.



**Archbishop Thabo and  
Nyakallo Makgoba.**

## **Meditation**

*If the earth were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it; people would walk around it marvelling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools. People would marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and in the water. The people would declare it precious because it was the only one, and they would protect it, so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known, and the people would come to behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, and to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives, because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the earth were only a few feet in diameter.*

Third term College Evensong took place on 26 August with the Rev Erica Murray preaching. She is one of the longest serving women priests in the Diocese and, in honour of the 20th Anniversary of the ordination of women in this Province; it was fitting to have her as our guest. She told a number of entertaining stories in her sermon which had the deeper message of God being intimately connected to each one of us and caring deeply for each of us as His creation.

The Pre Prep celebrates its 50th Anniversary in a family oriented service in the Memorial Chapel on 26th October. The previous evening a function had been held at the Pre-Prep at which 9 of the original 24 boys of the inaugural class of 1962 had been present. The boys sang beautifully and Greg Brown had them enthralled with his brief history of the school. It was a fitting service for a school with humble beginnings and the faith of the few. Greg concluded his message with these words – “In his Prize giving speech of 1961, then Principal Hubert Kidd had this to say about the opening of Pre-Prep the following year: *“I have heard the comment that Bishops won’t be happy until it has a pre-natal clinic and a burial society. But the heavy enrolment figures for the next few years (for what one might call the 12 year sentence) more than justifies ... this experiment.”* ... and a very successful and happy experiment it has proved to be.”

Pastorally, the College has been blessed with the on-going support and ministry of a number of people. The College Mums’ Prayer Group which meets regularly in the Brooke Chapel recently held a Prayer Walk around the College grounds, praying for the school, the people and all it stands for. The Men’s Prayer Group continues to meet twice a term on the second Tuesday of the month during term time and is well supported but staff, college and prep school dads and ODs. Both the Prep and Pre Prep Prayer groups meet on a Thursday morning and are also well supported. Naturally, each group is keen to have new members join at any time. We also record the work of Mr Leon Glanvill who until recently ran the Impact (SU) group, the Tuesday Evening Boarders Cell Group and was involved with Paul Meyers in the HBR2 camp. Both groups have provided the boys of the College with a smaller place to explore their faith and to deepen their Christian com-



mitment. As he moves on, Mr Keith Warne will take on the role of assisting with this society. It is also good to recognise the commitment of the Common Ground Church Fuel Team who have also been willing partners in these groups.

We were privileged to welcome Richard Mills into the fold during the Service of Baptism in the Confirmation service and are sad to say farewell to Pat Drew and Charles Richard Haw (Snr) (OD) who were buried from the Brooke Chapel in the last quarter. We also said a sad farewell to Katy Grootboom, White House staff member at a Memorial Service in the Brooke Chapel on 23 October 2012 at which Angus Firth and Di Murray spoke, paying tribute to a much loved and highly respected person.

In our need to expose the College to a wider church and sense of spirituality, we regularly have speakers in Chapel from the staff of Bishops as well as a number of visitors who kindly and graciously give of their time to come and talk to the boys in Chapel. This year the boys have met with a wide range of speakers from the local churches and from other organisations and have benefited from their many words of wisdom. Our Chapel collections have been focused on the Starfish Foundation which supports vulnerable children and households affected by HIV/Aids. This Grade 11 driven initiative has produced a large amount of money which is due to be handed over soon. A big thank you to all who support the Chapels in your giving and your kind donations to the Chapel Flower fund and the Chapel Improvement fund.

*Rev. Terry Wilke*



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# COLLEGE PRIZE GIVING

*12 October 2012*

## CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL'S ADDRESS – MR MIKE BOSMAN

Distinguished guests, Mr and Mrs Nupen, Mr and Mrs King, Mr and Mrs Wood, present and past members of Council and staff, members of the Bishops Trust, the Chairman and members of the PA Committee, ODs, parents and friends, young men of Bishops – Good Morning! Welcome to Speech Day 2012 at Bishops.

It is a particular pleasure for me, on behalf of all of us, to extend a special welcome to the Minister of Education for the Western Cape, Mr Donald Grant and Mrs Grant to our prize giving. Welcome to Bishops, Minister, and thank you very much for taking time out from your busy schedule to be with us this morning - we appreciate it. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the Patron of the OD Union, Michael Watermeyer; the President of the OD Union, John Arenhold, and Vice Presidents and Past Chairmen of the OD Union here today. A big welcome too to Past Headmasters of the School and Prep; heads of other schools, to Ruth and Brian Robertson, the Chairman of the OD Union, and also to Carolyn Hamilton-Smith who, together with Tim, manages the day to day affairs of the OD Union. Alan Ramsay, Chairman of the Bishops Trust, welcome, it's great to see you again. Many past and present Chairmen and members of Council are also here this morning – welcome to each of you too.

A Great School: 2012 has proved to be an exceptionally busy and successful year at Bishops. Bishops is an amazing school and one need only browse through our school magazine, or read the assembly notices, or drift past the buildings or



*Mr Mike Bosman.*



*Headmaster, Mr Vernon Wood, Chairman of Council, Mr Mike Bosman, Minister of Education for the Western Cape, Mr Donald Grant, and Principal, Mr Grant Nupen*

fields during the day to get a sense of the massive array of activities that take place here. The level of achievement by the young men of Bishops in so many areas has again been quite spectacular this year. Thank you for making us so proud. Thank you and congratulations too to Vernon and Betty-Ann Wood and to each of the academic and support staff members of Bishops for your incredible work with our sons. We really appreciate everything you do.

**Grant Nupen:** In a few weeks' time, at the end of the term, we will be saying farewell to Grant Nupen as he retires from Bishops after almost twelve years as Headmaster and as Principal. Grant has been a headmaster of various different schools since his first appointment in September 1979, some 33 years ago when South Africa and the world were very different places. Over this time Grant's contribution to education has been immense. Grant and Rosemary have done an incredible amount for Bishops and, although we are not saying goodbye to them this morning, as we have a few functions planned later this term, I would really like to take a moment here to thank them most sincerely for everything they have done for this great school and to wish them every bit of health and happiness as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Please join me in a big round of applause for them.

**Michael King:** We will also be saying farewell to Michael King at the end of the year, after 25 years of service to Bishops. Mike was appointed to the staff in January 1988. He has held the position of Deputy or Vice Principal for more than 20 years. He has also served as Acting Principal on several occasions over the years and his contribution to Bishops has also been extraordinary. Thank you Michael for the massive part you too have played in the Bishops history and thank you Liz for your great support. Please join me in thanking them.

**Guy Pearson:** As you know, Guy Pearson, the current Rector of Michaelhouse will be joining us at Bishops in January next year as our new Principal. For the past 9 months, we have worked very hard with Grant and Guy to do everything possible to ensure a smooth hand-over of the leadership of the school at the beginning of 2013 and we look forward to welcoming Guy and Maree to the Bishops family then as they move here, onto the school grounds.

Last year at prize giving Grant Nupen, half-jokingly mentioned that the role of Chairman of Council was becoming almost a full-time job. So it has proved to be this year, in many ways. Yet as always, I feel privileged to be serving Bishops in this capacity to work together with a diverse group of Members of Council who have so much experience and who do so much for Bishops so freely. Thank you all very much; you have been brilliant to work with. Thank you too Brian Robertson for your wonderful leadership at the OD Union and to the OD Union committee for all of your ideas, support and input on many issues. I would like to extend my thanks to His Grace, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, the Archbishop of Cape Town, with whom I meet regularly, for his intensely valuable input on the issues we face at Bishops and in education in general.

Best Teachers, Coaches and Facilities: Council remains totally committed to excellence, and improvement wherever possible, in every sphere of the school. We will do everything we can, to continue to have and support, the best heads and teachers, the best coaches, and the best technologies and facilities. I am sure you will hear more about these developments from Grant and Vernon later. As before, we will continue to play our proper part in our Church and our

# THE FINAL LAP



# A NEW ROAD AHEAD

Whether you've finally finished that first, long year of high school or a matric wondering just where the time went, we know that the last term means looking both back and forward. A new year with new challenges and opportunities lies ahead. For the matrices of 2012, it's the biggest new start of all. It's now time to put an exceptional education into action, at work and in your community. We wish you a lifetime of success.

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communities. Council also remains totally committed to respect, nurture and uphold the great traditions, heritage and values of the last 163 years of Bishops. Yet, if we are to remain relevant as a truly great school, we also need to make sure that we balance all of this with the rapidly-changing world that we find ourselves in today and that our sons will find themselves in, in the future. So while we must see change at the school, which naturally brings with it some uncertainty, we will always be true to our values.

Congratulations: To all the prize winners here this morning, well done guys and congratulations from all of us. You should be very proud of your achievements. Men of Bishops, today is all about you. In fact everything we do here at Bishops is ultimately about you and how, in your short stay here, we can best prepare you for the immediate, very transparent, complex, yet thrilling world you will be living in.

Matrics: I suspect all of you in Matric know what an incredibly exciting part of life lies ahead as you write your final school exams and then celebrate ending your school career, hopefully at a few great parties. Good luck for that all, we are with you. Please stay safe. Then a really wonderful patch lies ahead where you will probably study hard, play hard and prepare yourself for your life beyond Bishops.

To each of the men of Bishops here this morning, it is important to say that you will be judged in your life by what you do and not what you say. From time to time in your life, you will be called upon to make big decisions about your life and at those times you can ask yourself a few questions. In making those decisions, how true are you to your core beliefs and values and to what you have learnt? How authentic is that decision to who you really are? Will you make your decisions based on what is popular or convenient? Or will you have the strength of character and courage, in a compassionate way, to stand up for what you believe is right? You must realise that it will be you who are going to build the future society in which we live. Not us old blokes! And we are always going to rely on you to uphold the best traditions and values of Bishops. Good luck with that.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a brilliant holiday. Thank you very much.

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS – MR GRANT NUPEN



*Mr Grant Nupen*

Good morning good friends of Bishops! Mike Bosman, Chairman of Council, members of Council, special guests, in particular the Minister of Education in the Western Cape, Donald Grant and his wife Cheryl, members of the OD Union and The Bishops Trust, my colleagues on the staff of Bishops, young men of Bishops, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour and privilege to present to you the Principal's Report in this the 163rd year of the history of Bishops.

It is always a great pleasure to add my own words of welcome to those of the Chairman to the special guests.

We have a number here today confirming that the shift of this ceremony away from its traditional place on the last day of the year has enabled and encouraged many more to attend.

***I would like to mention in particular:***

- The Matric Class of 2012. It seems like just yesterday that my wife and I welcomed you into our home, taught you strange signs so I could remember your names, and now 5 years later you have graced this College with distinction. I particularly enjoyed having lunch with a number of you and you mothers towards the end of the year. A gentle touch and a privilege for us.
- I have had the pleasure of working with Alan Ramsay, Chairman of the Bishops Trust for 12 years and good to have you and Thea with us today. I look forward to much more golf with you next year. Thank you to past Chairmen of Council, James McGregor and Geoff Everingham. Your support and prayers have always filled me and the staff with strength and confidence. You are great men of faith and it is faith and trust which builds great schools.
- Talking of Chairmen, I see Tony and Dolores Fleischer with us this morning. Tony was Chairman of the Board at the Ridge School in Johannesburg during my time as Headmaster. You are loyal friends and I welcome you.
- Special guests from yester years in many capacities, retired Principal John Gardener and his wife Sue, Rev Martin Coomer, Heather and Mike Bromfield, Brian and Gill De Kock, Les Masterson.
- Heads of our brother and sister schools – good to see Bruce Probyn from Herschel and Jeanette Welgemoed from Micklefield. Also some retired Heads, Midge and Judy Hilton-Green, Pamela Duff and Hugh Finn with his wife Louette.
- Michael Watermeyer, Patron of the OD Union, John Arenhold, President and Brian Robertson, Chairman. All ODs are important and all ODs are welcome.

As this is the last time I will report to you as Principal you may be forgiven for thinking that I may ramble on a bit. But you are wrong! In my nearly 12 years at Bishops I have developed some useful reputations:

- Shortest Assembly: I arrived thinking it was Chapel, but was quickly reminded that the College Assembly was ready for me!
- The shortest Sermon in chapel.
- I will not disappoint you today. This will be the shortest Speech in the long history of Bishops Speech Days. In conclusion therefore I would like to give you a brief summary of what I would like to have said, but didn't!

Schools are busy places – we all know that. Bishops is one, if not the busiest school in the world. We all know that too. And it seems to get busier by the year. The calendar grows and we never leave anything behind. This is mostly good as busy people are happy people, especially growing young men. So what words would I use to report on Bishops in 2012 – I have chosen just 4. They are, business, transition, strength and faith.

In terms of business there is no doubt that the world and SA are living in tough times. However, Bishops has had an extremely successful year. The school is at maximum enrolment and waiting lists are long. We must continue to strive to keep our standards high and our improvements con-

tinuous. We have exciting projects planned for the next couple of years including: The purchase of the land at the school entrance to preserve our entrance; The reconstruction and alterations to the Jagger Hall at the Prep School; The construction of the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Nets; The construction of the Woodlands Project at the College entrance, which will provide a home for the OD Union and Bishops Trust, house the Museum and school archives and provide much needed change rooms and additional facilities for both spectators and players on the Hockey Astroturf and adjacent rugby and cricket pitches.

In terms of transition, I am happy with the selection of Guy Pearson as my successor. We have a good succession plan in place and there are exciting plans in place for the next few years of this transition while Guy gets to understand Bishops and make his mark. Transition of a Principal is one thing, but we also have had to deal with the transition of Housemasters and other staff, who for various reasons have come to the end of retirement cycles or sought challenges afresh. We thank them all for their great contributions to Bishops.

We have had to be strong this year as we have lost many good people and the list is long. I mention but a few: Andrew Meddick (Grade 10); Nick Tishendorf (Staff); legendary teachers: Charles Currey, and legendary ODs: Rev Trevor Tyers, Hammie van Breda to mention just a few. The list is long and Terry Wilke, our School Chaplain, was involved in over 20 funerals services in our Chapels this year. Close to our family was the passing of John Self, OD and Vice President of the OD Union. He was also Rosemary's uncle. I would like to publicly announce and thank his family for the generous bequest of R1 million which will enable us to present the John Self Music Scholarship in his honour in perpetuity. In all such circumstances and particularly in 2012 we have needed to dig deep in our faith and the faith on which Bishop Gray founded this school. I don't think we have been perfect but then in all humility I do feel that we have tried our best.

So, now as I conclude may I thank you for the opportunity, not only of reporting to you today, but for loving and caring for both Rosemary and me, in what seems like a fleeting chance to hold the reins of this great institution. We have loved our last eleven and what will be nearly 12 years when we hand on the baton in January 2013 we are honoured and most grateful. Bishops is like a finely tuned musical instrument – it is beautiful but needs re-tuning every now and again. Bishops is like a supremely fit athlete, ready to perform but needs training and rest now and again. I end by sharing with you what I have learned about this great school as I have walked the corridors, sat in meetings, watched the sport, the drama and listened to the music. 3 things!

**BISHOPS IS ABOUT TEACHERS and LEGENDS:** My father-in-law Herby Selfe (OD) and Deputy Headmaster of Bishops Prep was really my first contact with Bishops. Through him we met Anthony Mallett and Vivienne – we were married in St Thomas's Church and our wedding photographs were taken in Vivienne's Garden – little did we know that we would one day live many happy years in the beautiful home for the Principal of Bishops. Teachers are also finely tuned and need to find the delicate balance between Legends, load, overload, service and family. Not easy in a school like this but I would like to thank them all because in my mind they are all legends – each one of them make up the beautiful orchestra of teachers who mould the brains, the souls, the spirits and emotions of the boys and parents of Bishops. Teachers also rely heavily on

administrative and support staff and I would ask you to please join me in acknowledging their efforts. I would like to thank a few legends in particular as they have supported me through my years here. There is John Charlton and Ed Milne, - I spent my last night as a bachelor staying in his house and forgetting the ring after a serious Champagne breakfast produced by Willow. I met Wilke, and know how many lives he touched. Then there were John Gardener, Basil Bey, Paul Dobson, Brian de Kock, who took our wedding video, Peter Lemmy, Alan Douglas and so the list goes on. The modern legends and here the list gets long but I include Midge Hilton Green, Headmaster of Bishops Prep, Michael King, Tim Hamilton-Smith, Marcus Bizony, Peter Westwood, Rob Riches, Mike Bromfield and Andre Jacobs who served faithfully as Deputies, Trevor Tyers, Martin Coomer and Terry Wilke who prayerfully guided me as we led Bishops in the first decade of 21st century. I would ask you to please join me in acknowledging their efforts and thanking them.

Teachers also rely heavily on The College Council, administrative and support staff. There were legendary Chairs of Council, David Carter, James McGregor and Geoff Everingham, who carried on the loyal work of the servants who walked before them together with Debbie Morton and Mukesh Govan, our Finance Department who always gave extraordinary dedication to duty. I could mention many more, Wendy van Heerden, Felicity Clemence, Charles Tulwana, Richard Khontyo and Brad Strauss come to mind, and I know that all add to the great spirit of Bishops. There are many more, but before my commitment to time moves me on to my second point may I acknowledge my incredible gratitude to three people without whom I would have fallen many times

My Deputy, right hand, left hand, right brain and left. A man who has served Bishops for 25 years loyally and brilliantly. I thank Michael King from the bottom of my heart and ask you to acknowledge him and applaud him for his incredible support of me and contribution to Bishops. Thank you Michael, and thank you, Lizzie.

The other two are quiet ladies, who understand people and the daily intricacies and complexities of Bishops. I have relied heavily on their tough love of people, their fairness and their thoroughness. Di Murray is one name, unknown to many of you, but I would like to thank her most sincerely. Thank you Di. The other is my loving wife Rosemary. She knows me better than any of you and she probably knows Bishops better than any of you. She was born here and has led me gently through the cauldron. Please join me in thanking her.

The next thing I have learned about Bishops is that: **BISHOPS IS ABOUT LEARNING THE LESSONS OF LIFE: *I know curriculum and examinations are important, so is sport and music and many other activities but more important are these four lessons in life learned at Bishops:***

■ **Lesson Number 1:** One of the qualities I like best about Bishops is the unashamedly high expectation around excellence. But what Bishops teaches best is the delicate balance between excellence, competence, confidence and arrogance. We don't always get it right and I often hear from the broader community that Bishops and Bishops boys are arrogant. Certainly some are, but the majority have learned that delicate balance. Some of course are also labelled arrogant through the jealousy of others who don't achieve the same level of excellence. My dream for Bishops, and I'm sure so is yours that this balance is achieved through humility. I think we are getting better.



■ **Lesson Number 2:** The running game. I know that this is the classic trade mark of Bishops Rugby and I trust it will never change. But the running game applies to so much more than rugby. It is about life. Play by the sword, win by the sword and die by the sword. We need to teach boys how to take risks, sensible ones and live with consequences. Let your imagination run and we encourage young men to be creative non conformists in a world where entrepreneurs, not corporations will define our future.

■ **Lesson Number 3:** Bishops boys learn BMT – Big match temperament. You learn BMT by playing in the big league, sometimes winning, often losing. Bishops boys however, and I've seen it so often, rise to the heights of a big occasion. We must always play in the big league or this skill will be diluted.

■ **The last lesson – Number 4:** Learn to be a tall tree. People connected to Bishops in any way quickly learn that tall trees catch the wind. They learn to stop whining about it. You have to learn the balance between euphoria, stress, change and sometimes tragic disappointment and harsh criticism. I certainly have felt the cauldron of Bishops as I lived through: The celebrations of excellence in an environment of all-roundedness; The delight of our competitors when we lose; The stalking of the press and other media; A totally overloaded calendar; The challenges of change, diversity and transformation; The harshness of that evil and cowardly anonymous letter in 2008; The untimely deaths of colleagues, Rick Skeeles and Mark Hanley, coupled with the tragic suicide of Ryan Taylor in his Grade 9 year.

Bishops prepares us all for the helter-skelter world of the 21st century. At Bishops you learn to be a tall tree.

The last thing I have learned about Bishops is that: **BISHOPS IS ABOUT LOVING:** I have come to a greater understand of the word 'love' in my years at Bishops. I have always had a fair understanding about the love of parents, families and children. The love of the Lord and love as described in the gospels. But I also know now the deep loves which exists between boys and their mates. That strong bond where loyalty is sometimes challenged by the truth and the bond which cries "never bust your mates". I understand it but don't always agree with it. It is an age old torment, but I certainly understand that concept of love at Bishops. But again love of your mates is a delicate balance between respect, tradition, power, service and leadership. We don't always get it right, usually because you demand respect through power and privilege rather than serving to lead. I believe though we have made great strides in the last 10 years in the area of servant leadership and I trust this might just be the one hallmark of my years as Principal. I understand your love of your school and your OD Union. It is precious and Rosemary and I have been greatly privileged to part of your love. I have often tried to define it and recently, thanks to the journal produced by the class of '62, I found a passage in the March Edition of the 1927 School Magazine which gives a summary of the Report given by Canon Birt at the Prize Giving on 15 December 1926. It is still true today and I know it because I have lived it for the past nearly 12 years. I quote from the report.

"What is the spell of Bishops?" asked Mr Birt the Principal of the College, in his annual report read at the prize-giving. He endeavoured to analyse it. "We may fairly say that Bishops has developed some characteristics of its own," said Mr. Birt. But "There is one in particular, not absent,

it is true, from the history of other schools, but prominent in the history of this one to a degree that is quite remarkable. That characteristic is the intense loyalty and, affection, which Bishops has always inspired. "From the earliest days successive generations of masters and boys - and indeed of parents too - have been touched as by the mysterious influence of a spell!" That may seem a fanciful expression, yet it comes very near the truth. That spirit, that influence, that spell, call it what we may, or explain it as we may, is a living reality. The Bishops people of old felt it; we feel it in the present generation. "Hundreds not here to-day would agree that Bishops has a unique attraction for them, even though they may be unable either to analyse or explain the causes. Bishops people have always believed in the destiny of Bishops and have not hesitated to give expression to that belief." In conclusion, Mr. Birt mentioned that 20 candidates out of 38 passed 1925 matriculation and 35 out of 49 passed the J.C. exam the same year. I am pleased to report much improvement in 2012!

I would like to thank you for the honour of addressing you this morning and for according both Rosemary and me the honour of leading you for a short period of your history, or can I now say our history? I end, as I always do, by wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas with your families. I urge you to increase your determination and make this world, your family and this school a centre for Christ and His work. Be willing to spend yourself in His service rather than selfishly claiming your rights, and above all never lose your sense of wonder at the magnificence of life and the dignity of your fellow men and women. To all of you I say: go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy.

### HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS – MR VERNON WOOD

Minister Grant, Mr and Mrs Bosman, Mr and Mrs Nupen, Mr and Mrs King, members of Council, special guests, colleagues, parents and young men of Bishops.

My parents recently gave us, their 4 children, our original report cards they had been storing for years. Of course, one cannot resist reading through them again and reminiscing. Possibly my most pleasing comment, made in 1968 by my Std 1 teacher, Miss Watters, was that she thought I had a delightful sense of humour. Probably my worst comment was made in 1974 by my Std 7 class teacher, Mr Breetzke, who wrote: "Vernon has maintained his 7th position in class and appears to be working hard. Maybe because this is because he complains so much in class that one expects him to do far worse! Nevertheless I think he has the ability to improve in Geography." Since I went on to become a Geography teacher, things must have improved and perhaps my headmaster saw something in me because by 1976 he wrote: "A most pleasing report. Vernon should make a great success of his future career after he matriculates."

As 2012 draws to an end it is time to reflect on the activities of the College and opportune to compile a report



*Mr Vernon Wood*

card on ourselves as a school community. I wonder what we will say about the 2012 report in 30 or 40 years time? At the beginning of the year each of the pillar heads set a number of goals for their respective divisions in the school. The academic pillar set out to and did indeed finalise the academic vision for the school, an important document which will drive developments into the future. Revisions were made to our academic reports to parents in an attempt to avoid unnecessary repetition. The revisions were appreciated by staff and if they went unnoticed by parents then that was a sign of their success. A decision has been made to bring forward the implementation of laptops to June of the grade 8 year from 2013 onwards. Research revealed that 1/3rd of grade 8 had laptops by midway through 2012 anyway and so it made sense (although staff acknowledge it wasn't a simple decision) to optimise their use by introducing them into the classroom earlier. Mr King conducted a review of ipads against laptops and found that laptops were still the optimal device to use in a Bishops College classroom at the moment. With the rapid improvements in technology this is a decision we will revisit regularly. Mr Bizony conducted research which sought to review our decision to write the Department of Basic Education exams as opposed to the IEB exams. We have decided to stay with the present dispensation. I'm also pleased to announce that we have been able to increase the number of classrooms available to us in January 2013 by two through some relatively inexpensive changes which are happening to the former Post Matric block at the moment. A new venue for the post matrics has been created in the Kidd house annex and all the BSU activities are now housed in a single building. I will shortly be referring to academic staff that will be leaving us at the end of the year, but it's worth reflecting at this point that Bishops remains a highly desirable school at which to teach with our having received over 100 applicants for each of the posts we have recently advertised and filled. The pastoral division of the school has also had a busy year with the imminent retirement of 4 house directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Messrs Sudding, Ledwidge, Firth and Norton for the wonderful jobs they have done in their respective houses over the past 10 years. The houses are in incredibly good shape all round and I know their successors are pleased to be taking over from a position of strength. I am sure you join me in congratulating Mrs Bradley and Messrs Wallace, Wrench and Mallett on their appointments as house directors. Our congratulations go also to the newly appointed assistant house directors appointed to replace them: Mrs Campbell, Mr Steyn and Mr Nolte. Last term the very successful alcohol booklet was relaunched to the 15 schools that were part of the first initiative launched over 5 years ago. The booklet has been revamped to reflect changes in legislation and modern practice and our hope is that the messages contained in the booklet will be taken to heart by every teenager to whom they are distributed. Of course the hot topic in the school at the moment is the modernising of the senior/junior relationship to ensure we comply with the constitution and the laws of the country and, perhaps most importantly, to ensure that we as a school remain at the leading edge of educational best practice in this country. International research has shown us that there are aspects of top South African schools that are years behind international best practice and it is important that we adjust without losing our identity or character as a school, but rather by adding further value to the education offered at Bishops. Next year poses a wonderful challenge for the 2013 matrics. The matrics of 2012 have set an incredibly high standard through

their conduct and attitude. I challenge the 2013 matrics to emulate their predecessors as they embrace the adjustments and seek to leave a legacy of which they can be proud.

Much progress has been made with plans for the development of further facilities at Bishops. Building on the new indoor cricket nets should start before year-end and plans for the Woodlands Pavilion are at an advanced stage. An engineer has done a study on what will be required to heat the water polo pool to allow pre-season training in our own pool. We intend pursuing this matter in the short term. I often say what a privilege it is to make announcements in assembly. I have reviewed assembly notices over the past 12 months and can report that since the last prize-giving 15 boys have received SA colours and 39 WP colours in Sport. 6 have received SA colours and 7 provincial colours in non sporting activities. 4 boys were awarded academic jerseys and 51 academic ties. Full colours were awarded to 48 boys and half colours to 57. 12 All Rounders Ties were awarded and 7 boys achieved gold standard in the Presidents Awards. 7 Gold medals were won at Expos and we won the UCT Maths competition for the 5th time in succession, giving a total of 15 wins in the 26 years of the competition. None of these achievements are achieved in isolation. SA schools players require a team to play with them weekly in order to develop their skills. Competition for places is achieved through the depth we are privileged to have in nearly every sport in which we participate. Successes in Expos and Eisteddfods and The Presidents Awards and Community Outreach programmes and Olympiads are achieved with enormous effort from individuals and those that surround them. My thanks go to all the boys for the effort you put into all that you do. Whether you were playing for the under 14 D cricket team in a knockout tournament under lights or strutting your stuff on a field at Lut as either a player or First Aider or AV crew member supporting the athletics, your contribution to the success of this school was important and I salute you. Just like my own report card, this does not mean that everything is perfect and I believe the next telling issues we need to address are the need to develop a more deep seated respect for females and the issue of cyber abuse.

As I conclude I would like to acknowledge and thank all parents for the role you have played in the success of the school and of your son, in particular. I acknowledge too the tireless efforts of the entire staff in ensuring we remain a dynamic and relevant institution. In this regard I would like to pay particular tribute to those who will be leaving the staff at the end of the year. Mrs Aneen Kritzinger has been with us a 2 short years, but in that time she has made a remarkable difference to the Xhosa department through instilling an academic rigour that will benefit all those who follow her. We wish her well at her new school. Mrs Janice van Tonder joined the staff 15 years ago and retires at the end of this year. Janice has been a pleasure to have as a colleague and we have appreciated the warmth she has brought to the library over the years. The library, under her direction, continues to be a space that is well utilised throughout the day and is appreciated by a large number of boys. I am pleased to announce today that Mr Gerry Noel will be remaining at Bishops and has agreed to take over responsibility for the library in the new year. Grant Norton joined Bishops 14 years ago, but his association with the school goes back many more years than that. His involvement in Bishops is diverse and legendary, but he will probably be best remembered for the enormous dedication, experience and enthusiasm he brought to cricket at the school. Under his



leadership the 1st XI has had an incredible run of success, not only in terms of results, but in terms of player development too. His influence will be missed as he moves to Stanford Lake College near Tzaneen at the end of this year and we wish him and his family well with the new challenge.

Mr Bosman has already paid tribute to Grant Nupen and Mike King. However, at this formal gathering of the entire school community I would like to record the thanks of the staff and boys for all that Grant and Mike have done for this school. The deep respect we feel for both of them is testimony to their illustrious careers in education. We salute and thank both of you this morning and wish you well in retirement. As important as it is to look back and review, it is also critical that we look forward. We congratulate the Council on appointing Guy Pearson as the next Principal of Bishops and look forward to working with him in 2013. I'm sure those who reflect on this report in 40 years time will agree that the school was in good shape in 2012 although they may wonder what an iPad was.

### HEAD OF SCHOOL'S ADDRESS – SEBASTIAAN REMMELZWAAL

Good morning Minister Grant, Mr and Mrs Nupen, Mr and Mrs Bosman Mr and Mrs King, Mr and Mrs Wood, members of council, distinguished guests, staff, parents, family and of course, young men of Bishops.

A school blazer is a curious thing. Back in at the beginning of your Grade 8 year, you buy it big with the intention of filling it out by the time you get to matric. Of course on your first day of school, you look utterly ridiculous – a small boy running around in a navy trench coat five sizes too big for him. As the years go by though, you yourself grow up. Sure, it's not yet a perfect fit and by this time, your precious blazer has no doubt suffered numerous food stains, survived one or two close encounters with wet paint and almost certainly lost a few buttons. If you look after it well enough though, you'll find that it's this same blazer that will be stitched full of colours by the time you reach your senior years. Your blazer forms part of your identity and acts as



*Head of School, Sebastiaan Remmelzwaal.*

symbolic evidence of your achievements over your time at the college. And then, at the end of your matric year, just when your blazer fits perfectly, the time comes for you to move on – to hang it up and begin a new chapter in life outside of school. In a way, a school blazer isn't very much unlike a lesson I've learnt over my time at Bishops – a lesson regarding the danger of complacency and furthermore the importance of fulfilling one's potential. As individuals, we are innately drawn towards this pursuit of excellence. But sometimes, excellence just isn't enough. We are part of a society that is changing constantly - a dynamic world in which social norms and the standard of excellence changes from year to year. What may be considered praiseworthy one day, may be seen as mediocre or even unacceptable the next. If we as individuals want to be on the cutting edge of excellence, we do not only need to be striving to meet the standards of excellence today, but we also need to be open-minded enough to acknowledge the change that tomorrow promises to bring. Leaders cannot afford to be complacent. Ignorance of the change the future will imminently bring is no longer an excuse. But the danger of complacency does not only apply to us as individuals and what better example is there of an establishment that has embraced change with the same permissiveness that Bishops has shown in order to become the esteemed institution we know it as today? As part of the greater family of Bishops, we should take pride in the fact that this school itself is a leader in the truest sense of the word. For our college was not built upon 163 years of complacency or mindless conformity.

2012 was a year in which the matric class took yet another bold step in the history of our school. We decided that this would be a year in which we would seek to challenge that which claimed to be Bishops - to question that, which had until now had hidden under the pretence of untouchable tradition. We made it our duty to spark a change in the mindset of the college regarding how this school approaches the idea of respect – namely how we interact with our neighbouring schools as well as the relationships between boys and staff within the college itself. On both fronts, we discovered two things: Firstly, change is hard and much easier dreamed than done. To see a change in the ethos of an establishment as old and as complex as our school, one cannot merely flick a single switch and expect a miraculous change to happen. The issue in question is never quite as simple as it seems because the nature of relationships – both intra and inter schools – is determined by a multitude of factors – all of which need to be considered in isolation. Secondly, change takes time. I won't for a second try and claim that 2012 was a year in which we managed to resolve the issues we identified at the beginning of the year. However, I do hope that 2012 will be remembered as the 'catalyst year' from which real change manifested.

Grade 11s, this is it. Today essentially marks the beginning of your matric year. A part of me envies you. What with the issues that have surfaced over the last few months, 2013 has the potential to be a pivotal year in the history of Bishops – a year of real change with you as the leaders. It is your turn to ask yourselves the question: "How will we be remembered? What legacy will we, as the matrics of 2013 leave behind?" As a school we need to continue to keep pushing new boundaries. As leaders you have a duty to be critical. Criticism, if expressed correctly is fundamental in times of change. That being said, criticism is only useful when complemented with an open mind. It's important to take heart from this year's successes and even more so to learn from its mistakes. Make

the most of your final year and jump straight in for it all goes by in the blink of an eye.

2012 has been a year full of phenomenal highs although it has not been without its disappointments – perhaps the most shocking being the tragic passing of one of our own, Andrew Meddick. His death has pierced the very heart of our College and it is difficult to imagine when these scars will completely disappear - if they ever do. Despite its fair share of lows, Bishops has displayed an extraordinary amount of resilience. This was most notably demonstrated by the considerable success of the Eisteddfod this year. The undefeated 1st XI Hockey team will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the greatest sides this school has ever seen. Although this same accolade may not apply to our 1st team Rugby or Water Polo teams, we can most certainly applaud the resolute determination shown by both of these teams to retain their pride as highly competitive schoolboy outfits by managing to turn around potentially disastrous seasons. In addition, we've had boys represent South Africa in a host of sporting and cultural activities including rowing, hockey, sailing, fencing, ice-hockey, chess, debating, science expo and public speaking. As if this international exposure is not enough, the number of outgoing school tours this year has been quite staggering with boys participating in sports tours such as water polo, hockey, rugby, cricket, golf, the Simply Blue tour to Greece, the cultural tour to Israel, the French tour and in the performances of our production *Biloxi Blues* at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

One does not have to venture too far off campus to realise that we, as matrices of Bishops College



(L-R) Karin, Kristen, Leen, Catherine and Bastiaan Remmelzwaal.

are unbelievably privileged to have spent the last five years such an exclusive institution such as our beloved college. We are most fortunate among men. The matric charity fund of 2012 is but a small gesture that we as Bishops boys recognise that we have a responsibility to give back to our community. This year, the matrics have chosen to support the Khethani Christian School in Kwazulu Natal. Khethani is itself run by an OD and so already has ties with Bishops. We hope that our decision to sponsor the building of a new wing of classrooms as well as to assist in setting up a school website will go a long way to strengthen these bonds for the future. Although, there is little the matrics of 2012 can do to express our full gratitude towards the Bishops family we hope that the matric gift will serve as a mere token of our appreciation to the school – and more specifically to the staff body that has guided us throughout this incredible journey. The unveiling of the new lectern in the Memorial Chapel will happen in due course.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the important role of the parent body of Bishops. In particular I'd like to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of the matrics class of 2012 to the Matric Parents Committee. I don't think we will ever really understand the full extent of your effort to ensure that our last 12 months went as smoothly they did. Apart from the planning and organisation of the Matric Mothers and Sons Lunch, a highly enjoyable Matric Dance and our Matric Yearbook, I'm sure that there are countless other issues that you kept under wraps but that were just as important to the success of this year.

While I have the microphone, I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank my own family. I've heard it said there are very few people in life that truthfully have your own best interests at heart and your parents are part of this minority. It's taken some time for me to realise this, but after all they have done for me in the past 12 months, I couldn't agree more. So, I'd like to thank my mother Catherine, my father Bastiaan, my sister Karin, my brother Leen and my sister-in-law Kristen for all of their love and support over the past year and more. I love you all.

Matrics, this may sound strange, but I actually hesitate to say what an honour and a privilege it has been for me to lead you this year. I'm not saying that it hasn't been an honour or a privilege, but rather, I just don't believe that those words can even come close to fully expressing the true measure of my emotions. As a grade you have been supportive of me and of each other, you've been mature, full of *gees* and you've displayed just enough mischief not to set the school on fire but enough still to keep the staffroom gossip ticking over and to keep me on the balls of my feet. Furthermore, I'd like to thank the Heads of Houses and their deputies for demonstrating such prowess in their leadership throughout the year. In particular, I want to commend my deputies James and Oliver. Your willingness to serve your respective houses and the school has been inspirational and although delegating has never been one of my strengths, your advice at crucial times throughout the year has



***Mr Mike Bosman welcomes Sebastiaan Remmelzwaal into the OD Union.***



been priceless. It has been a humbling experience to lead alongside you both.

And so with that, Bishops, I bid you farewell. This time last year, I gave you my word that I would uphold and exemplify all that you have taught me over my years at the college – lessons of faith, of loyalty, of the pursuit of excellence and of leaving a legacy. I hope for your sake, that I have done myself proud. *Pro fide et patria. Thank you.*

## ACADEMIC PRIZES 2012

### GRADE EIGHT

#### Daniel Tate

*Grade Prize 1st, Science Prize, History Prize, An OD's Mathematics Prize (shared), Life Orientation Prize (shared), French Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Nicholas Janisch

*Grade Prize 2nd, Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared), Practical Music Course Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Luke Baker

*Grade Prize 3rd, Afrikaans Prize, An OD's Mathematics Prize (shared), Biology Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Ahmed Dhansay

*Geography Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

#### Tyger Thompson

*Xhosa Prize (shared), The Junior General Knowledge Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Theuns Kuhn

*Technology Prize, Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

#### Francois Stassen

*Life Orientation Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

#### Christopher Pringle

*Drama Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Ziyaad Bawa

*English Prize, General Good Effort*

#### Jonathan Rossouw

*Geography Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

#### Christian Stehlik

*Art Prize*

#### Dylan Burke

*Non-practical Music Course Prize*

#### Musa Nyangiwe

*Xhosa Prize (shared)*

#### Nikolai Piotrowski

*The Headmaster's Junior English Speech Prize*

#### Tariq Dawray

*General Good Effort*

#### Nathan Fleming

*General Good Effort*

#### Lloyd Jones

*General Good Effort*

#### Robert Lancefield

*General Good Effort*

#### Carl-Phillip Lehmann

*General Good Effort*

#### Christopher Mailer

*General Good Effort*



**Mr Marcus Bizony (Deputy Headmaster: Academics) looks on as Mrs Rosemary Nupen hands out the prizes**

**Stuart Mesham**  
**Alexander Peile**  
**Drew Turpin**  
**Nicholas Viljoen**  
**Anton Volkel**

*General Good Effort*  
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## SPECIAL MENTIONS

English  
 Afrikaans  
 Xhosa  
 French  
 Mathematics  
 Life Orientation  
 Science  
 Biology  
 History  
 Geography  
 EMS  
 Technology  
 Art  
 Drama  
 Music

**Daniel Tate; Stuart Mesham; Nicholas Janisch**  
**Theuns Kuhn; Nicholas Viljoen; Carl-Phillip Lehmann**  
**Boyd Kane; Akha Manjezi**  
**Jean Pienaar; Roch Allafranchino**  
**Jonathan Rossouw; Nicholas Janisch**  
**Nicholas Janisch; Luke Baker**  
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**Nicholas Janisch; Ahmed Dhansay**  
**Nicholas Janisch; Christopher Pringle**  
**Daniel Tate; Nicholas Janisch**  
**Tariq Dawray; Jonathan Rossouw**  
**Christian Stehlik; Boyd Kane**  
**Boyd Kane; Anton Volkel**  
**Robert Lancefield; Nicholas Proudfoot**  
**Brandon van der Westhuizen; Luke Baker**

## GRADE NINE

**Liam Cook**

*Grade Prize 1st, French Prize, English Prize (shared), Biology Prize (shared), Geography Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

**Josh Knipe**

*Grade Prize 2nd, Afrikaans Prize, History Prize, Economic and Management Sciences Prize, Geography Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

**Michael Thomson**

*Grade Prize 3rd, Art Prize, Science Prize, The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies, General Good Effort*

**Soo-Min Lee**

*Mathematics Prize, Practical Music Course Prize (shared), Life Orientation Prize, General Good Effort*

**Josua Joubert**

*Technology Prize, Die Junior J.S.M. Viljoen Skrywersprys, General Good Effort*

**Stefan Ranoszek**

*Biology Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

**Christian Cotchobos**

*English Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

**Rhiyaan Smith**

*Practical Music Course Prize (shared), General Good Effort*

**Saadiq Brey**

*Non-practical Music Course Prize*

**Edward Murphy**

*Drama Prize*

**Phiwe Mayosi**

*Xhosa Prize*

**Julian Dean-Brown**

*General Good Effort*

<b>Stefan Dominicus</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Daniel Gregory</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Luc Janssens</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Robert Lees</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Dylan Maxwell</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Matthew Morris</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Jonti Oehley</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>James Poole</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Tom Richardson</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Jordan van Tonder</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

English	<b>Dylan Maxwell; Max Gobel; Josh Knipe</b>
Afrikaans	<b>Julian Dean-Brown; Christian Cotchobos; Rhiyaan Smith</b>
Xhosa	<b>Alex Green; Siyakholwa Qamgwana</b>
French	<b>Hamid Toorabally; Josh Knipe; Jeremy Wilkinson</b>
Mathematics	<b>Liam Cook; Michael Thomson; Sam Jeffery</b>
Life Orientation	<b>Jordan van Tonder; Rhiyaan Smith; Stefan Dominicus</b>
Science	<b>Christian Cotchobos; Liam Cook; Josh Knipe</b>
Biology	<b>Josh Knipe; Dylan Maxwell</b>
History	<b>Luc Janssens; Hamid Toorabally; Michael Thomson</b>
Geography	<b>Stefan Ranoszek; Luc Janssens; Michael Thomson</b>
EMS	<b>Kieran Scruton; Jonti Oehley; Julian Dean-Brown</b>
Technology	<b>Liam Cook; Paul-Henri Daron</b>
Art	<b>Liam Cook; Alex Green; Dylan Maxwell</b>
Drama	<b>Jordan van Tonder; Paul-Henri Daron</b>
Music	<b>Daniel Gregory; Matthew Morris</b>

## GRADE TEN

<b>Ihsaan Dawray</b>	<i>Grade Prize 1st (Archbishop West-Jones), Art Prize, Life Orientation Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Daniel Mesham</b>	<i>Grade Prize 2nd, English Prize (shared), The Junior Reading Prize, The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize, Additional Mathematics Prize, Information Technology Prize, Strakosch Prize - Maths, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Thomas Orton</b>	<i>Grade Prize 3rd, The Guy Currie Science Prize, Strakosch Prize - Physical Science, Economics Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Rahul Naidoo</b>	<i>The Hands Memorial Essay Prize, The Andrew Henderson Memorial Biology Prize, Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences</i>
<b>Pule Nkopane</b>	<i>Accounting Prize, General Good Effort</i>

<b>Rhys Farrell</b>	<i>The O.D. Prize for Afrikaans, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Andrew Bodenstein</b>	<i>The Pauling French Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Richard Freund</b>	<i>Xhosa Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Nicholas Cullinan</b>	<i>The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Jonathan Fish</b>	<i>Geography Prize</i>
<b>Justin Carey</b>	<i>Maths Literacy Prize</i>
<b>Lood van Niekerk</b>	<i>The Junior Louis Esselen Welsprekendheidskompetisie</i>
<b>Nicholas Hyslop</b>	<i>Music Prize</i>
<b>Benson Joubert</b>	<i>English Prize (shared)</i>
<b>Callum Bell</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Harshil Govan</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Jamian Heesom-Baron</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Christopher Lea</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Muhammed Razzak</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Rijk Roux</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Simon Thompson</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Graham Welham</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>

## GRADE ELEVEN

<b>Joseph Kahn</b>	<i>Grade Prize 1st, The Edna Hodgson Prize for English, The H.J.Kidd Speech Prize, The English Verse Prize, Science Prize (shared), Strakosch Prize - Physical Science (shared), Music Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Samuel Wolski</b>	<i>Grade Prize 2nd, The Writer's Prize, Science Prize (shared), Strakosch Prize - Physical Science (shared), The Pauling French Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Nevarr Pillay</b>	<i>Grade Prize 3rd, Economics Prize, Additional Mathematics Prize (shared), Information Technology Prize (shared), General Good Effort</i>
<b>John Lanser</b>	<i>Afrikaans Prize, Mathematics Prize, Strakosch Prize - Maths, Geography Prize, Accounting Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Paul Ferrandi</b>	<i>Biology Prize, Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Murray Walters</b>	<i>History Prize, Life Orientation Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Afika Nyati</b>	<i>Xhosa Prize, Art Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Guy Paterson-Jones</b>	<i>Additional Mathematics Prize (shared), The Solomon Prize for Excellence in Competition Mathematics, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Ismail Rawoot</b>	<i>Information Technology Prize (shared), General Good Effort</i>
<b>Ishtiyaaq Rawoot</b>	<i>Information Technology Prize (shared), General Good Effort</i>
<b>Peter Anguria</b>	<i>Maths Literacy Prize (shared)</i>
<b>James Day</b>	<i>Maths Literacy Prize (shared)</i>
<b>Ziyaad Adam</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Andrew Court</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Michael du Plessis</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>



<b>Saleem Firfirey</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Mnotho Makhoba</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Nicholas Marine</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Adam Smith</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Keegan Sutherland</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>

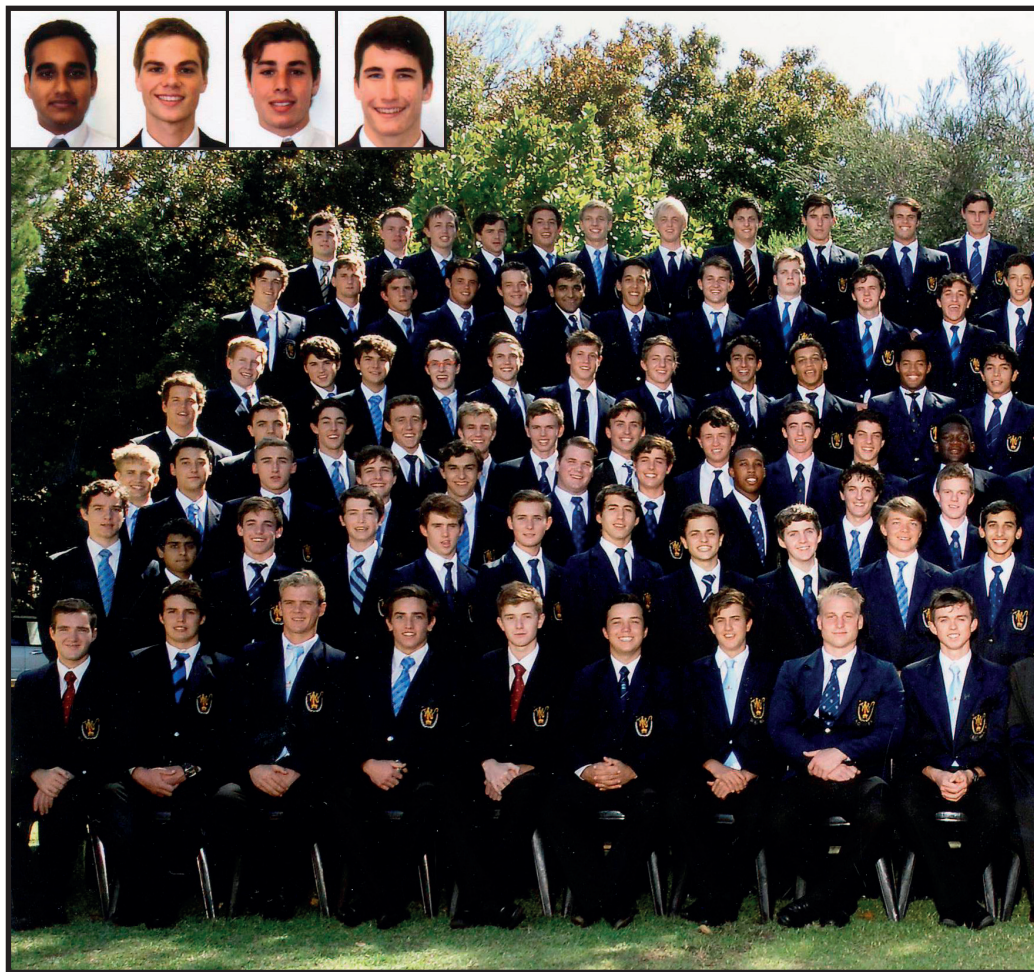
## GRADE TWELVE

<b>Martin Dyer</b>	<i>Grade Prize 1st (shared), Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize, Die Senior J.S.M. Viljoen Skrywersprys, An Old Boy's Prize for Science (shared), The Thresher Prize for Physics, Economics Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Alessio Giuricich</b>	<i>Grade Prize 1st (shared), Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared), Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science, An Old Boy's Prize for Science (shared), Victor Lewis Prize for Biology, Helen Liddell Geography Prize, Life Orientation Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Ethan Gray</b>	<i>Grade Prize 2nd, Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize (shared), Visual Arts Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Emile Nauta</b>	<i>Grade Prize 3rd, First Pauling French Prize (shared)</i>
<b>Taahir Matthews</b>	<i>Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared), Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Additional Maths, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Prize for Maths and Accounting, Accounting Prize</i>
<b>Paul Freund</b>	<i>Stanley Clarke History Prize, The Warham Searle Prize for Southern African History, Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History</i>
<b>Jack Nebe</b>	<i>Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research, The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading</i>
<b>Daniel Potgieter</b>	<i>Music Prize, The Senior Louis Esselen Welsprekendheidskompetisie</i>
<b>Roberto Aldera</b>	<i>Information Technology Prize, General Good Effort</i>
<b>Andrew George</b>	<i>Maths Literacy Prize</i>
<b>Charles Mackenzie</b>	<i>Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer</i>
<b>Declan Manca</b>	<i>Michael Cameron Computer Prize</i>
<b>Matthew How Saw Keng</b>	<i>First Pauling French Prize (shared)</i>
<b>Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal</b>	<i>Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize (shared)</i>
<b>Jordan Apperley</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Jonathan Black</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Nicholas Campbell</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Kishan Chagan</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Adrian Farrell</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Aidan Horn</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Timothy Olds</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Joseph Oliver</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>
<b>Neil Robertson</b>	<i>General Good Effort</i>

**OTHER SPECIAL PRIZES**

<b>Thomas Vidal</b>	<i>Rembrandt van Rijn Medal</i>
<b>Oliver Marr</b>	<i>Leonardo da Vinci Medal</i>
<b>Afika Nyati</b>	<i>The Sam Butler Drawing Prize</i>
<b>Joshua Hewitson</b>	<i>The Pierneef Cup for Art</i>
<b>Neil Robertson</b>	<i>The Brian Guillemard Prize for Major Contribution to Music in the School</i>
	<i>The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir</i>
	<i>The Sholto Cole Organ Trophy</i>
	<i>The Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble (shared)</i>
<b>Daniel Potgieter</b>	<i>The Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble (shared)</i>
	<i>Instrumentalist's Prize</i>
<b>Shaun Janse van Vuuren</b>	<i>The Prize for the Most Improved Musician</i>
<b>Sergio Marais</b>	<i>The Piano Prize</i>
<b>Sean Pitcher</b>	<i>Rotary Club of Claremont 'Service Above Self' Award</i>
<b>Greg Rawbone-Viljoen</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
<b>Daniel Potgieter</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
<b>Egor Arkhipov</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
<b>Joseph Oliver</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
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<b>Jack Nebe</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
<b>Henry Simpson</b>	<i>Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness</i>
<b>Laurence Hill</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Tim Allan</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Grant Soll</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Oli Burt</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Daniel Mesham</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Simon Thompson</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Nikhal Narismulu</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>James Roche</b>	<i>Thomas Dudley Persse Trophy</i>
<b>Oliver Linley</b>	<i>The Eric Rosenthal General Knowledge Cup</i>
<b>Daniel Potgieter</b>	<i>The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm</i>
<b>Jack Nebe</b>	<i>The George Hodgson Prize</i>
<b>Matthew How Saw Keng</b>	<i>The Philip Stent Trophy</i>
<b>Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal</b>	<i>The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy</i>
<b>James Johnston</b>	<i>The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport</i>
<b>James Drummond</b>	<i>The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport</i>
<b>James van Heerden</b>	<i>The Jamison Prize for Athletics</i>
<b>Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal</b>	<i>The O.D. All-Rounder's Prize</i>
<b>James Johnston</b>	<i>The O.D. Merit Prize</i>

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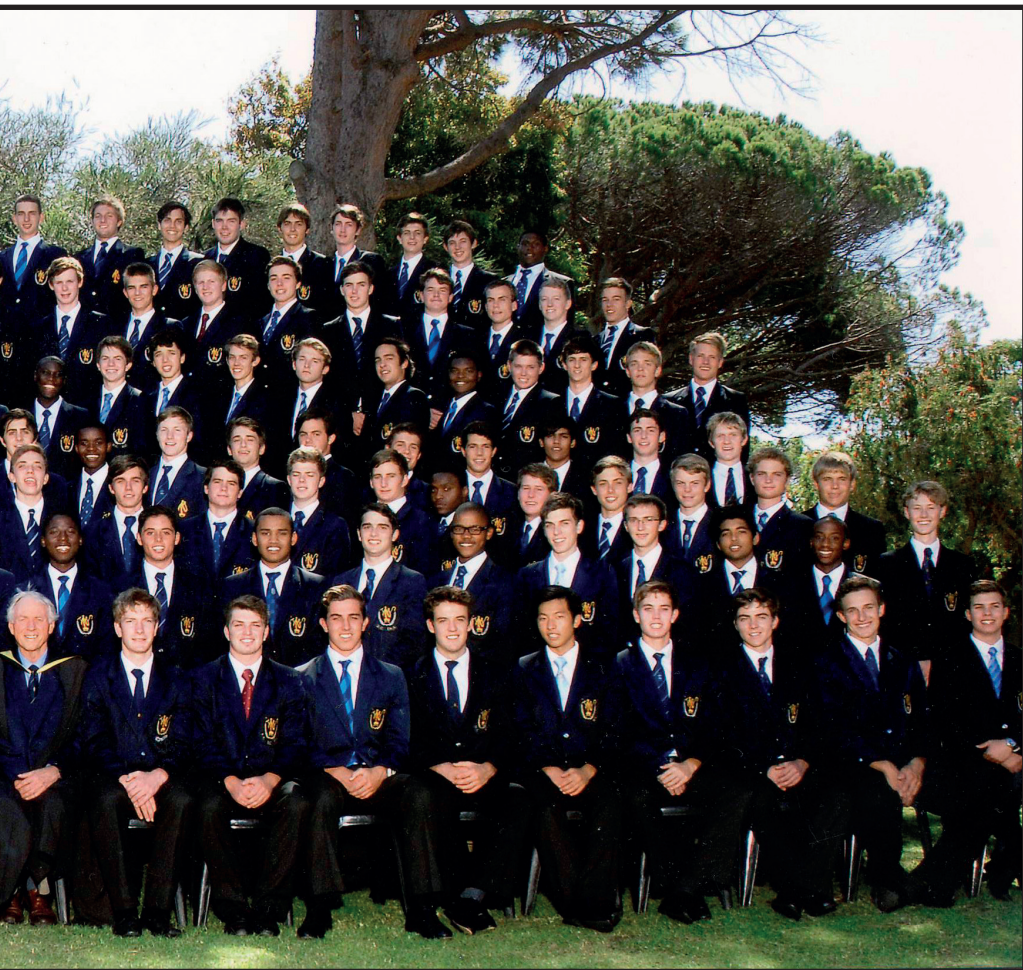
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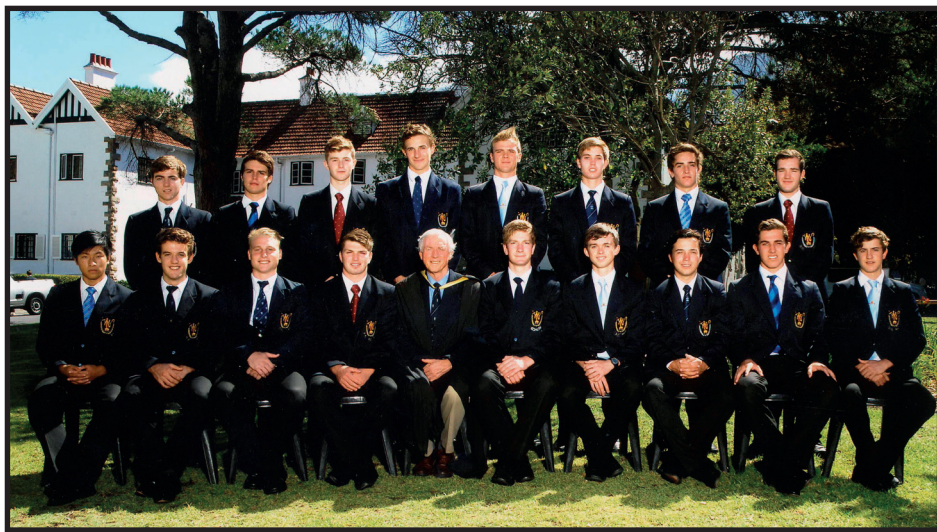
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## HEADS OF HOUSES 2012



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## THE BISHOPS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The Grade 10 Exchange Programme offers our boys the opportunity to spend a term overseas at a variety of schools with whom we have an exchange relationship. Most of our boys go on exchange in the 4th term, but we do accommodate a few boys in the 3rd term. The Programme is popular amongst the boys, but does mean that most boys going on Exchange do not participate in the Epic.

***This year 33 boys were selected for Exchange:***

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*Wanganui Collegiate*

New Zealand

**Byron Meyers**

*Pembroke*

Australia

**Oliver Burt**

*The Scots College*

Australia

**Thomas Van As**

*Haileybury*

England

**Nic Bester**

*King William's College*

Isle of Man

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<b>Michael Wright</b>	<i>St George's School</i>	USA
<b>Graham Welham</b>	<i>St John's School</i>	England
<b>Jonathan Quenet</b>	<i>St Peter's College</i>	Australia
<b>Matthew Kerswill</b>	<i>The King's School</i>	Australia
<b>Pule Nkopane</b>	<i>Mendoza</i>	Argentina
<b>Nicholas Hyslop</b>	<i>Orchard College</i>	Chile
<b>Adam Rothchild</b>	<i>Orchard College</i>	Chile
<b>Matthew Selliers</b>	<i>Ridley College</i>	Canada
<b>Justin Rowe-Roberts</b>	<i>Ridley College</i>	Canada
<b>Pierre Heywood</b>	<i>Hale School</i>	Australia
<b>Alex Gomes</b>	<i>Puerto Varas</i>	Chile
<b>Nikhil Narismulu</b>	<i>Rijnlands Lyceum</i>	Holland
<b>Matthew Reuvers</b>	<i>Rijnlands Lyceum</i>	Holland
<b>Michael Inskip</b>	<i>Woodbridge</i>	England
<b>Jesse Wilensky</b>	<i>Framlingham College</i>	England
<b>Philip Van Biljon</b>	<i>Kents Hill School</i>	USA
<b>Liam Tennis</b>	<i>Episcopal Academy</i>	USA
<b>Jamian Heesom-Baron</b>	<i>Dean Close</i>	England
<b>Richard Freund</b>	<i>Montgomery Bell Academy</i>	USA
<b>Lood van Niekerk</b>	<i>Providence Day School</i>	USA
<b>Reuben Walters</b>	<i>Lancaster County Day School</i>	USA
<b>Ben Kilpin</b>	<i>Christ Church Grammar</i>	Australia
<b>Luke Leach</b>	<i>Culford School</i>	England
<b>Warren Black</b>	<i>Belmont Hill</i>	USA

In the past the school has been able to accommodate all the exchange students coming to Bishops in the boarding Houses, however this is no longer the case. Boys and families thinking of applying for exchange must be prepared to host visiting exchange boys in their own homes.

**Nicholas Hyslop wrote the following letter to his Headmistress at Orchard College before heading for home:** "The last two and a half months have been one of the most life-changing and amazing experiences of my life and I will remember it for the rest of my life. It has taught me some important life lessons and life skills and I am so grateful to have done it. One of the highlights of the trip has definitely been the Galapagos Trip. I only wish it was later on in my exchange so I could get my bearings a little bit before leaving and so the other exchange students could come as well, but it was still a one-in-a-life-time opportunity and I absolutely loved it. I got to see so many amazing things from volcanoes to boobies, and it was also a great opportunity to get to know my classmates. I really felt part of the group by the end and I would do it again a hundred times. Another highlight was the last week holiday for the 18th. I spent it at Lake Vichucen and it really is one of the most beautiful and peaceful places in the world. I really enjoyed being able to relax in the sun, and I loved the jet skiing, water skiing, boating and canoeing. The only downside to that weekend was when I managed to take the skin off my heel. Staying on a farm

was a really different experience for me, especially coming from a big city where there isn't a lot of space. I really enjoyed it though, especially the motor biking on the dirt track that was literally twenty meters from the house. Motor biking has definitely been one of the best experiences coming here, especially since I did it so often. Also, because it's a farm, there are some old cars lying around and we have spent many an afternoon getting it running and driving it through the orchards, which is enormous fun. I actually learnt how to properly drive a car here, although the steering wheel was on the wrong side of the car. Another useful skill learnt here was horse riding, and I really enjoyed it, although I think I'll stick to motorbikes. One of things I really enjoyed about Chile was the barbeques. The way they cook meat here is delicious, and I always full myself to the brim with bread and meat. The people here are also friendly and ready to help, although the language barrier has been a bit offsetting. However, learning Spanish has been really fun, and I think an important skill to take me to later life. I do wish the weather was warmer, and I really wish I could have gone skiing, but those are my only regrets. My exchange family has been really interesting and fun. There are five children, so I got the full family experience, all very loud and very Spanish. The family barbeques have been the most fun, as there are 40 cousins on the one side and 36 on the other, meaning the house is filled with people and laughter and arguments, which kids of all ages running amok. It was really different for me because I come from a smallish family with very little peripheral family (just two cousins from both sides!). But I really enjoyed the new experience and had a good time on every occasion. It hasn't all been laughter and fun though. The passing of Juan Jose and his brothers was a really sad time for everyone, and it was a very tough experience. Although I do believe that it helped me grow as a person and getting through the pain helped me build my character and deal with it. I really pray for them and their mother and I hope that she will be at peace with what's happened. The school has been a new experience for me as well. I come from a very big school with only boys; so coming to a much smaller school with girls and boys has been really different. I do enjoy it here though, as it's a lot more personal and you really get to know everyone much more than back home. And the girls' element adds a whole new flavour, which has been fantastic. I've also enjoyed the sport, with the rugby and football being great fun and a good way to get to know my peers even more and feel part of the community. The Alianzas was also a really new experience and a really enjoyed all three days. However, the school experience that takes the cake has got to be the donkey ride. It was really fun and terrifying at the same time. The perfect initiation I think. All in all though, it has been a truly awesome experience and I have made some great new friends and learnt some greatly important skills and life lessons. Thank you all for an amazing time.'

*Phil Court*

## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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It has been another successful year for The President's Award. 45 Grade 8s joined at Bronze level at the end of last year and 3 of them have already completed their Award: Christian Cotchobos, Marc Munro and Luc Janssens. Well done to them. The most outstanding achievement is Alessio Giuricich who received his Gold Award in March and who is the first Bishops boy in History to have received all 3 levels of the Award. Alessio had completed his Bronze and Silver previously and he is very proud to leave this

legacy. Graham Turnbull and Jamie Battersby went on a community trip to Thailand and Cambodia, and gained much, but have been very discreet about it! They went with a few other pupils from Cape Town and an accompanying teacher from the International School with the Rustic Pathways organisation. Congratulations to the following boys who received their Awards in 2012 at the time of going to print: Bronze level: Graham Turnbull, Jamie Battersby, Stuart Bristow, Ben Malandrinos, Rhys Farrell, Alexander Rohrer, Stuart Miller, Ismail Rawoot, Jez MacIntyre, Lood van Niekerk, Patrick Mitchell, Oliver Dhalluin, Christopher Lea, James Dry, Philip van Biljon, Oliver Burt, Pule Nkopane, Thomas Vidal, Jonathan Fish, James Beningfield, Justin Rowe-Roberts, Christian Cotchobos, Marc Munro, Luc Janssens. Silver level: Daniel Pinn, Callan Gallacher, Tim Wells, Mark Williams, Jefferson Brown, Nicholas Cotchobos, Muhammed Razzak, Pule Nkopane, Thomas van As, Andrew Warren. Gold level: Alessio Giuricich, Aidan Horn, Corbin Betheldo, Daniel Potgieter. I am pleased to announce the following Matric leaders for next year: Jefferson Brown (S), Tim Waterfield (W), Simon Innes (G), Sean van Rensburg (O), Andrew Warren (K), Andrew Court (B) and Justin Fanton (M). Justin Fanton and Ross Christopher have served as the Bishops representatives on the President's Award Youth Committee for 2 years now and will soon be joined by Pule Nkopane and Jamie Battersby. I look forward to an exciting 2013 which marks the 30th anniversary of The President's Award and which should see a very special Gold Award at the end of the year if Prince Edward manages to come to South Africa for the event! I wish all the best to those boys completing their Awards.

*Alexandra van Selm*

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## SURF CLUB

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On Friday the 22nd of September, Bishops Surf Club departed for the thriving metropolis of Elands Baai under the supervision and guidance of Mr Mallett, aka 'Sir Bru' and Mr Noel, 'the hipster'. After a seemingly short and spacious drive listening to 'Low rider' in the Bishops taxi (because, really, it is NOT a bus) and a not-so-slick unpacking, the instant crowd that was the Bishops surf club was off to an incredible start. The four-foot waves were surprisingly uncrowded and they peeled for so long that most of the boys were reduced to hooting, whooping wrecks. When it was too dark to surf, a fire was started and giant-sized portions of spaghetti bolognese were practically inhaled by the ravenous surfers. Stories were told; eyelids began to droop and when the announcement was made that there would be a 5:30am dawn patrol; no one could get to their beds fast enough. At about 5:00 the next morning, the longest train in the world began thundering past the window and the various alarms were rendered useless, because it was still going past at 5:30am. Bed-headed teenagers, two teachers and a very grumpy varsity student (Greg Mallett) huddled round the kitchen table with hot chocolate and rusks trying to shake off the chill of their still-dripping wetsuits. Very soon the empty point was crowded again, but the quality of the waves, despite the prospect of this being impossible, had improved. After a solid session, a greasy fry up was at hand, some more wood was stacked onto the fire and the surfers slowly began to feel their toes again. It took them a while to muster up the courage to move from their seats, but the onshore wind called for a traditional drive up the coast in the hope of eking out a wave. This was pointless, and by the



*The Intrepid Surfers!*

time they got back to Elands, the wind had died down and the waves were once again practically perfect. At this point one needs to take into consideration the fact that the teacher-in-charge was the first team rugby coach and that the Stormers were playing the Griquas, therefore an option was made that whoever wanted to could go and watch the game – well they missed out, because some boys surfed for 5 hours that evening. When it got dark, a braai was started and a cow's worth of meat was cooked. It is amazing though, how much a braai depends firstly on tinfoil (of which

there was none) and secondly, an oven. The oven broke and some impressive improvising was done by various individuals who proceeded to try and fry the mash that the vegetables had become. Whether or not it actually tasted appetising or not will never be known, and everyone was too hungry to care.

The layout of the next day was roughly the same, bar a few things: there was near violence in the water due to an unfortunate and very debatable 'drop in' by yours truly! Waves were found up the coast (this became more of a paddle with a lot of duck diving than a surf) and the wind had unfortunately not dropped by that evening, although the shore break was enough for a short and rather pointless 'expression session'. That night, in order to avoid too much cleaning up the next day, dinner was eaten at the local restaurant, Wit-Mosel Pot and everyone was asleep by the end of the 100m drive back to the chalet. A last surf in more perfect conditions gave the rapid spring clean a cheerful atmosphere and after having to repack the trailer in order to fit everything inside, everyone scrambled into the 'bus' (it was not so spacious on the way back) and after returning to fetch Mr Noel's wallet, the motley crew pulled away from the heavenly place they call Elands Baai and quickly fell asleep, dreaming of the brilliant trip. For many, those were the best surfs of their lives.

*Oli Marr*

## POST MATRIC NEWS

The past two terms have been an emotional period for the Post Matrics, with the year coming to an end and with our different journeys approaching, it is only fitting to cherish every moment that we have as Post Matrics. On the 28th of August 2012 the Bishops Post Matrics embarked on a trip to Lavender High School where our eyes were opened and our perspective on social responsibility changed. We helped the children and seeing their school made us appreciate our fortunes and humbled us all. We left the trip having learnt that not all children are advantaged. The school children all have their own struggles; some escape to drugs others in violence, but some remain positive and have faith that their situation will change. The teachers are very motivational, warm, and inspiring and help the learners every day. We, as Post Matrics, have learnt that anything can be done once you put your mind to it. On the 11th of October we put together an intimate and heart-felt dinner to show appreciation to the Bishops teachers.



We all sat together at a table laughing, sharing memories and reminiscing on the great year that we have all shared. The Post Matrics cooked an amazing meal and delivered speeches. As 2012 comes to an end it is only fitting to thank all our teachers for their effort and positive influence. To Mr Broster: we thank you for being an inspirational teacher and for being in control of all our seminars; Mr Court: we thank you for giving us all the hiking, and abseiling skills which challenged us both mentally and physically; Mr Kieswetter and Dr Warwick: we thank you for your patience; Mr and Mrs Withers: your warm and energetic auras will always stay in our hearts; Mr Knight: thank you for always challenging us and for your support; Mrs Peel: we would not be who we are if it were not for your amazing support and effort. This year has been mentally, emotionally and physically life changing! We have all grown in so many aspects and studying at Bishops has made us all stronger and given us the tools for university. Once again we thank Mr Wood and Bishops for everything! We wish the Post Matrics of 2013 all the best for what will be an amazing year.



*Refilwe thanks Mr Court.*



*Post Matrics Enjoy the End-of-Year Luncheon.*

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**Head of House:** *Max Herberstein*

**Deputy:** *Michael Mynhardt*

The second half of the year in the most prestigious House at Bishops has been extremely eventful and it marks the end of an era. Summer is finally here and although the weather has been foul of late, Founders House has managed to flourish in the last two terms. We bid farewell to many this term. Firstly, the matrics of 2012, who are now official Bishops ODs! A warm thank you and many heartfelt congratulations must go to you all on a fine year of leading Founders. The success of this group can be seen in some of our results. **Tim Olds** lead the House to an unbelievable second position in the Inter House Singing at Eisteddfod. We took second place in the Inter House Soccer and were very successful in the Hockey and Rugby lead by the **Ryall** brothers and **Tim Stirrup** respectively. The incoming matric group of 2013 will certainly take a lot from **Tim** and his boys and try their utmost to live up to, and improve upon, their success. **Grant Norton** is nearing the end of his successful career as House Director of Founders and we thank him for a job well done and hope that his journey will be a very exciting and fruitful one as he leaves us for Limpopo. Our Housemother, **Mrs. Sue Gibson**, is also leaving at the end of this year and judging by the care and compassion she had in looking after us, it is certain that she will succeed in her new chapter. **Mrs. Gibson**, thank you for everything you have done.

Along with the new matrics, **Dave Mallett** will be taking over as House Director and the Grade 11s have already had a chance to meet and discuss the future of Founders with him and **Mr Leon Glavill**. Following discussions, Founders will experience a couple of small changes and we can only look forward to a great year in 2013 under **Mr Mallett's** strong leadership

Congratulations must go to the following who have achieved considerably in and out of the House these past two terms: **Michael Mynhardt** on his appointment as Captain of Swimming for 2013; **Dean Moir**, **Lubelo Scott**, **Zukile Dube** and **James Murphy** on their selection to the WP Touch Rugby team; **Young Hwang** on his full colours award for Karate; **Jeremy Ryall** for making WP Hockey; **Max Herberstein** – U19A WP Water Polo; **Oliver Neill** and **Alistair Kirk** – u19 Boland Water Polo; **Zack Herberstein** – U16A WP Water Polo; **Seamus Murphy** – U16B WP Water Polo; **Liam Neill** – U15A WP Water Polo.

Founders House has clearly shown that it is a House packed with talent; success in academics, music and sport demonstrates this visibly. Floreat Founders!

*Max Herberstein*



## SCHOOL

**House Director:** *Jannie de Villiers*

**Head of House and Deputy Head of School:** *Mnotho Makhoba*

**Deputy:** *Damon Lurie*

It is with a sense of pride and gratitude that we reflect on the past half-year in School House:

**Sport:** Our juniors won Inter House cricket and soccer. **Clyde de Beer** brilliantly scored 111\* in 19 overs. School House made history with a team in every single Inter House 7s final this year. **Herman Share** and **Jo Miller** received full rugby colours while **Floris Groeninx van Zoelen** and **Gregory Alexander** received half-colours. **Nyaki Makgoba** was appointed the Captain of Rowing. The following boys achieved WP colours: **Herman Share** (rugby), **Jarryd Strydom** (hockey), **Brandon Salomo** (water polo) and **Sebastian Prentice** (Boland water polo). Our Tennis team (**Tristan Rusch**, **Shaun Clamp**, **Jarryd Lurie** and **Daniel Gregory**) were unbeaten in the A and B couples and claimed the Inter House tennis championship.

**Culture:** Four boys achieved gold diplomas in Eisteddfod: **Peter Anguria**, **Afika Nyati**, **Obakeng Leseyane** and **Daniel Potgieter**. **Peter Anguria** won the Afrikaans Eisteddfod overall with 8 gold medals and was selected for the St Georges Choir. We had two boys in main roles in the College production of *Biloxi Blues* that was staged at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They were **Daniel Fisher** and **Justin Hedges** who achieved full and half colors, respectively, for their performances. **Daniel Fisher** was announced Best Actor in the Inter House Eisteddfod plays and also landed a role in the movie *Spud 2*. School House boys were appointed as leaders in numerous societies: **Peter Anguria** (Forum Chairman), **Nyaki Makgoba** (Head of Accelerated Art), **Mnotho Makhoba** (African Relations President), **Shaun Clamp** (Philosophy Society Committee member) and **Damon Lurie** (Global Issues Network Chairman and Philosophy Society Committee). **Jefferson Brown** and **Stuart Miller** achieved President's Award, Bronze.



*Junior Inter House Cricket Winners.*



*Junior Inter House Soccer Winners.*



**Academics:** **Liam Cook** and **Daniel Potgieter** achieved academic ties. Top positions in their grade: **Liam Cook** – 1st in Grade 9, **Tim Allan** and **Pule Nkopane** – 5th and 6th, respectively, in Grade 10 and **Afika Nyati** – 8th in Grade 11. **Afika Nyati** was appointed as a member of The Ten Club. **Daniel Gregory** represented Bishops at the SA Eskom Science Expo.



*Confirmation candidates, Rob Landon, Nyakallo Makgoba and Jefferson Brown with Archbishop Thabo Makgoba and Jannie De Villiers.*

**Spirituality:** **Robert Landon**, **Nyaki Makgoba** and **Jefferson Brown**, were confirmed at the Confirmation Service. **Nicholas Kenealy** was appointed as Captain of Bells for 2013.

**Outreach:** We hosted the Elizabethfontein Primary school Grade 7s who visited Bishops and Cape Town in the last weekend of October. The Grade 11 outreach leaders of Founders, White and School House (**Dirk Kotze**, **Daniel Fisher** and **Mnotho Makhoba**), facilitated the programme. **Peter Anguria** was one of the main organizers of the Starfish Concert which raised R12 000 for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Leadership:** Our 2012 matrices demonstrated excellent leadership. The following received leadership awards: Distinction – **Harry Danckwerts**, **Michael West**, **Alex Keyser**, **Tobias Groeninx van Zoelen** and **Daniel Potgieter**. Merit – **Paul Leach**, **Floris Groeninx van Zoelen**. Award – **Tristan Rusch** and **Joe Miller**. The 2013 Head of House is **Mnotho Makhoba** and Deputy Head of House, **Damon Lurie**. The 2013 SRF members are: **Nyakallo Makgoba** (Chairman), **Calven Wilson**, **Jarryd Lurie** and **Siseko Maweyi**.

**General Achievements:** Five Grade 10s were selected for exchange: **Devon Bruiners**, **Paolo Bonavera**, **Pierre Heywood**, **Luke Leach** and **Pule Nkopane**. All Rounder's Ties were awarded to **Peter Anguria** and **Stuart Miller**. Ensemble ties: **Afika Nyati**, **Peter Anguria**. School House had a Pool Tournament and the winners were **Johnny Frost** (junior) and **Dirk Kotze** (senior).

**Thank you:** As we look back on a happy and successful year, we are aware of the support, dedication and care of the School House staff. We thank **Mr De Villiers**, **Mr Walsh**, **Mrs Koegelenberg**, the dorm and catering staff, stooges and tutors for everything they do for us every day. Here's looking forward to a bumper year in 2013!

*Dirk Kotze, Mnotho Makhoba and Damon Lurie*





## WHITE

**House Director:** *Angus Firth*

**Head of House:** *Jaydon Farao*

**Deputy:** *Jack Hanekom*

In the past few years, Culture has not been a strong point for White House, or any boarding House for that matter. So, one understands the overall excitement at the announcement that our House did not receive last place in the Eisteddfod, but scraped 7th place. It was a tough week with highlights in which we saw the extraordinary imagination of **Callan Gallacher** and **James Drummond** and their great sense of humour in the House play and an unexpected event when our head boy, **Seb Rimmelzwaal**, and fellow White House man, stepped onto the stage to belt out a solo in the senior singing. We were proud.

We went into the annual Inter House 7s tournament with reasonably high expectations following the success of coming in second place last year and hoping that this year we would clench first place. The tournament went very well for us and we reached two out of the four finals, U15 and U19A. Both claimed victory over our arch rivals and certain favourites in the U19A section, School House. The Inter House Soccer Tournament did not go as well as expected, losing in the junior division final and getting knocked out early in the senior category. The boys played hard, but next year will hopefully be a different story. Considering the amount of soccer played on our new quad artificial lawn, we were very disappointed.

White House has a good reputation when it comes to hosting the termly 'White House Extravaganza' social for the younger grades, and this year was no exception. **Oliver Belcher** in grade 11 pulled out all the stops and organised a fantastic event. It went so well that we decided to do it again in the 4th term, but this time to donate all proceeds to charity – a healthy sum of R27 000.00 was donated.

In the 3rd term we have our Cultural and Academic Dinner in which we celebrate the achievements of



*Senior Rugby Champions!*

the boys during the year thus far. Many of the grades have improved academically, but the most noteworthy were the Grade 11s who were the most improved House grade in the school. One boy in particular improved his aggregate by a staggering 20%!

The Matric Farewell Dinner went off fabulously with not only a great feast, but a feast of amusing and quality speeches. **Mr Firth's** treated us to a hilarious song he had written – an unsavoury verse on each matric – based on a Southern chant while the audience joined in with the chorus. **Jason Morris** (Head of House) had sage advice for all the stayers, while **Callan Gallagher** and **James Drummond** regaled us with some funny pictures of the matrics. **Callan Gallagher** won the coveted Friendship Award which is voted by the House. All in all a great and well-deserved send off to a very impressive group of matrics who have really done the House proud this year, but also in the five years they have been part of our family. Hikamalaaiashi!!!

*Jaydon Farao*



## GRAY

**House Director:** *Dean Sudding*

**Head of House and Deputy Head of School:** *Saleem Firfirey*

**Deputy:** *Nicholas Marine*

As we are coming to the end of the 2012 academic year, one cannot help as a member of Gray House, to look back at the success achieved by so many, in almost every aspect of school life. The year has flown by under the positive leadership of the 2012 Gray House Matrics, who collectively executed a flawless job leading the House to all of its accolades, some of which cannot be measured by the results of individuals in Sports Days and Eisteddfods, rather by the ongoing ethos of Gray House and constant upholding of the “Gray House Spirit.”

The House has enjoined a fine round of achievements in many aspects of life, with individuals representing their province and country at an extremely high level. We had boys travelling with the outstanding school production *Biloxi Blues* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, singers off to Greece with Simply Blue, and cricketers enjoying a successful (yet slightly rained out!) tour of the UK with **Daniel Russell** averaging an exceptional 55,5 runs per game. **Callum Bell** continued to set the world alight with his extreme swimming which included the prestigious Robben Island swim. **Ian Douglass**, **Adam Van Der Ploeg** and **Nick Ryall** excelled at the Lipton Cup whilst **Christian Cotchobos** represented South Africa in the East in a world Mathematics competition. **Andrew Gebers** was an integral part of the unbeaten First Hockey XI.

In other sporting news, **Sean Douglass** made it into the Western Cape gymnastics team and **Alessandro Lupini** and **Anton Volkel** are also to be congratulated on achieving provincial colours for fly-fishing. Gray seems to have been graced with a clan of superb and dedicated rowers and this year didn't fail to impress. **James Johnston** and **Oliver Husband** both made the South African team for rowing and travelled with the S.A. team to Bulgaria in August. **Oliver** finished 11th in the quads and **James** finished 9th in the world for the single sculls event - a remarkable achievement

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*Matrics 2012*

earning him the well deserved OD Merit award at prize giving. A number of our boys have also been selected to represent Western Province for water-polo, **Sozon Sarandis** and **Tom Baldwin** (W.P. U15 AND U14) and **Alex Williams** (Boland U14) whilst **Daniel Russell** will play for WP U17 cricket in December.

**Ihsaan Dawray** achieved a gold medal at the Eskom Science Expo and was awarded with a bronze medal at national level. **Nicholas Marine** and **Nic Cullinan** competed in the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships held in Durban, where a South African team was chosen to represent our country in 2013 at the world competition. Overall **Nicholas** ranked 5th and will be representing South Africa, along with **Nic Cullinan** who ranked 15th and will also be part of the delegation.

In the inter house competitions, our seniors and juniors did very well by making the finals of the hockey, narrowly missing out on the trophies. The rugby 7s teams played well but were unlucky along with the soccer boys not to stock our overflowing cabinet. The senior and junior cricket teams went through to the semi-finals, with the juniors being eliminated in the semis week and the seniors losing in the final to a very strong Ogilvie team.

On the academic front, at the annual Prize Giving 2012, the following boys received prizes in grade 8: **Daniel Tate** (first in grade 8 with 8 prizes), **Nicholas Janisch** (4), **Tariq Dawray**, **Chris Mailer** and **Anton Volkel**. Grade 9: **Christian Cotchobos** and **Tom Richardson**. Grade 10: **Ihsaan Dawray** (1st in Grade 10 with 4 prizes), **Lood van Niekerk**, **Callum Bell**, **Harshil Govan**, **Nicholas Cullinan**, **Jamian Heesom-Baron** and **Chris Lea**. Grade 11: **Paul Ferrandi**, **Ziyaad Adam**, **Saleem Firfirey** and **Nicholas Marine**. Grade 12: **Nicholas Campbell** (2 prizes), **Neil Robertson** (5), **Shaun Janse Van Vuuren** and **James Johnston** (2). **Paul Fer-**

**randi** and **Saleem Firfirey** were also elected to be members of the 10 Club in 2013.

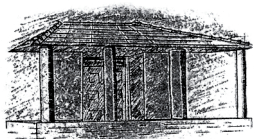
In essence, the year has been very successful and all the boys and in particular the dedicated and wise staff consisting of **Messrs. John Knight, John Holtman, Geoff Kieswetter, Wayne Tucker, Donovan Abrey** and **Ms. Rhoda Manie, Cheryl Gammon** and **Carol Witbooi** (our House-mother). The Gray House Class of 2012 has been an absolute pleasure to work with. They have portrayed and lived out the characteristics of humility, empathy, integrity, service before self and teamwork in all that they have undertaken as individuals and as a group. It has made my final year in Gray House a special one to go out on. The fact that they have been so varied and yet so united can be put down to the fact that each individual performed intrinsically and for the bigger cause. There was an absence of any prima donnas in this team which laid the perfect foundation and that one does not easily find in today's youth. Thank you for 5 special years and go well **Matt, James, Nic, Neil, Chris, Sean-Michael, Shaun, Andrew, Luke, Matthew, Mohamed, Tom, Rob, Ollie, Nicholas, James, Marc, Uthmaan**, and **Matthew**. Thank you for the huge support and fun over the last 10 years **John, Johnny, Geoff, Wayne, Rhoda, Cheryl, Donovan** and **Carol**. To the rest of the House, thank you so much for making this such a special place to be part of. Remember the words of Cat Stevens: "Take your time think a lot, think of everything you have got."

*Dean Sudding*

We now wish **Mr. Joc Wrench** (House Director as from 2013), **Saleem Firfirey, Nicholas Marine** and the **Class of 2013** all of the best for another year of happiness, balance, enthusiasm, mutual respect and competitiveness.

The end of term also sees the father figure of the House, **Mr Sudding**, coming to an end of his 10-year tenure at the helm of Gray. **Mr Sudding's** humour, remarkable memory (wouldn't surprise boys if he named every Gray boy that he influenced over the years!) and ability to make everyone feel comfortable in the House will be missed and we wish him well in what lies ahead for him in the future. The future Matrics and leaders of the House look forward to continuing to build on the ethos that **Mr Sudding** has built: to lead with compassion, courage and genuine consideration for peers. We look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and wish everyone well over the Festive season. God Bless.

*Saleem Firfirey and Nicholas Marine*



## OGILVIE

**House Director:** *Glen Gibbon*

**Head of House:** *Oliver Marr*

**Deputy:** *Alex Stewart*

'We won Sports Day!' was the motto ringing in the corridors of Ogilvie after a rather disappointing 5th in Eisteddfod and narrow losses in the Inter House gala and basketball. However, those cheers were replaced by widespread vigour and determination to seize the rest of the year thanks to exemplary leadership from **James van Heerden** and **Jo Oliver**. The Ogilvie 'Wild West' Variety Evening was a huge success. The audience was gripped from start to finish by the raw talent of the Ogilvie men. We had a multitude of acts from each grade with the customary highlight, the grade 8





*Senior Inter House Cricket winners.*



*Senior Inter House Soccer winners.*

Fashion Show. The evening satisfied everyone's cultural palette; credit to fantastic musical numbers and chickens falling from the sky in the Matrics' rendition of 'Songs in Real Life 2'.

Sport this semester was a dream for Ogilvie. Our Inter House teams raked in the gold and made our need for a third trophy cabinet even more pressing. In an unfair game of 20/20 cricket, Ogilvie thrashed Gray by 8 wickets. The heroes of the game were **Mark Wilson**, the top scorer with 29, and bowling prodigy, **Timothy Westwood**, who got 2 wickets for 11 in 4 overs. The same could be said for the hockey played against Gray. Thanks to SA U18 player, **Alex Stewart**, and a number of other first team members, Ogilvie won by 6 goals to 2. Ogilvie defeated Founders in the Inter House soccer finals by 2 goals to 0, thanks to resident soccer enthusiasts **Chris Heunis** and **JP Lanser**. The Squash was absolutely dominated by the **Brink brothers**, **Derek** and **Peter**, who were undefeated for the entire tournament. **Robert McGregor**, **Philip van Biljon** and **Nevarr** and **Kael Pillay** fenced their way to victory in the Inter House Fencing tournament. Special mention has to be made of **Robert** who made the South African team yet again. Rugby also proved to be very eventful. Our U19As did not have too much success, but in an amazing turn of events, our U19 B Seven-a-side rugby team thrashed School House on the Piley Rees, earning us yet another piece of silverware. Ogilvie men conquered both on land and in the water as three of our grade 8s (**Timothy Langerman**, **Matthew Perrott** and **Jordan Nel**) were selected to represent the Western Province U14 water polo side at the National Championships at the start of the holidays.

The Ogilvie scholars have always prided themselves in achieving excellence in sport as well as academics. This semester was no different. Ogilvie had a monumental 25 prize winners with fantastic representation across the grades. In grade 11, **JP Lanser**, **Nevarr Pillay** and **Oliver Marr** were chosen to be part of the 2013 Ten Club. The school's top academics belong to this prestigious club and it is a great honour to have such fine Ogilvie representation.

This year's Ogilvie Dinner was, yet again, a splendid spectacle. The Grade 11 mothers spared no expense and completely transformed the cafeteria. While feasting ourselves on the fantastic cuisine,

we were graced by eloquent speakers such as **Nico Loizides**, **Mr van Heerden** and the usual Ogilvie suspects. The dinner was to talk about the amazing year that Ogilvie had had and to bring the

House together for one last time to say farewell to the Matrics. It is a night we shall all remember.



*Grade 11s on Leadership Camp in Simonstown.*

Ogilvie Grade 11s were tested by various activities from rescuing each other from a ‘sinking ship’ to blindfolded tightrope walking. Despite facing adversity at times, they prevailed as a group; nothing less than what is expected from Ogilvie men. This was the start of the 2013 Ogilvie Matric group. The camp ended with the Grade 11s brainstorming ideas about how to adapt to the changes facing Bishops next year. Change is a nervous time for all. Even perpetually ecstatic **Mr Gibbon** sat there nervously, dabbing his brow. But the Grade 11s took up the challenge; came up with fantastic ideas for next year; put **Mr Gibbon** at ease and proved that 2013 will be a year of triumph, rather than disappointment.

As seen above, the second semester of 2012 has been a successful one. Gratitude must go to an excellent group of Matrics who ran the house smoothly, efficiently and passionately. The time has come for the leaders of 2013 to step up to the plate and fill some big shoes. **Oliver Marr** and **Alex Stewart** will be taking over as Head and Deputy of House from **James** and **Jo** respectively. Everybody is looking forward to making the best of the upcoming exams and Epic; to a well-deserved holiday and waiting in anticipation for what an exciting 2013 has in store for us.

*Oliver Marr and Nevarr Pillay*



*2013 Leadership Team: Alex Stewart (Deputy) and Oliver Marr (Head of House).*



## KIDD

**House Director:** *Graeme Klerck*

**Head of School:** *Ty Wills*

**Head of House:** *Michael du Plessis*

**Deputy:** *Timothy Everingham*

The last 4 months in Kidd have certainly been exciting, with an overlay of sadness, due to the loss of **Andy Meddick** and **Jonty Swift's** dad, **Peter**. They will both be greatly missed and never forgotten.

This year has seen Kidd retain the overall Eisteddfod title after long hours of hard work from all the lads, but especially the Matrics under **Oli Linley** and **Ethan Gray**. A huge acknowledgement must go to **Roux van der Watt**, who spent most of his time camped in the matric flat, slaving away to ensure deadlines were met. Not only has Kidd been successful on the cultural front, but the lads have excelled in Academics and Sport too. 38 commendation certificates have been handed out this year and four of our Grade 8s have done us proud by achieving Commendation Vouchers: **Nathan Fleming**; **Jason Hohmeyer**; **Francois Stassen** and **Christopher Rhode**. **Byron Meyer** and **Jaryd Herman** were awarded Academic Ties and **Martin Dyer** achieved 1st in Grade and an Academic Jersey. Earlier this year, **Jaryd** also attended the Global Youth Leadership Conference in New York. Speaking of travelling abroad, two of our Grade 10s were selected for the Exchange Programme. **Byron Meyer** and **Ben Malandrinos** both visited Down-Under for their allotted three months. We boast a large number of Academics in our House with numerous other boys do-



*Victorious at Eisteddfod Again!*



ing us proud at Prize Giving: **Francious Stassen, Tyger Thompson, Ziyaad Bawa, Rhiyaan Smith, Edward Murphy, Rhys Farrell, Jonty Fish, Benson Joubert, Martin Dyer, Ethan Gray, Sean Pitcher, Oliver Linley and Simon Thompson** all achieved prizes.

Kidd House has also excelled on the sporting front. We have had 1st team sport representatives right across the board, as well as Western Province and South African representatives. To mention a few: **Matthew Brooks** has been exceptional in his shooting this year, achieving his WP colours for the 7th time in a row. **Stuart Bristow**, commonly known in the House as the 'Iron Nipper', has done himself proud this year. He has been awarded Provincial colours in several water disciplines and consistently placed in the top 3 in the cross country league. **James Murray** was selected for Western Province tennis and is playing 1st team tennis in his first year at the College! **Keanan Alexander, David Bruchhausen** and **Nick Frankenfield** were all selected for Western Province B water polo. **Ryan Julius** was selected for Western Province hockey and was part of the school's undefeated 1st team hockey this year, along with **Josh van Niekerk**. Another youngster in the House, **Warwick Reid**, is now ranked 14th in South Africa for Fly-fishing. **Julian van der Watt** has travelled to Italy recently, and has been ranked an incredible 6th in the world for Go-Karting at the World Champs. **Jason Smith** went on the overseas golf tour to England and also captained the golfers exceptionally well this year. **Matthew van der Linden** attended the South African Junior Stand-Up Paddling Championship and took home gold in U16 age group. **Alex Collings** has continued to win medals at various fencing competitions throughout this year. Cricket for Kidd house in the future looks very promising with **Matthew Roberts, Ryan Julius** and **Matthew Jones** all taking 5 wicket hauls this year. **Ty Wills** and **Matthew Jones** were also selected for the overseas cricket tour to England in June. Kidd



*Matthew van der Linden wins the SA U16 Standup Paddle-boarding title in Durban.*



*Julian van der Watt: 6th in the world!*



*Victorious U14 7-a-side Inter House Champions.*

also won the inter-house mountain-biking trophy this semester and the 7-a-side U14 Inter House title.

The grade 11s organized a thoroughly enjoyable Variety Concert; some said it was the best yet. Since coming back from the leadership camp, they have seemed ready to pick up the reins of the House and take it to greater heights. Congratulations to **Ty Wills** on his appointment as Head of School and to **Michael du Plessis** and **Tim Everingham** on their appointments as Head and Deputy Head of House respectively.

A huge congratulations and thank you must go to **Oli, Ethan** and the Kidd Matrics of 2012 for leading the House and for being excellent mentors this year. I'm sure they will all be greatly missed and have certainly left a lasting legacy. 2012 has certainly been a busy year, with 2013 promising to be better and busier! Good luck to the Matrics in their finals and to the Grade 10s for an exciting Epic. Otium Cum Libertate!

*Matthew Jones*



## BIRT

**House Director:** *Trevor Pasquallie*

**Head of House:** *Luke Barker*

**Deputy:** *Michael Louis*

As 2012 draws to a close, so does yet another extremely busy year for everyone in Birt. We can look back at 2012 with a strong sense of pride.

The matrics strived for excellence and this was well received by the boys.

Under the leadership of **Jack Nebe** the House has flourished culturally, academically and also on the sporting front and this shows if one looks at the Birt trophy cabinet.

The last two terms have been full to the brim with Inter House events from rugby to cycling. Birt excelled in all these events such as the Basketball, captained by **Harris Hardcastle**, and the Golf, where **Luke Woods** played a pivotal role in the team and was awarded with the prize for Best Individual Score. Both the Senior and Junior Squash sides made it into the final, but were narrowly beaten by the strong opposition. The boys in the Junior Cricket side made it into the final and it was a truly amazing display of cricket. School House managed to surpass their score with only 6 balls to spare, however.

The boys of Birt have excelled individually in sport. This includes Western Province selection for squash, indoor and outdoor hockey, cricket, water polo, rugby squads, rowing, ice-hockey and golf. Other notable achievements are selection to the SA lifesaving champs. The highest honour in sport was achieved by **Jack Nebe** and **Luke Baker**, who represented South Africa for ice-hockey and fly-fishing respectively.

Culturally, as always, the boys in Birt House have been on top



*Michael Louis, Deputy Head of House, and Luke Barker, 2013 Head of House*



form. Winning an Owl in Eisteddfod is no easy task; however we managed to win the Performance Owl helped tremendously by the top class movement which won the Movement Section. Numerous boys received certificates for excellence in music in other eisteddfods such as the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod and the Royal Schools of Music examinations. Congratulations go to **Shannon Thebus**, once again, for being selected for the National Youth Orchestra to travel to the International Chamber Music Festival.



*Senior Inter House Basketball team: Sadiq Majal, Harris Hardcastle, Stefan Ranozsek, Daniel Chung and Tahrir Allen*

At the recent House Dinner the following Birt boys were awarded academic prizes: **Luke Baker, Michael Thomson, Richard Freund, Daniel Chung** and **Kishan Chagan**. In the Eskom expo for young scientists, **Michael Thomson** received the prize for the best junior project, with the possibility of attending an international science expo next year.

Birt has been well represented abroad. This is through the Exchange Programme, where 5 boys from Birt were selected to represent the College in foreign lands. Birt boys have also been on other tours which include the actors among us who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival as a part of the school play, *Biloxi Blues*: **Andrew During** and **Cole Barnard**. **Jack Nebe** attended the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) in the United States, a remarkable thing to have done.

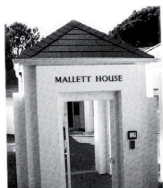
*Luke Barker*



*Birt Matrics and their Mentors (Matrics 2008)*

As the saying goes, 'all good things must come to an end'. And so they must – it is time to move on. I thank you, Birt House matrics, for the times we have shared this year... the memories, the tribulations, the laughs. Thank you for your hard work and humour as we've led the House together and I look forward to future times. To the House; thank you for the faith you have placed in **Karl** and me over this past year – it has been nothing short of an honour and a privilege to lead you. Good luck and Floreat Birt.

*Jack Nebe (Head of House 2012)*



## MALLETT

**House Director:** *David Ledwidge*

**Head of House:** *Keegan Sutherland*

**Deputy:** *Joe Kahn*

Half a year has gone by since the last magazine report and already it is staggering to see the sheer volume of news that goes through a vibrant House such as Mallett. Eisteddfod and the leadership transitions are events that always stand out in these articles, and this year is certainly no different! It was also a period of much conversion and change, with leadership changes all around. We celebrated our 10th anniversary this year with much vigour... The Mallett 'birthday party' was certainly a sight to behold as the doors were opened into the garden and the House was filled to the rafters with parents, staff, and boys, past and present alike. Thanks and praises to **Mr Ledwidge** were echoed on all sides, as the first (and so far only!) House Director of Mallett. **Mrs Bradley** is going to fill his place, and we are all excited about what the change in leadership will bring.

Soon after a lively, yet formal, House dinner where we bade a final farewell to the matrics, the new leadership group went off on an additional planning conference held in Durbanville. With **Keegan Sutherland** and **Joe Kahn** leading us, and a very diverse and talented year group on the whole, Mallett certainly has a great year to look forward to!



**Happy Birthday! Mallett House  
celebrates 10 Years!**

Mallett's performance in the Eisteddfod was bordering on exemplary this year: with stunning showings in every category; winning our second ever Owl (Speech) and almost nailing Visual Arts. On the Eisteddfod days, it was very pleasing to see Mallett boys in almost every final, and it certainly showed in the results. In other cultural matters, the boys, once again, got together and under direction of the matric group organized a Variety Concert, showcasing some of Mallett's talent. In addition to the solo acts, each grade was tasked with doing a skit – some proved to be hilarious for the boys, but absolutely mystifying for the parents! Great fun was had by all. Several boys have been awarded Colours



*Goodbye and Thank You Dave  
and Angela Ledwidge.*



*The 2013 Leadership Group.*

for Music and Leadership positions within the culture of the school, as well as boys showing outstanding performances in competitions such as the National Public Speaking and Debating Championships, where 3 members of the team were from Mallett.

The musical performance scene sees no shortage of the men of Mallett, and many boys appeared in either the Starfish Concert or the Bishops Rock Bands Concert. A lot of hard work goes into these events, which are too often seen as “side shows” considering all the stuff that goes on at Bishops!

Two Mallett grade 10s were selected for Exchange this year: **Warren Black** to Boston, US, and **Jonty Quenet** to Adelaide, Australia.

As a House, we never fail to shine on the sporting front, either, with numerous Colours Awards, Leadership Positions, and Provincial Selections. It is almost easy to forget the magnitude of each achievement when there are so many coming from the variety of sports Bishops has to offer.

With regards to Inter House events, our showings always depended on the day and we had some unfortunate losses. The Junior Basketball team managed to pull through and win the finals though! However, the Mallett ‘gees’ is never absent, no matter the sport or result, from a first-round knockout in the senior soccer to narrowly losing the semis of fencing.

On a more tragic note, we mourn the death of **Tom Otten’s** father, and our thoughts and prayers are with the **Otten** family as they come to terms with their loss.

Looking back on all the goings-on, it is great to see that two more fun-filled terms have come to pass, full of ups and downs, tragedies and triumphs... our outlook to the future is looking bright, with new leadership and new structures, and the class of 2013 has already begun its quest to leave its mark in the House’s history. Next year will irrefutably be as exhilarating as this one, if not more so.

*Sam Wolski*

## COLLEGE SPORT

### CANOEING

It has been a fantastic year for the Bish-ops Canoeing Club and it has been great to see its members' continued improvement and enthusiasm as well as their participation in a number of prestigious River Marathons throughout the year's racing calendar. The following River Marathons were completed by members of the Club this year:

Murray Walters and Luke Rockey completed the iconic 125km Unlimited 'Dusi Canoe Marathon in February. This epic race entails 3 days of paddling on the Msunduzi River between Pietermaritzburg and Durban through the spectacular Valley of A Thousand Hills and it involves over 25kms of running with the boat up and down the hills of the valley. What an awesome achievement for these two boys!

Stuart Bristow, Murray Walters and Josh Van Niekerk all competed in the 72km SAK2 Breede River Marathon held in September. Stuart raced in a double K2 with a partner and Murray and Josh raced together in their own K2. They all had a fantastic race and thoroughly enjoyed racing against each other.

Murray Walters completed the 85km K1 Swartland Canoe Marathon on the Berg River in June. He also competed in a single K1 in the recent 84km Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon in the Eastern Cape during the October school holidays where he managed to have a no swim Fish! The Fish is the second biggest Canoe Marathon in the country behind the 'Dusi and is one of the top 5 biggest Canoe Marathons in the world.

These are only the major marathons in which the boys competed this year. They have also raced numerous River and Ocean surf ski races and time trials as well as in WP Sprint and Marathon championships. A huge thank you must go to Mr Gary Coombe (Teacher-in-Charge) and Mr Burgert Maree for their continued enthusiasm and commitment in lifting the boys to Zandvlei



*Murray Walters and Josh Van Niekerk race in a K2.*



*Murray Walters (Captain) conquers the mighty Fish River.*



for training. With an increase in members and competition the Bishops Canoeing Club is looking forward to a great 2013!

*Murray Walters (Captain)*

## FENCING

2012 has been a very exciting year of change! We started the year with a new coach, Giselle Vicatos. Giselle joined us in the club to concentrate on the basics of fencing with the Grade 8 fencers. Through her dedication and perseverance with these new fencers, we have had a friendly fencing competition with the En Garde Fencing club as well as some new fencers entering their first FWC competition 9 months after starting fencing at Bishops. The High Performance Academy was started this year at Bishops as part of a broad based initiative to develop the standard of junior and cadet fencing in South Africa. The programme based at Bishops caters for promising fencers throughout the Cape. The coaching programme is run by Dr Misha Galukhin with Jay New as his Assistant coach.

Commonwealth Championships and World Championships: Robert McGregor attended both the Commonwealth Championships in Jersey, UK and the World Championships this year in April, which was held in Moscow, Russia! Mrs Withers was the team manager for the South African Team to the Commonwealth Championships. It was a tough, but incredible experience. During the Commonwealth Champs, Robert McGregor caused an upset by beating the fencer ranked 8th after poules and managed to make the top 16th in the final results. Robert was pleased with his final result of placing 45th in the World Championships – an amazing personal experience and he came away with more motivation to reach his goals in 2013.



*Bishops Championship Evening!*



Championship Evening: The Bishops Championship evening, on Tuesday, 21st August, which included the ODs and the Inter House finals, was as much of an occasion as it has been over the last few years! The Inter House final between Ogilvie and Kidd was riveting. Ogilvie (Robert McGregor, Philip van Biljon, Nevarr Pillay, Kael Pillay) beat Kidd (Alex Collings, Rhyiaan Smith), 45-32. Kidd was penalized for fielding a team of two fencers instead of 3, but the superior fencing power of Ogilvie won the day. The individual final between Robert McGregor and Sam Wolski (Mallett) was tense as both fencers have improved over the last year. The final result was 15-7 to Robert McGregor. The OD Challenge was one of the highlights of the evening, but the ODs managed to win for the second year in a row.

***The awards for the Bishops Championships evening are listed below:***

■ OD A (**James Atkins, Landon McClure, James Lister**)

beat Bishops A (**Sam Wolski, Robert McGregor, Alex Collings**) 45-36

■ OD B (**Thomas Henstra, Jamie Francis, William Francis**)

beat Bishops B (**Philip van Biljon, Nevarr Pillay, Soo-Min Lee**) 45-43

## CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2013

*Captain:* **Sam Wolski** (M)

*Vice-Captain:* **Robert McGregor** (O)

*Armourers:* **Alex Collings** (K) & **Philip van Biljon** (O)

## AWARDS 2012

*Inter House Cup:* **Ogilvie Vs Kidd. Ogilvie won.**

*Best Swordsman:* **Robert McGregor**

*Service Cup:* **Sam Wolski**

*Full Colours:* **Robert McGregor, Alex Collings, Sam Wolski**

*Distinction Tie:* **Robert McGregor**

*Service Tie:* **Mohammed Ulthmann**

*Badges:* **Gold: Alex Collings, Sam Wolski; Silver: Philip van Biljon, Nevarr Pillay, Soo- Min Lee, Ashley Butler; Bronze: Cannon Cade, Rhiyaan Smith, Christopher Steyn**

*Club Certificates:* **Kael Pillay, Carl-Phillip Lehmann, Alex Steyn, Chris Steyn, Cade Cannon and Grant Byron.**

Other Highlights from 2012: Pretoria Boys Club Challenge: On the 20-22nd April, Fencers from the Bishops Fencing club accepted a fencing invitation to fence against Pretoria Boys High. We had a most enjoyable weekend with some stiff fencing competition. The overall ranking for the competition saw Robert McGregor take 1st place in epee with Sam Wolski placing 4th, Alex Collings 6th, Philip van Biljon 7th and Cannon Cade 13th. In foil, Robert McGregor placed first, Alex Collings 2nd, Sam Wolski 4th, Ashley Butler 6th, Philip van Biljon 7th and Cade Cannon 10th. The fencers were commended on their performance, good sportsmanship and excellent manners. Bishops won the challenge overall. The Junior National Championships held in early October saw the following WP and Bishops medal winners: Robert McGregor (u/17 Cadets Men's Foil placed 1st); Robert

McGregor (u/20 Junior Men's Foil placed 1st); Alex Collings (u17 Cadets Men's Foil placed 3rd); Sam Wolski (u/20 Junior Men's Sabre placed 3rd).

### **SOUTH AFRICAN COLOURS 2013**

**Robert McGregor:** *U17 foil and U20 foil*

**Alex Collings:** *U17 foil*

**Sam Wolski:** *U20 sabre*

### **WESTERN CAPE AWARDS 2012**

*Colours*

**Sam Wolski** *Junior and Senior Men's sabre*

**Alex Collings** *Cadet Men's Foil*

### **RANKING CHAMPION TROPHY WINNERS**

**Sam Wolski** *Junior and Senior Men's sabre*

**Robert McGregor** *Junior men's foil*

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Alex Collings:** *Most Improved Sportsman*

**Robert McGregor:** *Junior Sportsman of the Year*

Once again, a great year for the club! We look forward to an exciting 2013 year of fencing and all the challenges it will bring.

*Jacky Withers*

## **HOCKEY**



After an incredible year in 2011, Bishops hockey has enjoyed another successful season. The measure of this is indicated by James Drummond and Matthew How Saw Keng being acknowledged with Sport Awards at the College Prize Giving. This is the second year that the Captain of Hockey has received an award and been acknowledged at Prize Giving. This endorses the standards that are being produced in the Hockey Club, with the 1st XI leading the way and serving as role models for the other

teams. The 1st XI won the inaugural WP Boys' League, as well as the KO Cup, without losing or drawing a game, a phenomenal achievement. We also introduced a U15A team that participated in the U16 league. These lads more than held their own and also functioned as an A team in their attitude and quality of practice session. I have no doubt that we will see many of these lads coming through in the future. In general, the players have participated with passion, with staff and outside coaches being the vehicle to the accomplishments both on and off the field. Friday evenings have seen an increase in spectator support for the 1st XI, with more boys coming to support their fellow students. With the construction of the Sports Pavilion at the Astro commencing next year, there is no reason why hockey cannot continue to grow as a sport here at Bishops. The Pre-Season Festival

continues for each division and ensures that we play against the best in the country. The U14s went on tour to Northwood in Durban; the U16s participated in the Rondebosch and Independent Schools Festivals at Michaelhouse. The 1st team attended St Suthians and the Independent Schools Festival. These festivals remain very popular with the players as we test ourselves against schools similar to ours. The festivals create a wonderful opportunity for all players to experience touring, not only those that go on to play provincial and national hockey. On the Provincial scene, Bishops has once again been well represented in all age groups: James Drummond captained the WP U18A team and was selected to represent South Africa U18; Steven Ryall and Alex Stewart gained selection to the South African U18B squad. It's an important value of Bishops hockey to offer the quality coaching that produces National and Provincial players, while also ensuring that we cater for all who participate. It's crucial that we work hard at getting this right, so it was pleasing to see James, Alex and Steven being selected at national level.



*1st XI Winning the KO Cup.*

### 1ST XI

The 1st XI results have, once again, been excellent and set the standard for the other teams to follow. Winning the League and Knock Out Cup shows how this group of boys got the balance right in defence by conceding so few goals and yet offensively scoring a staggering 145 goals in 33 games, truly an outstanding accomplishment. A special thanks to Steve Lovesay for assisting me this year and adding such good value as we developed a good management to lead the players.

With the above statistic, it is easy to see why the 1st XI enjoyed the accomplishment it has this year. Well done to all the boys involved.

#### SUMMARY OF THE 1ST XI RESULTS:

Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals for	Goals against
33	33	0	0	145	19

#### COLOURS AWARDS FOR HOCKEY – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION IN 2012:

- *Full Colours – Provincial and Potential Provincial Standard:* **James Drummond** (re-award), **Steven Ryall**, (re-award), **Alex Stewart**, **Ryan Julius**, **Mathew How Saw Keng**, **Giovanni Marchesini**, **Tim Westwood** and **Jack Nebe**
- *Half-Colours – 75% or more of 1st Team Games:* **Matt Grobler**, **Andrew Gebers**, **Luke Barker**, **Josh Van Niekerk**

## 1ST TEAM AWARDS FOR 2012:

*Umpiring Award:* **Ali Golding**; *Coaching Award:* **Tim Westwood**; *Dedication, Spirit & Passion:* **Andrew Gebers**; *Sport for Good:* **James Baikoff**; *Spirit of Sport:* **Jack Nebe**; *Game Improvement:* **Matthew Grobler**; *Achievement of the Year:* **Mathew How Saw Keng**; *Defender of the Year:* **Stephen Ryall**; *Sportsman of the year:* **Gio Marchesini**; *Players' Player:* **Tim Westwood**; *Player of the Year:* **James Drummond**.

*Warren Wallace*

## 2ND XI

The 2nd XI team has had another great season. Under the sound leadership of our new captain, Harry Danckwerts, the team never looked stronger and new life and vitality was breathed into the training programme through the two young coaches that offered their services over the season. The team was sad to lose the expertise of Hew Newton-Hill at the end of the second term as he went on student exchange to Cambridge, but were equally ecstatic to acquire the highly motivated Michael Watson (OD). The team was quickly put through its paces with Michael having them leopard-crawl across the Astro and do endless fitness drills. All of this together with many skills sessions saw the team grow even stronger and we continued our domination until having the wind taken out of our sails by a strong Belville High 1st team which beat us with a p-flick in the closing moments of the game. Besides this the second team has had an unbeaten season, the only real opposition being Rondebosch who we ended up drawing with on both occasions. Credit must go to the tidy goal-keeping of Paul Ferrandi and a strong defence. It was great to have had highly experienced players like Harry Danckwerts and Alistair Golding there to dig us out of trouble and set up and attack (and Ali's wicked drag-flick of course). Besides these fine players, we also say goodbye to the engine room of the side in Greg Hutchinson (Hutch) whose impressive stick skills in the midfield led to many a goal. In the forwards the team will miss the pace and skill (and sense of humour) of James Baikoff as well as Alistair Dove. The bird's nest just won't be the same without his gruff voice. We say goodbye to these legends of hockey, but also look forward to the grade 11s of this year taking over the leadership of the team and continuing the domination of our rivals in 2013.

*Russell Drury*

■ Won 9 ■ Drew 2 ■ Lost 1

***The U16 division has 4 highly competitive teams. It is pleasing to see the numbers growing, with the players at U16C and D level being ultra competitive.***

## U16A

Many of us in the U16 team started our season mid-February when we attended hard, early-morning practices on the Woodlands Astroturf. This gave the team a sturdy foothold as we grappled with the early season challenges of fitness and ball skills. We then had a few short team practices; some pre-season games. The season began with the U16 Rondebosch Festival where we played 5 games, followed in short succession with a tour to the Independent School Hockey Festival held at Michaelhouse. Both festivals gave us the desired results of bonding and playing as a team. All

of our games had positive results apart from our game against Hilton which was played about 30 minutes after our arrival at Michaelhouse. By the end of the tour, we had started to play some excellent hockey as a team and we were well prepared for the season. When we arrived back in Cape Town, our first few games produced outstanding results as we worked hard on our fitness which proved an integral part in our performance as a team. As the season proceeded, our leading goal scorer and playmaker (Garth Turner) had a terrible accident where he broke his collarbone. This was a shock to the team but we subsequently made some minor adjustments and we headed into our tougher end of the season. After the holidays, where some of our players played in Provincial and Regional Tournaments, we went into our season playing some more excellent hockey, but we just lacked results. All in all we had a productive season with many good results – all thanks to the solid coaching staff responsible for our team.

*Michael Wright*

### **U16B**

The season started off very well with an unbeaten run of 6 games, which included some very convincing wins. However, narrow losses to both Wynberg and Rondebosch towards the end of the 2nd term let us down. We started the 3rd term strong though with admirable performances against both Paul Roos and Wynberg, but a long weekend and a dip in form resulted in us falling short to both SACS and Rondebosch (again) in the closing weeks of the season. In total we played 12 games: Won 7, Lost 4 and Drew 1 with 30 goals scored and 16 conceded. I am very proud to have captained the team this year as I had a great group of guys to work with including a fantastic coach, Mr Steyn.

*Simon Thompson*

### **U16C**

The boys had a very successful season winning 8 out of 11 games, drawing one and losing two. The team struggled a bit in the beginning with several boys moving up and down sides, but they adapted well as a team and the proof was in the results with Sam Jeffery as the captain. Individually the boys improved throughout the season and it was great to see this in their final game against Rondebosch. The defenders all worked as one not allowing much to get through apart from the one soft goal. The mid-fielders provided that vital link between the backs and the forwards which lead to a superb goal being deflected past the Rondebosch goalkeeper. The forwards made incredible leads putting the Rondebosch de-



*The U16C Team.*





*The U16Ds Post Match.*

fenders on the back foot for most of the game. The final score was 2 - 1 and it was a well-deserved victory with everyone putting in 100% effort. It was a great season for the team and I enjoyed watching them develop as players.

*Nolan Steele*

## **U15A**

This side is a new concept at Bishops. It was an experiment to see how best to help develop hockey skills and team dynamics by having an exclusively U15 team play in the U16 League. It has been a great success! Two of the U15 players were permanently drafted into the U16A squad by the end of the season. The U15A squad was built around a core group of 12 boys and then had one or two boys join in when a permanent player was injured. In the official fixtures for the season, the team scored 58 goals and only had 8 goals scored against them. They did play both B and C teams in the U16 League. Only twice did they play matches against exclusively U15 sides. Credit for this success must go to Nico Stone. He proved to be a



*Victorious U15As!*

highly committed and motivated coach. It is one of the main reasons why the team performed so well. With his direction, boys learned to play in more than one position and to become passionate about each match. The side was honoured to have Dr Leith Stewart attend many of the Tuesday practices. His knowledge of the game is phenomenal and he certainly took no prisoners! The boys proved to be absolute gentlemen on and off the hockey pitch. The foundations developed this year will allow them to excel at the sport in the years to come. Many of the players are playing indoor hockey during the summer seasons. This can only bode well for the future. The players who won Man of the Match awards (the famous green pool noodle) on more than one occasion were: D. Castle, T. Richardson, S. Bisset and J. Oehley. C. Parton served as captain and showed resolute determination and commitment. The team benefitted from his leadership. L. Gardener is certainly a player to watch as his game developed as the season progressed. It is hoped that these players will form the core of the U16A team in 2013.

*Leon Glanvill*

***The U14 age group continues to grow and set the foundation for future hockey players. This is solely thanks to the hard work of the two U14 Managers: Jenny Campbell and Burgert Maree, as well as the coaches Graeme Klerck and ODs Jamie Wallace and Luke Willets.***

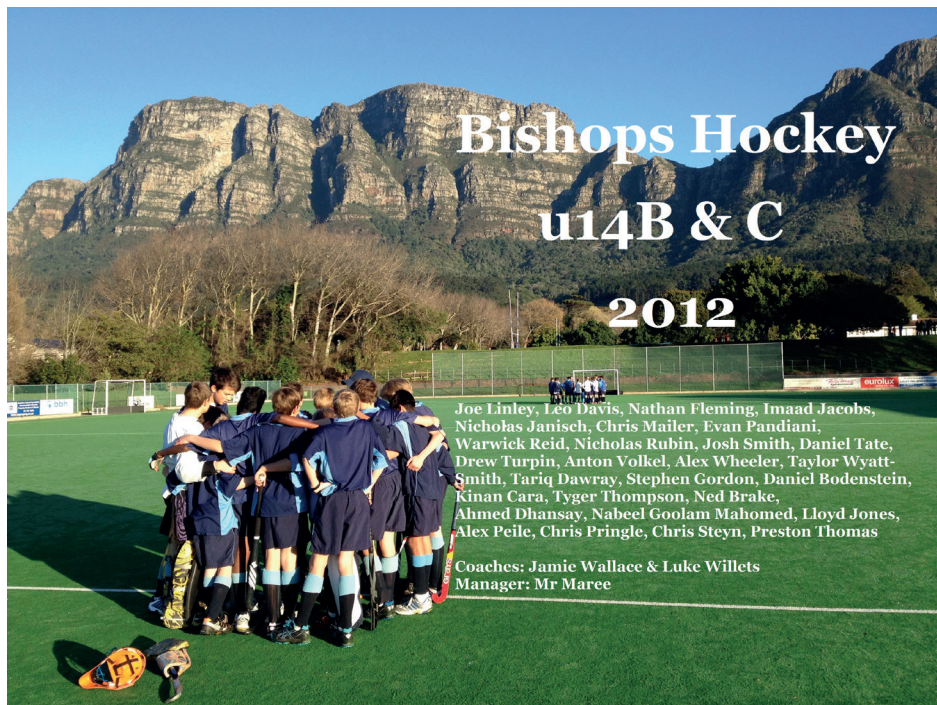
#### **U14A**

The season started with a Pre-Season Tour to Durban. We attended the Northwood Hockey Festival where we played 6 games: won 2 and lost 4. Our rusty start did not dampen our spirits, as we returned eager to train hard and win games. Overall we had a good season growing from strength to strength. The highlights of the season must be the game against Paul Roos which we drew 0-0. Although it was a draw, it was a great highlight for the boys, as Paul Roos was one of the top ranked teams. Our defence was superb with the back four holding off 6 short corners in a row! Another highlight must have been the game against Wynberg when we scored our top number of goals (5). The weather conditions were bad; the astro was wet and we started with a light drizzle, but this wasn't going to hold back our strikers! This was a great performance from the team as a whole with final score resulting in a 5-2 win for Bishops! Unfortunately we were knocked out of the U14 League by Rondebosch, which was a low point for the team. But, our team camaraderie was very strong and we backed each other through our wins and losses. Overall, including the pre-season tour, we played 21 games – won 9, drew 2 and lost 10. We scored 34 goals in total and conceded 34. We were a new team with our talent coming from several different schools and this was the first time the team had played together, I know next year we will be stronger. Thank you to Jenny Campbell for her continued support and encouragement throughout the seasons. Her positive attitude made sure we stuck together as a team. Thanks to Mr Klerck for taking the time to coach us this season. We appreciate all the effort you put into planning our practices and working out strategies for our games. We learnt a lot and we look forward to using your advice in the future.

*Dylan Burke*

#### **U14B & C**

A new school and a new style of hockey awaited the U14 hockey players this year. Whilst both teams experienced as many losses as wins, the style of hockey and team work improved visibly throughout the season. This improvement and understanding of hockey will play an important part of the boys'



Joe Linley, Leo Davis, Nathan Fleming, Imaad Jacobs, Nicholas Janisch, Chris Mailer, Evan Pandiani, Warwick Reid, Nicholas Rubin, Josh Smith, Daniel Tate, Drew Turpin, Anton Volkel, Alex Wheeler, Taylor Wyatt-Smith, Tariq Dawray, Stephen Gordon, Daniel Bodenstein, Kinan Cara, Tyger Thompson, Ned Brake, Ahmed Dhansay, Nabeel Goolam Mahomed, Lloyd Jones, Alex Peile, Chris Pringle, Chris Steyn, Preston Thomas

Coaches: Jamie Wallace & Luke Willets  
Manager: Mr Maree

*The U14B and C Teams.*

hockey career here at Bishops. Coaches Jamie Wallace and Luke Willets, with the assistance of Jordan McClarty, shaped the boys' skills and technique and we look forward to see these skills perfected in the next few years. But almost above all, the boys had FUN. They are a dynamic young group with a lot of potential (we see a few potential first team hockey players emerging already) and we trust that they will, whilst improving their own game and playing together more effectively, continue to enjoy the game and form long-lasting friendships. A big thank you to the parents who have diligently supported both teams, especially on those cold and rainy Saturday mornings!

*Burgert Maree*

***Some challenges for Bishops hockey in 2013:*** Develop a set of technical skills that the players of all teams possess, with the necessary fitness to go with it; Continue developing boys as coaches and umpires – sadly we had only two players this year and the senior players need to give back more; Continually search for ways to develop our brand.

My time as Teacher-in-Charge of hockey has come to an end. Good Luck to Mr Henchie in his new undertaking, 2013 will be an exciting year as we kick off the hockey season with an overseas European tour.

*Warren Wallace*



## ROWING

*The Rowing Club!*

The 2012/13 Rowing Season began with the October training camp which was held over 4 days of the October holidays at Nerina Guest Farm on the Breede River near Robertson. Rowing techniques were taught, seat boat racing took place, and initial boat selections were made. The addition of several small coxless boats to the fleet allows us to take the club in a new direction and while this takes some time to develop, will reap great rewards later. We were able to do a full pairs matrix for the first time, further making selections more open and fair. It also provides the opportunity for the athletes to take more responsibility for their rowing and performance.

After the South African Lightweight Mens' Four exciting Gold Medal win at the recent London Olympics, the Rowing Parents' Committee successfully arranged for the crew to visit Cape Town and be hosted by Bishops for two days. A visit to Bishops Prep, attendance at the Bishops Regatta, and two motivational talks in the Memorial Theatre were all on the programme. At the talks the Olympians, Sizwe Ndlovu, Matthew Brittain and James Thompson (unfortunately John Smith was unable to come as he had to undergo surgery) were introduced by Oliver Husband and James Johnston who had trained with the Four in July prior to their own attendance at the World Rowing Junior Championships in August. The crew spoke of their training regime, diet, motivation, highs and lows, experience at



*The Olympians with South African Junior Rowers, James Johnston and Oliver Husband.*



*The Olympians and Bishops Boatman, Simon Innes; Rowing Captain, Nyakallo Makgoba and Coach, Sam Wells.*

the Olympics and talked their audiences through the memorable race after which they fielded many different questions and signed numerous autographs. They also brought along, to use their own words, their “gold bling” which everyone was allowed to examine, touch and photograph! Both audiences were very impressed by the Olympians’s humility and approachability. The two evenings were concluded with thanks given by Nyaki Makgoba, our new Rowing Captain for the season, and Simon Innes, Boatman.

The annual Bishops Spring Regatta, which is held on the first Saturday of Term 4, was in danger of being cancelled this year due to the presence of two young male hippos in Zeekoevlei that had escaped from Rondevlei! (Indeed they had already aggressively approached several rowers training on the vlei.) However thanks to the additional “hippo patrol” boats provided by Western Cape Rowing and WESPRO (the official umpiring body) the event went off very successfully and without incident. The Spring Regatta is a 500m Sprints event and was well supported by all the Western Cape rowing schools and clubs. The weather was perfect and together with the presence of

Sizwe Ndlovu and Matthew Brittain, there was a large crowd of supporters and spectators. The final VIIIs race comprised 6 boats over a distance of 1200m: 3 x schools’ 1st VIIIs (Bishops, SACS, Rondebosch) and 3 x Old Boys’ boats (Bishops ODs, SACS, and Rondebosch which included Sizwe and Matthew!). SACS won both the school and Old Boys events. Mr Grant Nupen kindly officiated at the medal ceremony. ***Bishops won medals in the following age groups and boat classes:***

- **U15B 1x (Single scull)**
- **U16A 1x (Single scull)**
- **U16A 2- (Pair)**
- **U16 4+ (Coxed Four)**
- **Opens A 2- (Pair)**
- **Opens 2nd VIII**

**C Mewett**  
**P Johnston**  
*Stroke: T Otten*  
*Stroke: J Maree*  
*Stroke: S Innes*  
*Stroke: M Sellier*





*Knysna Heads Regatta - 1st VIII*



*Rev. Terry Wilke blessing the boats  
at the boat naming ceremony.*

The following weekend (20/21 October) the Rowing Club drove up to Knysna for the Knysna Regatta which takes place on the lagoon at Belvidere. Here Western Cape rowing schools and clubs meet their competitors from the Eastern Cape (St Andrews, Selborne, DSG, Grey (PE), and ZRC) and race over a distance of 1000m. Knysna experienced very heavy rain over the weekend but despite this the regatta ran on time and morale was high (even though many spectators had to go out and buy a pair of wellies!). On Sunday the Heads Race (6km) was run in similar wet, yet fair conditions. The Bishops 1st VIII finished 4th after having a slow start to the season. Unfortunately all our rowers have not been able to get onto the water to train since rowing camp because of the previously mentioned hippo threat. This was therefore the first time the crew had raced together. While it was not brilliant rowing the guys had great spirit and look forward to getting some training done.

The Club fleet has been significantly enhanced with the acquisition of 4 elite Filippi boats through the 5 year Fleet and Finance Plan, an exciting partnership between the Parents' Rowing Committee and the school. In addition 3 locally manufactured training sculls have been acquired. A boat naming auction was held on 26 September and R62 501 was raised for Bishops Rowing. The evening was concluded by Rev Terry Wilke blessing the newly named boats. A rowing tradition is that all new Bishops Rowing's boat should include the word 'blue'.

***The new boat names are:***

- **Filippi Coxed Four:** *Sygnia Blue*
- **Filippi Pair:** *Cape Blue*
- **Filippi Pair/Double Scull:** *Blue Diamond*
- **Filippi Scull:** *Nupen Blue*
- **Du Toit Scull #1:** *Pacific Blue*
- **Du Toit Scull #2:** *Blue Peake*
- **Du Toit Scull #3:** *Blue Rocks*

We look forward to exciting and successful seasons in these boats!

*Sam Wells and Liz Johnston*

## RUGBY



*Victory over Rondebosch!*

## 1ST XV

It is true to say that we expected 2012 to be a challenging season. Previous performances from this particular age group gave us an inkling of what was to come – but I don't think any of us anticipated the implosion that occurred just before the June/July holidays. Injuries were a factor, but it would be disingenuous of me to use this as an excuse. We were short of strike-power, that is for certain ... and the fact that we could only score 38 tries in 22 games supports that. We huffed and puffed, but just couldn't seem to cross the line. Having said that, teams can struggle to score and still remain competitive – just look at the Stormers! In stark contrast to the Stormers, however, it was our porous defence that really let us down this year. It must be said that there were players who, game in and game out, put their bodies on the line - but they were the exception rather than the rule. As coaches, we tried every technique in the book, but we simply weren't able to instil a defensive 'pride-in-our-line' mentality in our team as a whole. Too often we were content to let slip tackles and that was particularly disheartening. Our game against Paarl Boys was a case in point - they were undoubtedly an excellent outfit ... but not 80 points better than us! It doesn't make for pretty reading, but sometimes you need to face facts and accept them - we conceded an average of 4 tries per game this year. On the positive side, our win against Tygerberg in atrocious conditions was truly memorable and our first-round victory over rivals, Bosch, will remain etched in the memories of the players forever. I strongly believe that the Grade 10s and 11s in the team will have learnt a valuable, albeit tough, lesson this year. I must have faith that they will take this through to 2013 – for a number of reasons, it will be an unbelievably important year for Bishops Rugby. Congratulations to the following boys who received awards at the end of the season: Full Colours: Jo Miller, Cuan Hablutzel and Herman Share; Half Colours: Floris Groeninix, Greg Alexander, Luke Johnston and Karl Steinhagen.

My assistants worked tirelessly under extremely difficult circumstances this year. Gareth Hayden, Kevin Foote and Stephen Knoop must be the strongest coaching unit in schoolboy rugby – many thanks, chaps. Gerald Muller, Geoff Huber and Megan Petrie looked after the boys as if they were their own and Brendon Earp-Jones lifted our spirits with his motivational videos. Thanks, too, to Paul Leach for the work he did as a statistician. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the Cheerleaders of 2012, too – what an excellent job they did this year! Finally, special mention must be made of Seb Rimmelzwaal for the dignified manner in which he took over the captaincy when injury ruled out Jason Morris. We were all indebted to Seb for his extraordinary leadership at the toughest of times.

*Dave Mallett (1st XV Coach)*

## 2ND XV

At the beginning of 2012 Bishops rugby coaches sat together for a “brains trust” meeting to identify what we thought “Bishops Rugby” was? The answer to this by many ODs, parents and old school masters alike would have been easy: It’s “Running Rugby”! Define that? Today’s game has changed vastly over the last decade. The ability to break down defensive patterns from 1st phase moves is nearly impossible. Every team in the world knows how defence works and so creating a structured pattern over a number of phases with the addition



*The Victorious 2nd XV!*

of a players natural attacking ability and the innate “decision making” process to identify a overlap, miss match or more simply a gap is what we strived for. The 2nd XV this year, were a true pleasure to coach. The mix of grade 11 and grade 12 boys worked together with the utmost of ease and were lead all year through by our flanker and talisman Luke Kuhn. Our main goal was simple: Let’s have fun, instil confidence and give these lads a memorable year. Our minor goals were more rugby orientated. Let’s go unbeaten in the Southern Suburbs, take one game at a time and be competitive against every team we play. These goals were achieved and exceeded. We had a number of obstacles along the way. Injuries were the biggest and most notable factor but again this was something we took on the chin and boys just got on with their duties. Throughout the season we were presented with tricky fixtures. The first of which was one of our biggest rivals St Andrews (Grahamstown). Any derby match is a game leveler and this our boys found out very quickly. Our structure didn’t fall into place and our hands were non-existent, however we managed to grind out a good win. Special mention needs to be made to Tim Stirrup who pulled off a try saving tackle in the last minutes to deny them a try that would have won them the match. Drostdy from Worcester are always unpredictable and usually have some big hard men. Again tenacious defense, heart and attitude came to the fore to win us this one. We soon recognized that this was a “die hard” passionate and committed team. Something that cannot be taught but attributes that

you would go to war with. SACS away was our game of the season. All our hard work paid off in a resounding victory. The team attacked at will and defended with total disregard for their bodies. This was truly one of our proudest moments and one that we'll remember for many years to come. One should always recognise that even in defeat, lessons are learnt. The emotional battle you deal with and the way you react will show your true character. This we dealt with as a team at Paarl Boys High - our lowest point of the season, but also our biggest learning curve. We picked ourselves up tremendously and bounced back to beat Wynberg and Rondebosch in two sterling victories. Tygerberg away was our next challenge. In trying conditions our commitment and attitude again shone through with a hard fought victory. We finished the season with two home games that we all considered non-negotiable, SACS and Rondebosch. We ended the season on a high with resounding victories over both teams - a fitting end to a superb season. These gentlemen will be remembered for more than just their rugby skills. They will be remembered for their life skills. We wish the grade 12s all the best for their futures and we hope the grade 11s strive for higher honours. Never forget 2012 and the people that made it possible.

*Anthony Fenton-Wells*

### 3RD

This year's third team must go down as one of the better third teams in quite some time. They thoroughly deserved their winning season. However the stats which show played 15 won 9 lost 5 with one draw initially, in my opinion, was slightly below the kind of results this team should have ended the season with. The senior boys would probably agree as we were a much better side than Tygerberg but just failed to adapt and execute properly in the wet and windy conditions. We were a conversion kick away from beating Boland Landbou with the kick narrowly missing and we were definitely the better team for vast majority of the game. We also managed to lose the first game against SACS where a fourteen point turnaround situation most certainly cost us the game by seven points. Hence, played 15 won 12 and lost 3 could have easily been the final tally but that's sport and it was not meant to be.

But considering all the changes of players' week in and week out, many happening in the last minute on Friday afternoons, myself as coach had to readdress my thoughts and in actual fact we should be extremely proud of ourselves and what we achieved. They couldn't really have given much more in their attitude and commitment to earn their stripes. They were a pleasure to coach and could adapt their game quite well in tough games. They were clever players. All in all we had thirty two boys who played for the third team in two or more games and although there have been similar number in the past, what struck me about this year was the number of boys of similar ability from 1st team to 4th team, it was quite remarkable. At times it almost came down to who was in form, where a number of



*The 3rd Team vs RBHS*

boys who played thirds, seconds and even first team were yo-yoing between three and sometimes four teams from the middle to the end of the season. Many of these boys are in grade 11 and although this was undoubtedly disruptive and sometimes a confidence killer it was certainly a learning experience that will hopefully be crucial in the planning and rebuilding of next year's first team. Most importantly, we won the Triple Crown in the third term, and can proudly claim to be the best third team squad of the Southern suburbs with five wins out of six games played against our Southern Suburb rivals. But it was the committed performances away against Paarl Gym and Paarl Boys in the beginning of the season that I will remember, as we were one of the few teams in the school to score two tries in both games and really made it a contest against very strong Paarl teams. Although many of the players who played in those games moved onto the second team, the players that came in and out of the side in the middle and latter half of the season were brilliant. I would love to mention all the players that contributed to some of our glorious games but the list is pretty long. I would therefore like to congratulate all the Stripes and mention those who played most of the games with a special mention to the "Wild Stripes" who made such an impact in many games, two players in particular namely Jonty Swift and Chris Immelman had significant influences. To our stalwart players who played most of the season for the team, gave everything for the cause while making the season such a pleasure to coach, thanks so much. These guys loved giving it their all on the Pile and most importantly for each other and Bishops rugby. To our captains and seniors like Sean Michael Campleman, Matthew Blackwood-Murray, Mike West, Cameron Arendse, Mike Midgley, Nic Bijl, Matthew Jameson, Tom Warne, Brett Hope-Robertson, Jolid Vadillo, Vuyo Quma, Siya Tsengana, Chaaba Jungulo and Alexi Enotiades, well done on a great season not only for the Stripes but for other sides too, you were great Matrics to coach. To our grade elevens, aka 'toddlers', who produced some brilliant performances in many matches and at crucial moments in games, most notably Greg Erlangsen against SACS at home, along with Alistair Kirk, Devon Woodman, Keegan Sutherland, Jack Hanekom, Barney Rousseau and Ty Wills, the future looks encouraging with these guys back next year and well done on a stellar season. Well done to our 'infant' namely Jesse Wilensky, who is in grade 10 and at one stage was the most outstanding back in the team until he contracted 'exchange fever' in the third term but finished off well in our last game against Bosch with a great try set up by his Captain. Oh yes ... and to Toby, the random exchange student who almost cost us games due to misinterpretation of the way referees blow the ruck in South Africa, not to mention being totally off the wall in practices, but he brought a great 'vibe' to the team come close of season. Special mention and thanks goes out to Channing Millerd, our assistant coach, who was outstanding with the forwards and in particular the finer details around some of our attack and defensive structures. I look forward to hopefully working with him next year as he really has a feel for the style the boys like to play and how to implement enough but not too much structure and allow individuals to express their skills and ability. Pride/Passion/Power... 2... 3... STRIPES.

*Richard Smith*

#### 4TH

It was a season dominated by injuries and so about 30 boys had at least one game for this team. This was frustrating for the coaches Kyle Wicken and Anton Taylor (OD) and they are to be commended for their patience and enthusiasm. The results will show that the team won 8, lost 4 and





*The Wild Boys!*

drew 1, which is a good season. It could have been better but our tackling let us down on occasions. It is hard to single out players because the team changed so much but for much of the season we could rely on a solid front row in Timothy Olds, Tristan Cornelissen, Tobias Groeninx von Zoelen and Devon Woodman. Locks were generally a bit light once Tristan Rusch broke his leg but Patrick Sellier worked hard and played for much of the season. Perhaps the stand out player was Jonty Swift at flank. The smallest player on the field in most games, he invariably had the biggest heart and got us going forward. A number of other boys played flank well as they moved in and out of the side. Justin Wilson, Oliver Neill and Michael Louis all have a lot of potential for next year. Chris Immelman played the second half of the season for the team with his usual passion and skill. The diminutive Saleem Firfirey played bravely at fly for much of the first term of rugby and was replaced by an equally gutsy Luca Giuricich for the second whilst he was fasting. Perhaps the longest playing combination in the side was Sergio Marais and Chris Heunis at centre. Both loved to run hard and straight. The wings and fullback swapped around somewhat with Zukile Dube and Omphile Ntsimane showing good skills. The team was very well led by Timothy Olds and this proved to be a significant factor in some of the tighter games. My thanks to Tim and to the coaches for a happy and successful season with the Wild Boys.

*Peter Westwood*

## 5TH

What a wonderful season the 5th XV have had this year. From a real struggle in the first half of the season to an unprecedented unbeaten second half of the season. This has been a group of young men of which their coaches are incredibly proud. The 5th XV or the AWB (Almost Wild Boys) always have a difficult time getting their side settled at the beginning of the season with so many changes happening in the teams above them and players' moving up and down is very unsettling indeed. However the first half of the season saw us beat WBHS and draw with SACS after losing to Paarl Gym and Paarl Boys in well fought games in which we were outplayed and outsized.

The first game against RBHS was a heart wrenching last minute loss away for which we only had ourselves to blame as we squandered too many opportunities which we had to score points. The turn-around came in the second half of the season when against all odds we produced an historical victory over Paul Roos Gymnasium's famous "Pirates" side. It was all plain sailing after that and convincing wins against WBHS, SACS and finally RBHS rounded off a very successful season. So many young men played such good rugby that it would mean missing out on someone if I began mentioning names – suffice it to say that our captain, Murray Moore, led a very special side in a very special manner and we wish the men of the 5th XV of 2012 all the best in their rugby exploits in the future.

*David Ledwidge, Gerry Noel and Will Donkin*

## 6TH

Out of twelve matches played this season, the team: won six, lost five and drew one. Besides the unfortunate big defeats against Paarl Boys High and Paul Gym, the side chalked up some commendable wins against Rondebosch (twice), SACS in the second game (33 – 12) and St Joseph's in a friendly which we hope to continue on a regular basis; the score was 17 – 8 in a well balanced game. Our away match against Boland Landbou resulted in a well fought 5-all draw. Two young ODs, Nic Lassen and Craig Rhodes-Harrison, must be commended for their thorough coaching and preparation of the side for each week Saturday or mid-week match, despite the demands of their own university study commitments. Amongst the players, Dominic Walsh played well at wing/full-back and was rewarded with games for higher teams. Paul Freund demonstrated himself as a good tackler and other regular wing Oliver Marr was a consistent player. Centre Andrew Butler took all the place kicks with relative success; James Murphy is a hockey player who performed well in a few 6th XV rugby games where he turned out. Mihlali Tsolekile was the regular fullback and a steady player; Mikhail Bolus at flyhalf a good playmaker; a description which could also be applied to the team's regular scrumhalf: Majal Sadiq. Amongst the forwards, prop Jefferson Brown was part of a good, solid front row that included Meelan Vanmali and Alex Keyser, the team's omnipresent hooker. Locks Alex Thompson, Martin Dyer and Darren Dryer were the regular second row players and their work contributed to the team enjoying some solid lineout foundations. The team's regular loose forwards who all played hard included Tim Waterfield, Jimmy Day, Rob Temlett, Luke Ressel and Brice Dunlop who captained the team well.

*Rodney Warwick*

## 8TH

The 8th-team squad had almost everything... skill and determination; a passion for rugby; a positive outlook; a fun-loving approach... all that they lacked, sadly, were regular opponents! Local schools were often reluctant to field their lowest teams to play against these boys, which meant that matches were few and far between. Those games which were played were not the most successful of outings, but the Eighths were not deterred! In spite of everything the players certainly appeared to enjoy their season and to make the most of practice-time, whether in rain or shine. There were memorable moments along the way (a hail-storm during the first game of the winter, against the



*The 8th Team celebrates!*



*David Jedeikin prepares to hand-off an opponent.*

Westerford 2nd team; some fine flowing phases in matches against SACS) but none more so than the last match of the winter, against Rondebosch. A huge squad of Matrics sought selection to participate in one last run against the “Old Enemy”, and a close-fought encounter ensued; the result went against the home team on this occasion, but it was the kind of game which will be remembered for a long time! Well done to all who took part!

*Warwick Richter*

## U16A

The side had an interesting season. Although the team was struck by injury in both the front row and in the pack, and the fact that two good players left the team for Exchange, the boys made much progress in terms of their development as rugby players and in their readiness to be playing U19 rugby (hopefully at a good level) next year. As part of our plan to promote continuity through the age groups, we made regular use of the 1st XV coaching staff (many thanks go to them) in refining technique and developing an understanding amongst the players in terms of what playing pattern and standard they can expect next year. The team went through some hard times, but they kept going and ended off the season on a high with good victories over SACS and Rondebosch Boys High. There is a fair degree of talent in the group and I look forward to seeing them play next year. We really enjoyed coaching them. Our thanks to Brendon Hamman and Nick Koster for their superb efforts.

*Jean Nolte*

## U16B

The side had, I think, a successful season. Although we started poorly, the team played better and better, and by the end of the season were a side to be reckoned with. The key to this side’s success was that they played for each other – this reflected in the massive defence that the side could produce. Mention here must be made of J. Sheefeni, who I don’t think missed a tackle all season, and who put in two try-saving tackles in one movement against Bosch! M. Sellier, M. Chiti and A Gomes also stood out in as part of a very good tackling team. The side also had good speed and R. Freund and R. Miller were able to use their skills and speed to give us a good edge. Miller’s step-and-go being very impressive – his SACS try in

the first game was a superb effort. The side lacked big tight forwards, but all in all they were never really beaten and they all stood up manfully to their jobs – the improvement here to see – R. Langerman's throwing, which was weak to start with was good by the end of the season; B. Wright toiled well throughout the season. The loose forwards all worked hard and we could put out several combinations who all offered something positive to the team. It was a good bunch of boys and I enjoyed coaching them, and wish them well in the senior ranks next year – thanks also to Sean Eady for his support and time.

*James Swift*

## **U16D**

The "Warriors" enjoyed another successful season this year winning around half our matches. Our success however is better measured by the spirit shown by the boys on the field. We came through some titanic battles and the team showed serious grit and determination on many occasions when opposition teams found themselves camped on our touch line but yet unable to score. The team christened Lut D "The fortress" and it became the scene for a number of intense struggles with total commitment and "bodies on the line" defending. Our game however was not limited to defense. We worked hard at spreading the ball and on a number of occasions played beautiful expansive rugby with tries being scored after full field movements through multiple phases.

There were days when it did not all go according to plan or when we took too long to get into our stride. As always the Paarl teams proved to be a serious challenge but those games too were played with enthusiasm. Special mention must be made of Tariq Salie who took on the captain's roll all year and finished the season just as he started it, leading from the front; working flat out till the last second of the game. Driving, rucking, tackling and defending as if his life depended on it. But all deserve a mention really. The tireless – dogged ball stealing, tackling and general scrapping of Andrew Litkie and Josh Epstein always kept us competitive in the loose. The 'engine room' work of Jamie Battersby, Daniel Toy, Lee Gordon and Reggie Briggs which ensured a steady supply of secure ball to our backs. Nickolas Bailey who showed the same commitment no matter where he was asked to play! Matthew Reuvers whose pace and deceptive running proved too much for our opponents on many occasions and resulted in a number of spectacular moves and tries. Jake Bennet who controlled and organised moves from his position at flyhalf, also showing nifty feet and solid running on occasions while allowing the likes of Laurence Hill, Gareth Anderson and Afolabi Obadeyi to show their pace. Laurence Hill also dished out a few tackling lessons to more than one opposing center. We had a number of others who added solid contributions when not interrupted by injury or call-ups to the C team: Jordan Flax – another versatile flyhalf/centre, Conor Young the impact man at no. 8, and Jack Cowan our speedy Aussie import. Then there is the often unseen heartbeat of the team who could be relied upon week in and week out to do more than their share of hard work; Billy Brake, Rhys Farrell, Jamie Bundenberg, Curtly Roos, Phiwe Ntloko, Katleho Morojele and Matthew Boynton. Latecomers who also began to make an impact were Dean De Villiers and Alex our English exchange import. A huge thank you to Seb Matheson for his skill and spirit as assistant coach/manager which gave the 2012 U16D's their cutting edge. His quiet confidence, obvious talent and knowledge had a HUGE impact on the success of our season. Thanks boys it has been a huge pleasure working with you.

*Keith Warne*

**U15A**

We started very well with good home wins against Primrose and Brackenfell. We could not maintain this momentum and fell short in our next three matches against St Andrews, Paarl Gym and Drostdy. We were desperate for a win in our next match against SACS. After being 14-0 down, the boys dug deep and came back brilliantly to snatch a 17-14 win with literally the last kick of the game. What a turn around! This memorable win did not, unfortunately, prove to be the catalyst that we were hoping it would be. The best that we could muster were two further wins against Wynberg and SACS in round two. The team was lead with distinction by the stand-in captain, Brandon Salomo, for the most part of the season as our appointed captain, Cornel Smit, only played a handful of games. We were further robbed of the services of influential fullback Sebastian Hanekom due to a lengthy injury lay-off. Players that took the bull by the horns this year and made a huge impact with consistent performances week in and week out are: Liam Blackstock, Joel Paarwater and Cornel Smit. Nicholas van Rynveldt, Luciano de Graca and Ross Church gave good account of themselves and developed into valuable players. I would like to congratulate Liam Blackstock, Joel Paarwater, Cornel Smit and Elias Petersen for being included in the prestigious WP U15 Elite Training Squad. An achievement of note! The individual talents of this group of boys were never in doubt; it is their collective attributes that were exposed. Valuable lessons were learnt this year, which, if the boys adhere to, will shape their future. This season will go down as one that dished up many challenges for all involved. I wish the boys well in their future rugby endeavours. Go and represent the Blue Army with pride!

*Ronald Jacobs*

**U15B**

It was not the intention of the team to imitate the Stormers, or the Springboks, or indeed any adult side. We wanted to run the ball whenever possible. The statement, “No kick is a good kick” was proved in our first match against SACS when two poor kicks led to tries against us, which resulted in a 10-17 loss to a team that we beat 24-0 in the return game. The contrasting results from these two matches are an indication of how much the boys had improved during the season. Apart from SACS, we lost to the two Paarl teams and Paul Roos, and won 10 and drew one other game. The team had a nice balance between big forwards and skilful backs (who lacked a bit in size!). Given the basic skills and techniques by a technically excellent pair of coaches in Jethro Valentine and Guy Muller, in the second half of the season the players really began to think about their play, where they were on the field and what their opposition were doing. Lissom backs attacked gaps rather than defenders and heavy weight forwards produced skip passes and dummies. The last three games in particular produced almost perfect, balanced, running rugby. Very few penalties were conceded and almost no passes dropped. The team had realized that as long as you are confident with possession it doesn’t matter where on the field you are.

*Peter Broster*

**U15C**

The team enjoyed a successful and memorable season and played attractive running rugby in the true Bishops fashion – as expected, they improved as the season progressed. Although the team



battled against the bigger Boland sides, they never threw in the towel and always played their hearts out, regardless of the challenges. The main objective was to enjoy playing well and never to walk off a field with regrets – win or lose. In this regard the team achieved their goal without fail. The work-rate of the players was of a very high standard, which was rewarded with a consistent improvement in skills levels. It was decided not to award a ‘Man of the Match’ every week, but rather a ‘Man of the Practice’ to encourage the players to work hard and prepare well. The team enjoyed a number of epic victories, including the highlight of beating RBHS in both the fiercely-contested matches. The team is congratulated on their team spirit, sportsmanship and work-rate. Special thanks go to Tobias Groeninx van Zoelen and Charles Warren-Codrington for their dedicated coaching and support of the team.

*Jannie de Villiers*

### U15D

The team ended the season off with two magnificent victories against SACS and Rondebosch. These matches were an entertaining display of support play, timeous offloads, resolute defense, determined running and teamwork. It was not always like that during the season, when too often poor tackling and dire kicking cost them games. In one game, they scored five tries, but still lost. As a group, however, they worked hard at practices and thus such an end to the season is a fitting finale. Much credit must also be given to Matt Khoury, whose enthusiasm for the game, school and the team was infectious. Matt was keenly assisted by Neale du Toit and Omphile Ntsimane.

*Kevin Kruger and Dean Sudding*

### U14A

This is a hugely talented team. Results-wise we were somewhat inconsistent and lost more than we should have, yet it's safe to say that by season-end the players all realised that to be successful in the tough Western Cape Rugby League that they needed to be hugely committed in all aspects of the game. We placed emphasis on defence, fitness, effectiveness at the breakdown and decision-making on attack. There were a number of highlights: two wins over Rondebosch; two big



*The U14As after their second victory over RBHS.*

wins on the Piley Rees and a home win against SACS, after a hollow defeat in the earlier fixture. However, our losses against the Paarl schools were where we learned and grew the most as a side, as the boys were forced to 'front up' against teams that were far superior in terms of size. The controversial defeat against Paarl Gym, and the bravery and courage shown in this particular game, was an indication of the true capability of this side. The forwards showed great commitment and dedication, often being forced to punch above their weight, and their improvement both in their breakdown technique and fringe defence was most pleasing. This foundation allowed a talented back-row to link with the half-backs and provide space for some deadly finishers out wide. First choice fullback Matthew Wray is a rugby player of immense talent. Blessed with size, speed and balance and, when fit, he was devastating with ball in hand. Injuries curtailed his season but he will be a force in Bishops rugby in years to come. Tristan Hermans, on the wing, grew in stature as the season progressed and put in some impressive displays. Lubelo Scott is a player with enormous potential and a huge heart - his bone-crunching tackles and powerful runs became a feature of his play. James Murray is a big powerful boy with lots of ability but often struggled to mesh into the team's game plan on attack. A particularly strong defender, his best is still to come. Ya'eesh Collins is the typical Bishops rugby player. Blessed with great feet and vision, he has the ability to unlock defences from almost anywhere. Daniel van der Valk fulfilled the utility back role for us throughout the season and did so with aplomb. He is a clever player with a good understanding of the game and will continue to develop as he grows. James Macdonald was our lynchpin at flyhalf. He was given great responsibility in dictating the way we wanted to play and handled it with maturity. His performance in our final fixture was pure class. Harry Makin at scrumhalf was the quintessential team man. Always smiling, yet fiercely competitive, he very rarely had a bad game. His passing was superb and he contributed greatly to the spirit and camaraderie of the side. Marcus Knight at eighthman is an outstanding talent. When on song he is a match-winner of the highest calibre. He has extremely high expectations of himself and this at times held him back, but there is no doubt he has the ability to dominate games. Francois Stassen captained and apart from his brilliant individual play showed a mature head. He brought a calm, wise influence to many situations. Jean Pienaar was the unsung hero of the side. Quietly going about his work in the line-outs and at the breakdown, he performed the essential link between backs and forwards with great skill. Another character in the side who often kept morale high throughout the long season. Hloni Donford-May has an excellent work-rate, breakdown ability and hands, making him the ideal open-side flank. He possesses an aggressive streak that is always needed in any rugby side. Sebastian Prentice is one of the hardest and most physical players we have ever seen. His physicality at times was a sight to behold and he was an integral member of this forward pack. Cameron Glynn-Dicks was our most improved player. Not afraid to do the hard work at ruck time, his aggression made a big impact throughout the season. Christian Stehlik is a rare talent with a big future. His work-rate and tackle-count was immense and he is one of the best scrummagers we have seen at his age. Clyde 'Errol Tobias' de Beer is a hard player and nothing could keep him down. He was born to play hooker with

his stocky build, tough nature and excellent skills. Mukisa Mujulizi worked incredibly hard at his fitness in early season and the rewards were dramatic. He was mobile and devastating for such a big boy and he enjoyed a fine season. Geoff Kieswetter provided the integral calming influence over us two hot-headed coaches, and performed the unenviable task of all the behind-the-scenes work that is so needed to run an efficient side. Many thanks to him for all he did and the passion and commitment he had for this team. This team has a bright future and we have no doubt will do Bishops proud in the years to come. Their skill and creativity, their ability to appreciate structures and patterns, and their flair and love for the game, were the ingredients of this happy side. They were a pleasure to coach and we look forward to watching their progress in the years to come.

*Nico Loizides and Dasch Barber*

### **U14B**

The slogan for the U14B team this year, coined by Kyle Kriel, was: "Boots on, switch on!" These words will definitely echo with our young men in years to come whilst playing Bishops Rugby. Throughout the season we strived towards this goal, but did not always succeed. We soon learnt that new moves, fitness and strategy weigh the same as focus and mental preparation. Our ball handling could have been better and some guys still struggled to run straight. Our forwards can be commended for being a strong opposition against all the Boland schools. They ended the season on a high note by beating Rondebosch, twice in a row, I might add, 27-17. Our team showed great character and team spirit over the past few months. Matthew Perrot led as captain and even though we were affected by a few injuries, we pulled through and feel extremely positive about the season. Beating Boland Landbou was one of our highlights. Our final team dinner was a reflection of how rugby can bring people together and what a core role sport plays in school life.

*Wessel Theron, Kyle Kriel, Justin Pearson*

### **U14C**

The season was a particularly good one where much structured play as well as creative play combined, for a good set of results. The highlight was the 5 tries to 1 against traditional rivals Bosch, a fitting way to end the season. Hats off to the players, and thanks to Paul Leach (Gr12) and Mike Blanckenberg (Springbok 6 touch – OD) with assistance from Jaime Manuel (OD). The U14 Super C as they have become known did the school proud by the way they played their games, and the emphasis was not to get involved emotionally – just go out there and play the game for the sake of the game and enjoy it. Thanks to the parents for the support they showed by spectating what for all of us was sheer joy – if this is the depth we have in the school at this age group, we can only look forward to good years ahead of us. The season ended with a party in K2 (Mr Murray's classroom) with hamburgers and cokes, a special dvd prepared by Richard Berekely (thanks, Richard!) and a video that was filmed by Kenhardt Scheepers (thanks, Kenhardt)! Mr Basil Bey kindly addressed the boys exhorting them to play the game for the love of it!

*Paul Murray*



*The U14Bs celebrate their victory!*



*The U14C Teams from Bishops and Rondebosch after their match.*



## U14D

2012 was a great year! All the boys involved loved their rugby and improved as players and as a team as the season progressed. Hameer Vanmali coached the team and created a real sense of belonging amongst the boys – although I am sure they never want to run another ‘V’ in their lives again! Hameer was ably assisted by Tom Van As and Mikhail Bolus. Andrew ‘Braveheart’ Gowar captained the team and stood back for no one! On paper this must have been the ‘team of the year’ – I don’t believe any other team achieved the ‘triple crown’ (beating WBHS, SACS and RBHS home and away). They won the last game of the season against RBHS 60-0 – the biggest victory margin ever at this level – and most of it by wings scoring in the corner!

*Phil Court*

## SQUASH

Squash remains a popular sport. During the winter terms in particular, the courts have very heavy usage from members of the school as well as Western Province Youth Squash. Our facilities (although our courts have been around for a long time) are the envy of most schools who visit us. To have five courts together sharing a common viewing area is a massive advantage and one only has to drop in on a Friday afternoon (match day) to see the value we get from them. During the 2012 season we hosted several tournaments as well as countless WP squadding sessions and school matches. Bishops squash is also in a very good state with almost too many boys wanting to play the game as their winter sport. We have five senior teams in the U19 leagues and four junior teams in the U15 leagues. Our teams all performed well, once again, and the standard remains very high throughout the school. This is backed up by our Provincial and National representations. Our top player, Derek Brink, is highly ranked in SA as well as being the WP No. 1, despite being still in Grade 11. His brother, Peter, was unlucky to be injured for the IPT this year otherwise he would have probably got himself a high national junior ranking as well.

***Overall, we congratulate the following players on being selected for the Western Province teams:***

**U19**    **Derek Brink, JP Lanser and Michael Louis**

**U16**    **Peter Brink and Stefan Ranoszek**

**U14**    **Cameron Glynn-Dicks, Matthew Perrott and Calven Wilson**

Full Colours were awarded to the top three players above with our two U16 representatives gaining Half Colours this year. The captain of squash in 2012, Richard Mills, also gained his Half Colours. As he leaves us he has very generously bequeathed a trophy to be voted on by the squash staff at the College each year for the most improved player – The Mills Trophy will therefore be awarded for the first time in 2013 and we thank the Mills family for this initiative.

The House matches were once again enthusiastically played and it was Ogilvie who took the



honours in both the senior and junior inter-house events this year. Congratulations to them and to Derek Brink on winning the Jackson Cup for the second year in succession.

The summer season sees the 1st VI players compete in the traditional WBHS festival in October and then the FNB St Andrews Festival in February – we wish the team every success in those tournaments which will be reported on in the next report on squash at Bishops. Our thanks goes to Mr Pasquallie and to Mrs van Selm for their devoted service to the squash department as loyal drivers on Fridays and we look forward to welcoming back Mr Kerbelker from his year away.

*John Knight*

## U15

It never fails to amaze me how enthusiastically the boys approach the game no matter at what level they compete. Squash is a great game for all levels – it demands both hard work and fitness. It is very noticeable how the boys improve during the season with the committed approach and a willingness to make use of all the opportunities. Tuesday was largely spent with coaching sessions with the boys assigned to various groups. It is important that the boys are taught the basics of the game and that they learn how to play the game correctly. From general stroke play to positioning on the court, these sessions were valuable in getting the message across and the boys were committed and willing to learn. The Thursday session allows for the boys to play practice games in a simulated match situation. The boys are allocated to a group and they play a round robin format with each boy playing each other boy in the group. This also allows for rankings and a ladder to be drawn up. It is difficult to assess our overall performance in the leagues, but I can comfortably say that all four teams ended in the top three of their respective leagues. A notable achievement considering that some of the lower teams often end up playing A or B teams of the smaller school. Matches were well attended and again the enthusiasm was evident throughout the season. One aspect that the boys can work on in the future is the scoring process, as this is an important part of the game. Without the support of a number of staff, the process can never run smoothly. My thanks and appreciation to the following for their involvement and hard work. To Mr Knight, as the staff member in charge of squash at the College; the various coaches, Mark Allen (with the top group), Mr Lionel White with the beginner group and Brian Faure during the first part of the season.

## TEAMS

*A team:* **P. Brink, S. Ranoscek, A. Green, R. Nelson**

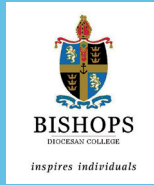
*B team:* **M. Perrott, C. Wilson, L. Baker, M. Knight**

*C team:* **O. Dyer, N. Piotrowski, A. Gowar, N. Viljoen**

*D team:* **C. Mitchell, G. Irvine, R. Allafranchino, J. Van Der Linden**

*Also played:* **W. Reid, P. Morkel-Brink, A. Sutherland, S. Dominicus, C. Gruber, A. Michelatos, M. Quibell, M. Christy, B. Kane, J. Wells, A. Vavatzanidis, H. Makin, N. Thompson**

*David Russell*



# BISHOPS PREP



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## HEADMASTER'S REPORT



**Greg Brown** past staff and the original class of 1962 together for a reception and a chance to reminisce and honour all those who had combined over 50 years to make the Pre-Prep what it is today. 9 of the first class (originally 24 under the tutelage of Anne Curry) were able to be there and it was fascinating to hear their stories of those pioneering days. Hubert Kidd had referred to those first Sub A boys on College grounds as those “little brown rabbits”. Needless to say they are far from that description in 2012. A special family service was conducted in the Memorial Chapel to give thanks for a flourishing Pre-Prep and many staff who over the years oversaw its growth and influenced countless boys through their passion and inspiration. A resounding three cheers at the conclusion of the service, rendered with the full approval and enjoyment of Father Wilke, was probably as loud a sound as has ever been heard in the Chapel. Our wish is that the Pre-Prep will continue to provide a strong and essential grounding spiritually, academically and extra-murally for all those Bishops boys who begin their education there. As I remarked in Chapel, I hope all our current Pre-Preppers will be at the Pre-Prep’s 100th Jubilee in 50 years to come. Pro Fide et Patria.

*Greg Brown*



*Pre-Prep Sub A class of 1962*





*Bishops Prep makes Sarmies!*



*Let's get Knitting!*

## EARLY ACT

What a busy, but rewarding time this has been! Besides our Read to Feed project, the Prep has been involved in a wide range of social responsibility events ranging from monetary collections to spreading sandwiches for the pupils of St Paul's Primary to knitting squares for blankets for the elderly.



*A Huge Thank You from Shearwater Victoria Falls.*

On our civvies days we raised money for the Suburban Clothing Guild and donated money towards the protection of a group of rhino in Zimbabwe. We raised funds in memory of Craig Brown to support the work of St Luke's Hospice. (In the case of the latter two, speakers came to school to address the boys about the various causes.) After donating quilts made out of previous years' bandanas to Victo-

ria Hospital's paediatric unit, the Sarah Fox Home and the oncology ward at Red Cross, we undertook to make at least sixty seven blankets for the elderly. Boys and their families knitted squares to be sewn into blankets. The results of this drive were amazing. We totally surpassed our target and were able to donate blankets to the Lavender Hills Care Centre, Fikelela/The Warehouse and to a refugee support group that asked if they could also give some to moms with young babies.

On an ongoing basis we collect shoes (school and sport) for the children of St Paul's Primary. They are always so grateful to receive these. We also make up food parcels for the Adonis Musati Project that helps refugees as they arrive in the country. We have been involved in a few smaller projects in addition to those mentioned above and have some very exciting ones lined up for the future.

*Sue Kiesvetter*



***Teachers Get Knitting too!***



***The Final Products!***



***Shoe Collection.***





# GUYS AND DOLLS

A review in Time magazine once described ‘Guys & Dolls’ as, “the greatest of all American musicals” and this glorious production did that accolade justice as it swept the audience in the Bishops Theatre from 1930s Broadway to Havana and back again on a sea of young and enthusiastic talent. A huge cast – in one scene inside the Save-A-Soul Mission there were more than 70 kids on stage – delivered across the board and always managed to combine discipline and concentration with a signal sense of sheer fun and enjoyment. Undeniably this was a very happy show. ‘Guys & Dolls’ was based on the legendary short stories of Damon Runyon whose seedy, funny New York

world always had characters with names like Nicely-Nicely or Harry The Horse, who were up to no good in ways that somehow made them loveable. The stage show which Frank Loesser, Jo Swelling and Abe Burrows created in 1950 from Runyon’s genius was an instant hit and has been revived many times since, deservedly so because it has an impeccable mix of comedy, pathos and superb songs. The movie version starred Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra, Jean Simmons and Vivien Blaine, so director Lynne Adelbert’s cast were stepping into big shoes which they all filled magnificently.

The Guys were led impeccably by both Julian Forbes as the roguish Nathan Detroit, who was indeed Brando-esque in accent and strength of acting, and Arthur Fisher as the suave Sky Masterson, who held his character superbly throughout especially during the wonderful ‘I’ll Know’ duet. The Dolls were headed by Indy Calland, as the long-suffering Miss Adelaide, and Emily Turnbull, as the long-sermoning Sergeant Sarah Brown. They were outstanding – performing with all-round skills that would not be out of place in a senior school production – and they consummately held the show’s central romantic narrative together through several solos and culminating in their classic ‘Marry The Man Today’ duet. Around this central core, an impressive array of supporting actors moved seamlessly into and out of the limelight. Jonathan Pletts as Nicely, often accompanied by Kamal Socranie (Benny South Street) and Matthew van Westenbrugge (Rusty Charlie), several times stole the show with the ease of a Broadway pick-pocket, and he led the cast through a beautifully produced rendition of the catchy ‘Sit Down You’re Rocking The Boat’. Jaxin Podesta in the role of Arvide Abernathy also delivered a fine solo. Sundry gang members and crap game players, all wearing an extraordinary array of over-the-top, colourful pinstriped suits, produced clear, crisp lines with excellent comedic timing while the maroon-uniformed Mission Band periodically marched among them melodiously, yet vainly, singing ‘Follow The Fold’. The startlingly glamorous Hot Box Girls chorus line provided a wonderfully vibrant counterpoint throughout.

The terrific sets were expertly manipulated by the stage crew, and the



*Arthur Fisher (Sky Masterson), Emily Turnbull (Sergeant Sarah Brown), Julian Forbes (Nathan Detroit) and Indy Calland (Miss Adelaide)*



*Backstage Fun at ‘Guys and Dolls’!*



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accomplished music staff band under the direction of Sandee Clapperton filled the theatre with a rich professional sound from the first notes of the overture to the rousing final chorus of the title tune. With 'Guys & Dolls' Lynne Adelbert has produced yet another stage gem for Bishops Prep (and for the girls from The Grove, Micklefield, Rustenburg & Springfield). It was a treat to watch, but for those actually involved, undoubtedly, it was an experience of enjoyment and accomplishment to be treasured for life.



## CHESS

From the start of the term, the players were faced with the challenge of competing in the Top Schools Trials. They played well to qualify to the Top Schools Tournament, held in Bellville in August. The competition was tight! The U11 Team came 8th, and the U13 Team played well to secure 6th position out of the 8. They sadly didn't qualify for the next round.

### TOP SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

#### TEAMS

AGE	NAMES	POSITION
U13	C. Fraser, A. McGregor, M. Von Bulow, A. Mothibi, J. Rossouw and N. Peile	6th
U11	J. Lapid, V. Levendal, C. Stegmann, Z. Chenia, M. Pettit and N. Powell	8th

#### Inter House Chess Results:

1st	Brooke
2nd	Van der Bijl
3rd	Bramley
4th	Charlton

I would not be doing the boys justice if I failed to mention and thank the following players, who happily jumped in to save the situation as reserves when called to do so: **L. Jameson, O. Minyi, T. Smith, K. Stapelberg, A. Rodinis, B. Daniel, C. Toy, K. Hassan, K. Meyer, J. Sinah, D. Holgate, G. Dyssell-Hofinger, O. Kennedy-Smith.**

To encourage continued participation, and an opportunity for the other club members, friendly matches were organized. 20 players got a chance to play against Reddam House, one at Home and the other Away. At both times, the spirit was amazing, both sides taking the games seriously.

**Chess Club:** S. Vine, T. Smith, B. Snider, J. Jacobs, A. Rodinis, B. Daniel, D. Holgate, G. Dyssell-Hofinger, K. Meyer, J. Sinah, A. Notje, D. Court, K. Hassah, C. Kotze, M. Mawela, O. Minyi, R. Hill, O. Kennedy-Smith, A. Morkel, A. Murphy, A. Sulliaman and M. Skwatsha

We are grateful to the coach, Mr. Ortel, who continued to pass on not only his invaluable knowledge, but passion for the game! To the parents, thank you for your continued support. I hope our boys will continue to take Chess seriously, and make the progress that they deserve.

Congratulations to Allaric McGregor who won a gold medal and a certificate in the U14 Belhar Knights Championships held in October.

*Lindiwe Siyengo*





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# PREPARATORY SPORT





## CROSS COUNTRY

The third term was eventful; we concluded the Friday League races and had a very successful Inter House Cross Country meeting - Van der Bijl House won. We had the Cross Country Circuit and Zonal Championships as well as the WP & WC Championships and we congratulate Ciaran Winstain who was awarded his WP Cross Country Colours and who represented the Province at the WC Cross Country Championships in Paarl. The John Ince Inter School Cross Country Pentangular was hosted by Rondebosch Boys' Junior School at the WPCC grounds. It was won by SACS with Bishops coming in third place. Please see Bishops individual results below. Congratulations to the boys who were awarded medals and certificates at the Annual Wynberg/Zone X-Country Awards Evening in October.

GRADE	NAME	AWARD
3	Cameron Parker Forsyth	<i>Most Improved</i>
3	Oliver Kennedy-Smith	Most Enthusiastic
5	Christian Garry	Most Dedicated
4	Ciaran Winstain	Gold Medal - Top U10 runner in the zone
5	Josh Lander	Gold Medal - Top U9 runner in the zone

William Raine (U13), Tom Barty (U12) and Ciaran Winstain (U10) successfully took part in a 50km running challenge during the third term over a four week period. They ran for a half an hour twice a week on Stanmore field and wherever else they could fit in some running time. Our annual camp at High Noon was a great success and a special thanks to all our sponsors who provided such wonderful prizes. Thank you to the parents who were always available to assist especially Mrs Sally Goodwin and Mr Greg Wesson

### X-COUNTRY PENTANGULAR TEAM INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 2012

U9	Josh Lander:3, Oliver Kennedy-Smith:6, Matthew Byron:16, Liam Harrison:18, John Fisher:17, Daniel Nelson:42, Phillip Smith:40, Gregor John:33, Matthew Tripe:37, Benjamin Audinwood:36
U10	Timothy Kotze:28, Stefan Breytenbach:19, Cameron Parker-Forsyth:10, Mitchell Labberte:22, Sebastian Allison:21, Jock Buchanan:1, Benjamin Gukelberger: 47, Leo Gevisser: 48, James Van Wyk:34, Alexander Van Der Leek:49
U11	Ross Hyne:10, Shaun O' Brien:9, Ross Tudhope:11, Tom Byron:19, Matthew Smith:36, Francois Breytenbach:23, Drew Burton:20, Ryan Sneddon:28, Michael Vd Merwe:17, Aiden Murphy:37
U12	Karl Prins:5, Joshua Mol:7, Timothy Sharples:25, Thomas Barty, Theodore Psillos:28, John Grieve:38, Ryan Lawson:43, Reuben Mndende:32, Murray Gordon:44, Tom Burton:42
U13	Chris Aubin:2, Marco Lanfranchi:4, Luke Leach-Lewis:7, David Wesson:19, Ethan Wyner:18, William Raine:28, Luke Ranoszek:22, Michael Burton:23, Leo Sturgeon:20, Angus Kennedy-Smith:26

## LEAGUE RACES

RUNNER	Race 1 4 May Muizenberg	Race 2 11 May Noordhoek	Race 3 18 May R/Bosch	Race 4 24 May Heathfield	Race 5 1 June Elfindale
William Raine	17	18	24	14	22
Lindani Ngcokoto			47		
Ross Goodwin	3	5	3		
Ronald Walters		53			
David Wesson	6	8	12		
Angus Kennedy- Smith	20	17	26		
Andile Themba	39		61		
Stuart Boynton		54	49		
Christopher Kotze	30	51	41	27	41
John Grieve	15	26	28	16	28
Jack Graham	42	60	59	37	66
Victor Allen	33	41	30		34
James Price	32	42	35		47
Tom Barty	7	10	9	12	13
Murray Gordon			47		57
Tom Burton	20	33	32		42
Karl Prins			4	4	6
Liam Orpen	34	U11 race null & void.  U 11s need 4 not 5 to qualify.	37		35
Sabri Numanoglu	26		17		20
Christian Garry	80		75	34	76
Shuan O' Brien	22		9		10
Michael Wesson					
Karl Weinert	21		DNF		15
Drew Burton	17		18		12
Ross Hyne			4		11
Francois Breytenbach			16		13
Ross Tudhope	15				
Sean Murphy	66		44		
Ciaran Winstain	1	1	1	1	1
Sebastian Allison	10		11	8	
John Steyn		53	45		
Cameron Parker-Forsyth	9	8	5	3	7
Jake Herbert			43	26	
Ethan -Ben Voogt	48	55	31	27	
Gregor John Bunney		26	20	12	
Sebastian Sturrock	31	17	30		16
Daniel Davidson	36	47	44		
Josh Lander	2	2	2	2	2
Matthew Tripe	17	16	19		13
Oliver Nicklin	32	19			12
Gareth Walsh	41	36	37		
Oliver Kennedy-Smith	4	6	4		
Keenan Walker		41	31		18
Berkeley Graaf			41		
Christopher Mcdonald				56	

Race 6 8 June Fish Hoek	Race 7: C.C 20 July Fish Hoek	Race 8: Z. C 1 August M/PLAIN	WP: 11 August Pentec	W.C. 'ship: 18 August Paarl
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17				
2	2	8		
29				
5	5	14		
43				



*Inter House Cross  
Country*



*Participation is key!*



*Imaad Khan repre-  
senting VDB with  
pride.*

## HOCKEY

## VS GROVE, RONDEBOSCH, SACS, PINHURST 25/7

Under 13 A	Grove	Drew	1-1
Under 13 B	Grove	Won	7-0
Under 13C	Rondebosch C	Won	10-0
Under 13 D	SACS	Won	9-1
Under 12 A	Grove	Won	4-0
Under 12 B	Grove	Won	10-0
Under 12 C	Rondebosch D	Won	2-1
Under 12 D	SACS	Lost	0-4
Under 11 A	Grove	Won	7-0
Under 11 B	Rondebosch C	Won	8-0
Under 11C	SACS	Won	4-0
Under 11D	Rondebosch	Drew	0-0
Under 10A	Grove	Won	13-0
Under 10B	Grove	Won	7-0
Under 10C	Pinehurst	Lost	1-3
Under 10D	Bye		
Under 10E	Bye		
Under 10F	Bye		

Played: 15

Won: 11

Drew: 2

Lost: 2

## VS WYNBERG, PINELANDS PRIM 1/8

Under 13 A	Wynberg	Won	3-0
Under 13 B	Wynberg	Lost	0-3
Under 13C	Wynberg	Won	3-1
Under 13 D	Pinelands Prim A	Lost	0-10
Under 12 A	Wynberg	Won	2-0
Under 12 B	Wynberg	Won	3-2
Under 12 C	Wynberg	Lost	0-4
Under 12 D	Wynberg	Won	1-0
Under 11 A	Wynberg	Won	4-3
Under 11 B	Wynberg	Won	3-1
Under 11C	Wynberg	Won	7-0
Under 11D	Wynberg	Won	3-0
Under 10A	Wynberg	Won	7-1

Under 10B	Wynberg	Won	5-0
Under 10C	Wynberg	Won	5-0
Under 10D	Wynberg	Won	8-6
Under 10E	Pinelands Prim A	Lost	0-5
Under 10F	Bye		
<b>Played: 17</b>	<b>Won: 13</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 4</b>

### VS SACS 21/8

Under 13 A	SACS	Won	2-0
Under 11 A	SACS	Won	3-1
Under 11 B	SACS	Won	3-2
Under 11C	SACS	Won	3-2
Under 11D	SACS	Lost	0-1
Under 10A	SACS	Won	7-0
Under 10B	SACS	Drew	3-3
Under 10C	SACS	Lost	1-5
Under 10D	SACS	Won	5-1
Under 10E	SACS	Won	4-0
<b>Played: 10</b>	<b>Won: 7</b>	<b>Drew: 1</b>	<b>Lost: 2</b>

### VS RONDEBOSCH 22/8

Under 13 A	Rondebosch	Drew	1-1
Under 13 B	Rondebosch	Won	1-0
Under 13C	Rondebosch	Won	6-0
Under 12 A	Rondebosch	Lost	1-4
Under 12 B	Rondebosch	Won	2-0
Under 12 C	Rondebosch	Drew	2-2
Under 12 D	Rondebosch	Lost	0-2
Under 11 A	Rondebosch	Won	3-1
Under 11 B	Rondebosch	Won	4-3
Under 11C	Rondebosch	Won	3-1
Under 11D	Rondebosch	Won	2-0
Under 10A	Rondebosch	Won	8-0
Under 10B	Rondebosch	Won	3-2
Under 10C	Rondebosch	Lost	0-6
Under 10D	Rondebosch	Lost	2-3



Under 10E	Rondebosch	Lost	0-2
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<b>Played: 16</b>	<b>Won: 9</b>	<b>Drew: 2</b>	<b>Lost: 5</b>
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### VS SWEET VALLEY 29/8

Under 13 A	Sweet Valley	Won	2-0
Under 13 B	Sweet Valley	Won	8-0
Under 12 A	Sweet Valley	Won	4-1
Under 12 B	Sweet Valley	Won	8-1
Under 11 A	Sweet Valley	Won	12-0
Under 11 B	Sweet Valley	Won	4-0
Under 10A	Sweet Valley	Won	7-0
Under 10B	Sweet Valley	Won	8-0

<b>Played: 8</b>	<b>Won: 8</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 0</b>
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*Robbie Lennett v SACS.*



*Bishops U12 Day/Night Hockey Champions.*

## U13

I have been very impressed with the progress made by this group of players and would have liked the season to be extended by a few weeks as once we had finished the end of season Top Schools Tournament, I felt that we were just starting to consistently play the brand of hockey we had worked so hard to achieve. All credit must go to the team who trained well and always tried to implement the game plan devised for each fixture. In fact we had tried to establish two game plans, one more attacking with 3 strikers and a more defensive pattern with 2 strikers and 4 midfielders to combat teams that outgunned us with speed, strength and a more direct approach. For a group of u13s, they were able



***Michael Burton showing his skill on the Woodlands Astro.***

to adapt nicely and their tactical awareness improved throughout the season. The highlights during the season were: The 3-0 win against Wynberg. After drawing with this very good team that was full of flair in the second term - here we played our best tactical and passing game. Our 1-1 draw away from home against Rondebosch who were also physically stronger with some quick players. In this game that could have gone either way the boys tackled well and were able to counter attack effectively. They also learned how to grind out a result and overload areas to limit space for the opposition. On tour we also won against a composite Clifton U14A and B team and a strong Durban Prep side. In the latter match, during the second half we probably had our best half of the season scoring 3 well worked open play goals. We ended 3rd in the Top Schools Tournament losing on a penalty shoot out in the semi-final. What impressed me the most

was that we didn't concede a goal throughout the tournament and we dealt well with the direct and physical approach of the Northern Suburbs schools. We were able to use intricate skill, play with flair, trust our structure and combine well as a team which bodes well as these boys progress at College. Michael Burton, who represented the victorious Western Province Team at the Inter-Provincial this year captained the side in inspirational fashion, always leading from the front with exceptional work rate, excellent explosive pace and good close quarter skill. He also scored many vital goals and has a bright future in the game. Our vice captain, James Gordon set a fine example to his fellow players and displayed excellent progress this season coming into his own on tour and into the third term with some wonderful performances. When Michael and James were on song we played our best hockey as they were able to control the midfield while initiating our attacking movements with good individual skill. Shaylin Foflonker is our fairy tale story who played for the U12D team last year and then made the 1st team playing with distinction. A remarkable achievement! He only let in 3 goals all season and made many incredible, committed saves in tight matches always keeping us in the hunt for a favourable result. We cannot underestimate his contribution into making this a memorable unbeaten league and tour season. Christian Rohrer captained the regional A Hockey Team this year and was the glue that kept our team together as he was the link between a solid defense and an attacking style, which he did, making an outstanding contribution to the team. He grew in confidence and has very good all-round ability. Christian's short corner scoring prowess came to the fore in the third term, scoring some excellent strikes from the top of the D. Jack Harrison was extremely solid in defense and well composed under pressure. He also displayed very neat individual skill and timing in the tackle. He has the potential to do well at College if he wishes to do so. Francois van der Merwe was our highly committed utility back who has good speed in tracking attackers and can eliminate several players going forward, which he enjoyed doing from deep in our half with an adventurous spirit. Robbie Lennett made tremendous strides this season. Always a player with super close skill, he worked hard to develop his strength on the ball and accuracy in his distribution. He enjoyed a fine second half of the season providing our initial thrust down the right hand side of the field. Brandon Burke held up our defense down the left, where he played with superb commitment making many crucial last gasp tackles while



*James Howard vs WPPS.*

also scoring some goals as variation in our short corner team. Brandon also set a fine example during training and was cool in pressure situations during matches. Ivan Stassen was our work horse in the left midfield who worked tirelessly on defense and attack. He got the left hand side moving nicely and provided excellent cover support to our defense. He looked for work which provided us with very good turn-overs and read the game well. Filipe Acafrao came into his own in the second half of the season, working hard down the left hand side of the field scoring some well taken goals. He had the knack of being in the right place at the right time. Luke Leach Lewis was our most versatile player who played up front, in the midfield and in defense always making a super contribution on the field. He has good skill and was often very dangerous going forward and a player to watch at College! Ross Goodwin who only started playing hockey last year and unfortunately missed much of the season due to injury was our live wire up front who with his in your face work rate coupled with exceptional pace caused many headaches for opposition defenders. If he had to continue with hockey, there is no doubt that he would develop into a very good player. Richard Baikoff forced his way into the team with some excellent performances in the second team and cemented a place in the team showing good ball control, a level head with the ability to link up nicely and finish off movements with some well taken goals. Marco Lanfranchi proved to be our most dangerous striker with his silky skill and pace. He was a constant handful for his opponents with his mazy runs down the right flank and was our ball carrier in the opposition half, often playing the role of the maker and the taker. Marco has the potential to go far in the sport. I would like to thank the parents for their support this season. I know how much it means to the boys to see your support at matches.

■ **TEAM:** Michael Burton (Capt.), James Gordon (Vice Capt.), Christian Rohrer, Francois van der Merwe, Richard Baikoff, Luke Leach- Lewis, Marco Lanfranchi, Filipe Acafrao, Robert Lennett, Ivan Stassen, Ross Goodwin, Max Harrison, Brandon Burke, Shaylin Foflonker.

*Murray Anderson*

## U13B

Once again, this age group has enjoyed a most successful season, winning the bulk of their matches in great style. They have acquired the basic skills well over the years and have implemented these successfully into their on-field play. They have also gelled well as a team and have been an enthusiastic group of boys to coach. The boys enjoyed a successful tour as part of their Grade 7 Tour to KwaZulu-Natal. They enjoyed playing "normal" 11-a-side hockey on this tour, so much so, that the half-field looked decidedly small during the 3rd term matches! Fortunately we were also able to arrange some full-field matches during this time. Although the boys will be tempted by the aura of rugby at College, many of them will do well to continue playing this life-time sport of kings. They are a talented group and it would not surprise me to see some of them challenging for A-team places at College.

■ **TEAM:** J. Alfredo, C. Marquis, A. Kennedy-Smith, M. de Kock, J. Mort, L. Mort, L. Ranoszek, N. Tyndall, D. Wesson, N. Mputa

*Richard Goedhals*



*Jock Buchanan  
vs WPPS.*

### U13C AND D

Both teams must be congratulated on a thoroughly enjoyable hockey season. All coaching sessions were incredibly productive and the boys learnt a great deal throughout this exciting season. The C team must be commended on remaining undefeated in every game. Many thanks must go to Mr Ryan Wolters who coached the U13D team with great expertise and enthusiasm.

■ **TEAM:** L Sturgeon; M Hanssen; N Featherstone; L Ngcokoto; W Raine; N Maimba; J Hughes; T Tzemis; S Sani; R van Biljon; N Mputa.

■ **TEAM:** A Themba; A Tyer; M Cetywayo; B Phelan; N Tapanlis; N Bowden; S Ramiah; R Good; R Walters.

*Greg Shuttleworth*

### U12

This division enjoyed a fabulous season; the A team only lost to Rondebosch; the Bs lost no matches and both the C and D teams easily 'out-gunned' the equivalent teams of other schools. The A team relied on a very strong team effort to make up for a shortage of "stars". Many of our games were won with only one or two goals being scored, but rarely did the team concede a goal. The highlight of the season was, undoubtedly, the end of season day/night hockey tournament. We managed to come first in our pool matches, and then had to beat Wynberg in the semi final which we did! James Price scored an early goal against Rondebosch in the final and the team continued pressing them hard throughout the game to come out champions on the night. The boys were very proud to lift the trophy for Bishops. Special mention should be made of Tim Sharples who earned man of the match in many games throughout the season with his growing skill, electric speed and determined effort. I will remember this year's U12 age group as a wonderfully determined group of boys. Their eagerness to learn and willingness to practice new skills meant that had brilliant results. I trust that the boys will enter the U13 level with confidence and be ready to make themselves and Bishops proud. The trophy winning squad was:

■ **TEAM:** Jayden Rossouw(G); Tom Burton; Matthew van Waestenbrugge; Luke Wessels; Tim Sharples; James Price (C); Chris Kotze; John van Niekerk; Daniel Stehlik; Victor Allen and Scott Jeffrey. Matthew Klingenberg (G) missed the tournament due to illness.

*Mark Erlangsen*

### U11A

It has been an absolute pleasure watching this group of players in action. They are an incredibly talented and well balanced side. They possess a good skill level and are unselfish when moving the ball around the astro. Ross Tudhope proved to be a feared goalkeeper and cleared anything and everything that came his way. He must be congratulated on keeping a 'clean sheet' for almost the entire season. Matthew Smith and Luke Richardson were excellent defenders but both loved the opportunity to push forward once the result was secured. Chris Clarke and Sam Elliot had great pace on the right wing and provided our strikers Matthew Lennett, and Michael van der Merwe with an absolute glut of goal scoring opportunities. Ryan Sneddon proved to be an excellent left wing who managed to pick up the 'scraps' and score



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matches. This is a very talented group of boys and I am sure that some of them will be playing A team hockey in the future. I would like to thank Mr Dave Zwemka for his enthusiasm and commitment shown throughout the season. He has ensured that this group of boys will move up to U12 hockey with excellent skills and a love for the game. Well done boys!

■ **TEAM:** Andrew Rackstraw; Thomas Liefeldt; Ryan Campbell; Slaide Marquis; Robert Butler; Tom Byron; Isaiah Wharton; Marek Kanigowski; Michael Wesson; Bongani Mavuso.

*Greg Shuttleworth*

### **U11C AND D**

Our C and D teams started all their practice sessions with a skills based component where they had an opportunity to try new skills under increasing time constraints. Many of their matches were played on grass and as such had to acquire the skills required for Astro and grass play. Both teams enjoyed fabulous results throughout the season, and can be commended on their positive attitude and willingness to learn. Mrs Maake Tieden was a real asset to the C team, giving the boys carefully planned drills and game structure. The D team was equally endowed with the coaching of Mr Will Lowes. My thanks to them both.

*Mark Erlangsen*

### **U10**

This group has enjoyed a particularly successful season throughout all the teams. The boys' enthusiasm has been particularly noticeable, as well as their determination to win! It is always encouraging to note the development in the boys' hockey during the season, and this year has been no exception. Many of the boys have made good progress in mastering the basic skills, while some have shown excellent talent in developing their finer skills. Not only this, but they have been successful in applying these skills in matches. Another pleasing aspect of this year's group was to see the progress of individual players, resulting in their selection for higher teams. This is always a good thing, as it brings out the best in other players as well. The U10As have been fortunate to have had the enthusiasm and experience of Mr Jaryd Cunliffe's coaching this year. The boys made excellent progress as a unit under his guidance. Similarly, the C, D and E boys have, at various stages, enjoyed the keenness and care of Ms Kate Goddard's coaching. Congratulations to all on a wonderful year!

*P. Graney and R. Goedhals*

many goals of his own. Ross Hyne and James Howard were perfect centre links who controlled the pace and structure with aplomb. Congratulations on an excellent undefeated season. I would like to wish them well for next season.

### **U11B**

The U11B team has enjoyed a wonderful season winning every match played on astro. They have played an outstanding style of hockey and they often forced the A team players to 'dig deep' during our practice



## RUGBY

## VS Durban Prep - 19 July

Under 13 A	Durban Prep	Lost	0 – 35
Under 13B	Durban Prep	Lost	12 – 29
Under 13C	Durban Prep U13E	Won	47 – 0
Under 13D	Durban Prep U13G	Won	29 – 28
Under 12A	Durban Prep U13C	Won	12 – 7
Under 12B	Durban Prep U13D	Lost	5 – 35
Under 12C	Durban Prep U13F	Won	39 – 28
Under 11A	Durban Prep	Lost	12 – 26
Under 11B	Durban Prep	Lost	0 – 17
Under 11C	Durban Prep	Lost	0 – 40
<b>Played: 10</b>	<b>Won: 4</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 6</b>

## VS Reddam, Fish Hoek, Nico Brummer, SACS – 21 July

Under 13A	Nico Brummer	Won	34 – 14
Under 13B	Fish Hoek	Won	33 – 19
Under 13C	Reddam U13B	Lost	12 – 26
Under 13D	Fish Hoek U13B	Won	42 – 26
Under 12A	Reddam	Won	32 – 0
Under 12B	Fish Hoek U12A	Won	17 – 7
Under 11A	Reddam	Won	35 – 0
Under 11B	Nico Brummer	Lost	0 – 33
Under 11C	Fish Hoek U11B	Lost	0 – 55
Under 11D	Reddam U11B	Lost	0 – 50
Under 10A	Fish Hoek	Won	33 – 5
Under 10B	Reddam U10A	Lost	5 – 15
Under 10C	Reddam U10B	Lost	5 – 40
Under 9A	Reddam	Won	5 – 0
Under 9B	Fish Hoek U9A	Lost	5 – 25
Under 9C	Fish Hoek U9B	Won	10 – 0
Under 9D	Reddam U9B	Lost	10 – 15
Under 9E	SACS	Lost	0 – 55
Under 9F	SACS	Won	35 – 5
<b>Played: 19</b>	<b>Won: 10</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 9</b>

### VS Sun Valley, Atlantic, Masiphumelele - 28 July

Under 13A	Sun Valley	Lost	10 – 12
Under 13B	Atlantic	Lost	5 – 25
Under 13C	Masiphumelele	Won	37 – 15
Under 12A	Atlantic	Won	40 – 5
Under 12B	Sun Valley	Won	51 – 0
Under 11A	Atlantic	Won	45 – 0
Under 11B	Sun Valley	Won	37 – 5
Under 11C	Masiphumelele	Lost	0 – 22
Under 11D	Sun Valley	Lost	5 -50
Under 10A	Atlantic	Won	41 – 5
Under 10B	Sun Valley	Lost	5 – 27
Under 10C	Sun Valley	Won	32 – 27
Under 9A	Sun Valley	Won	15 – 0
Under 9B	Atlantic	Lost	10 – 20
Under 9C	Sun Valley	Lost	0 – 15
Under 9D	Masiphumelele	Drew	20 – 20
Under 9E	Atlantic	Lost	5 – 15
Under 9 Composite	Sun Valley	Won	50– 20

**Played: 18****Won: 9****Drew: 1****Lost: 8**

### VS Wynberg - 4 August

Under 13A	Wynberg	Lost	7 – 12
Under 13B	Wynberg	Lost	12 – 29
Under 13C	Wynberg	Lost	14 – 25
Under 12A	Wynberg	Lost	7 – 12
Under 12B	Wynberg	Won	24 – 17
Under 12C	Wynberg	Lost	24 – 27
Under 11A	Wynberg	Drew	7 – 7
Under 11B	Wynberg	Won	24 – 22
Under 10A	Wynberg	Won	36 – 5
Under 10B	Wynberg	Won	26 – 5
Under 10C	Wynberg	Lost	5 – 27
Under 9A	Wynberg	Won	15 – 10
Under 9B	Wynberg	Lost	15 – 20
Under 9C	Wynberg	Lost	10 – 15
Under 9D	Wynberg	Won	20 – 5

**Played: 15****Won: 6****Drew: 1****Lost: 8**

### VS Sweet Valley, Kirstenhoff, False Bay Academy, Grey PE - 8 and 9 August

Under 13A	Sweet Valley	Won	17 – 10
Under 13A	Grey PE	Lost	7 – 53
Under 13B	False Bay Academy	Lost	0 – 25
Under 13C	Sweet Valley U13B	Won	34 – 24
Under 12A	Sweet Valley	Lost	15 – 17
Under 12C	Kirstenhoff U12A	Lost	0 – 14
Under 11A	Sweet Valley	Won	50 – 0
Under 11C	Sweet Valley U11B	Won	35 – 10
Under 10A	Sweet Valley	Won	12 – 0
Under 10C	Sweet Valley U10B	Won	37 – 5
Under 9A	Sweet Valley	Won	35 – 0
Under 9C	Sweet Valley U9B	Won	30 – 5

**Played: 12****Won: 8****Drew: 0****Lost: 4**

### VS WPPS AND SACS - 14 and 15 August

Under 13 A	WPPS	Won	21 – 14
Under 12A	WPPS	Won	18 – 14
Under 12B	WPPS	Won	35 – 0
Under 12C	WPPS	Won	40 – 7
Under 11 A	WPPS	Won	24 – 0
Under 11 B	WPPS	Drew	7 – 7
Under 10A	WPPS	Lost	5 – 12
Under 10B	WPPS	Won	39 – 0
Under 9A	WPPS	Won	30 – 15
Under 9B	WPPS	Drew	15 – 15
Under 9C	WPPS	Won	50 – 15

**Played: 11****Won: 8****Drew: 2****Lost: 1**

### VS SACS - 18 August

Under 13 A	SACS	Lost	10 – 17
Under 13B	SACS	Lost	10 – 48
Under 13C	SACS	Lost	5 – 55
Under 13D	SACS	Lost	14 – 24
Under 12A	SACS	Lost	7 – 12
Under 12B	SACS	Lost	5 – 12

Under 12C	SACS	Lost	14 – 17
Under 12D	SACS	Lost	15 – 29
Under 11A	SACS	Lost	7 – 10
Under 11B	SACS	Lost	0 – 15
Under 11C	SACS	Lost	5 – 36
Under 11D	SACS	Lost	10 – 40
Under 10A	SACS	Drew	12 – 12
Under 10B	SACS	Lost	14 – 25
Under 10C	SACS	Lost	0 – 59
Under 9A	SACS	Drew	5 – 5
Under 9B	SACS	Drew	15 – 15
Under 9C	SACS	Lost	10 – 35
Under 9D	SACS	Lost	10 – 30
Under 9E	SACS	Lost	10 – 30
Under 9F	SACS	Lost	0 – 20

**Played: 21****Won: 0****Drew: 3****Lost: 18****VS Rondebosch - 25 August**

Under 13A	Rondebosch	Lost	12 – 22
Under 13B	Rondebosch	Lost	12 – 33
Under 13C	Rondebosch	Lost	19 – 37
Under 13D	Rondebosch	Won	31 – 19
Under 12A	Rondebosch	Lost	7 – 17
Under 12B	Rondebosch	Won	22 – 12
Under 12C	Rondebosch	Lost	14 – 21
Under 11A	Rondebosch	Lost	20 – 26
Under 11B	Rondebosch	Lost	10 – 14
Under 11C	Rondebosch	Lost	10 – 15
Under 10A	Rondebosch	Won	12 – 5
Under 10B	Rondebosch	Lost	7 – 14
Under 10C	Rondebosch	Won	27 – 15
Under 9A	Rondebosch	Won	15 – 10
Under 9B	Rondebosch	Lost	0 – 40
Under 9C	Rondebosch	Lost	15 – 20
Under 9D	Rondebosch	Lost	5 – 30
Under 9E	Rondebosch	Lost	10 – 35
Under 9F	Rondebosch	Won	45 – 35

**Played: 19****Won: 6****Drew: 0****Lost: 13**



*Felix Burt about to dive over the white wash vs Wynberg*



*George Spencer attempts to kick for goal in the face of a gusty gale.*



*Ross Goodwin outstripping his opposition in a race to the ball.*

### U13A

The 2012 rugby started with a great win against WPPS which I believe boosted the boy's confidence and set them up for a good season. The local Derby's were fiercely contested in the first round with Bishops winning most of their games. The tour was a resounding success with all games won at the Durban Prep Festival. A loss to a very strong Westville side, was the only blemish on tour. In many ways the loss may well have been a massive growth phase for the boys. The disappointment was clearly visible, as maybe, for the first time they had given all and come up empty handed! Over and above the level of play delivered on the field the boys' manners and general conduct off it was excellent. They did Bishops proud! Sadly some injuries picked up on tour did have an impact. The second half of the season was not as good, however at no stage did the side implode, even against some very strong opposition, notably Grey Junior and Durban Prep. In many ways coaches learn more about boys/men in times of hardship. I am confident that Bishops rugby has men that can be counted on in this group. The rugby played was at times superb, the ball being moved wide and at pace with forwards and backs linking well. Sadly, at other times we become dull and blunt, with forwards carrying the ball up into people endlessly. One hopes that some important lessons were learnt! The ball needs to be moved around at pace, players need to be running from depth and run good lines, above all we need to play a cerebral game. I do believe these boys can and will play this way in the years to come. Under some trying times Brandon Burke and Felix Burt captained the team very well. Men of few words who lead by example urging their charges on by doing much of the hard work themselves, the players responded, well done! I was most fortunate to have had the assistance of Mr Mqomboti this year. He was remarkable in his quiet yet very efficient manner. The backs moved well, the try against Rondebosch breath taking in its brilliance! The team gained much from his coaching and mentoring. Thank you! William Esau (OD) added a slightly different perspective during the season. His animated explanations of how that ball should be used exciting and most true! He also constantly reminded the boys of the need to ensure that one enjoys the game! The parental support was always excellent; lifting, hosting and helping with catering at functions. Thank you, our boys and school are indeed blessed to have such supportive parents. I wish this group of rugby players and parents many fun filled hours at College. It will now be back to the "dawn patrol" mopping up the dew and avoiding the cow pats on the outfields of the various schools who now enter the league. Enjoy, true rugby men play for intrinsic reward, the reward that one gets from playing with mates and the joy of being allowed to express one's talents! I hope you have an abundance of the above. Trophies, medals and money will come to those who persevere and understand the values of this great game.



■ **TEAM:** Brandon Burke (C) Felix Burt (V/C), Ross Doyle, Aidan Neill, Ben Nel, James Morritt Smith, Nathan Maimba, Christian Rohrer, François van der Merwe, Ronald Walters, Kimon Buhler, Richard Baikoff, George Spencer, Ross Goodwin, Michael Burton, Cayden Marquis, James Gordon, Ivan Stassen, Arthur Fischer, Johnson Alfredo, Nqoyi Mputa.

*Brendan Fogarty*



*James Gordon on the attack  
vs Fish Hoek.*

### U13B

It has been a tough season with many lessons learned for both the boys and the coaches. It is very unfortunate that the season's results do not portray the true talent and ability of our team; because this has actually been one of the most talented teams we have had the pleasure of coaching. I would put the results down to a slight lack of enthusiasm and motivation when it was needed most, something for the boys and coaches to work on in the future. Individually each player showed his talent and ability and we are very proud of the boys and disappointed that the results did not show the true character of the team.

■ **TEAM:** Sisa Liwani, Ronald Walters, Dylan Wingfield, Liam Pargiter, Nicholas Tyndall, Rayleigh le Fleur, Luke Ranzoszek, Lindani Ngcokoto, Arthur Fischer (C), Luke Leach-Lewis, Nqoyi Mputa, James Gordon, David Wesson, Stuart Boynton, Ethan Wyner, Filipe Acafrao, Robert Lennett.

*Nick Kueswetter and James Wright*

### U13C

This team was the 'Wild Boys' team of the Prep. It was a team that simply played for the sheer enjoyment of representing your school every Saturday and having the time of your life. We lost about as many games as we won, but that didn't matter. This team always attracted the biggest audience with huge numbers gathered behind the poles during the matches just so they could share in the joy and amusement of what was unfolding between the four white lines. Mac Cheminais was a competitive captain who was a hard task master not only to his players but also to the coaching staff - Mr Mitchell was given a sound 'ticking off' when he made a 'poor' substitution up in Zululand on tour. Mac's leadership was outstanding and always pulled the team closer together during the heat of the battle. Our team had pace on the outside so our tactics were very simple – pass the ball to the wings. As a result our flyers scored most of our tries. Our forwards didn't like going to ground so we played to our strengths and tried to pass before being tackled or to off-load in the tackle. Leo Sturgeon and Blair Phelan were our two assistant coaches and they both proved invaluable assets to the team – even though Blair was fired and re-hired a few times. Their inspirational speeches at half-time often got the desired result in the second half. I look forward to watching these boys turn out for the senior 'Wild Boys' side in their matric year. You never know, maybe I could make a few guest appearances as the coach. Thank you to the merry band of parents who supported us all over the peninsula often at first light on chilly, wet winter Saturday mornings.

■ **TEAM:** T Braga, T Sides, B Chetwin, R van Biljon, MA Rawoot, M Hanssen, R Lennett, L Mort, J Mort, J Podesta, M Cheminais (C), N Tyndall, S Cullum, D Wingfield, J Barry, S Foflonker, S Dollie, W Raine, R Kuttell, J Forbes, A Sale, J Hamilton-Russell, B Tzemis, S Sani  
*Bruce Mitchell*

## U12A

It was a fantastic two terms for the U12A side. There were a few ups and downs but that's what sport is all about. The boys really encouraged one another when we weren't doing so well. We wouldn't shout at each other, for example if someone had knocked the ball on. When we scored a try we would be humble but try even harder to score another one. When it was half time Mr. De Sousa would come onto the field and say some wise words to us before we went on again. All of the parents were fantastic and without their support we would be hardly as successful as we've been this season. It was a fantastic two terms and we are looking forward to next year in under 13.

*A. Castle (Captain)*

This season has been a very good one in terms of the development of each player. The players responded well to the challenges they faced often against much bigger opposition. I was very impressed with their attitudes and their willingness to buy into a total rugby game play. This provided many players the opportunity to experience other positions during phase play. The idea of playing total rugby became the team's main goal and scoring tries from their own goal line an obsession. Some days it worked and other days the wheels fell apart, but I truly believe one learns more from losing a hard fought battle than winning a walk in the park match. This team scored some outstanding tries, but the most memorable are the tries we scored from our own try line. The boys often would bounce back at training and prepare themselves for the next test of their rugby skills. I was amazed at the dedication the boys showed at practice and the belief they showed in each other. I leave you with the following quote, which I hope you carry on into U13 rugby: "After each game, I want to be able to say: I gave it all I could, I gave it my very best."

■ **TEAM:** A.Castle, R.Solomons, T.Sides, A.Mtombeni, M.Klingenberg H.Janssens, L.Wessels, M.Van Westenbrugge, B.Snider, T.Sharples, T.Bakre,V.Allen, T.Burton, R.Mndende, J.Meyer D Kapoutsis, T. Psillos. R Wonfor

*Grant De Sousa*



*Tim Sharples muscling his way forward.*



*Ano Mtombeni, in true Bishops style, running like a back.*

## U12B

The U12B rugby team has excelled throughout the season. The coaches (Mr Kruger and Mr Liddell) taught us many skills and they encouraged us when we were down. The team has had spectacular wins and some unfortunate losses. We played 14 games; won 10 games and lost 4. We learned important team work. Rugby taught us to be courageous, unselfish and to go beyond our limits. The forwards and the backline were taught many moves by the coaches. We looked forward to the Saturday morning matches because we wanted to use the new skills we had learnt in the week. The season has been a triumphant and victorious one.

■ **TEAM:** R Labberte, R Young, J Grieve, H Orrell, L Gordon-Turner, C Kotze, J Graham, L Agnew, J Rossouw, S Jeffery, T Smith, K Prins, C Haller, O Minyi, T Barty, F Spencer, T Psillos, J Mol, R Wonfor, D Stehlik, J Price.

*T. Psillos (Captain)*



*Even in the wet, Bishops players are able to send the ball wide.*

a few closely fought matches. As a coach I really enjoyed working with the team – they were passionate about representing their school and always adopted a ‘never say die’ attitude on the field. I have no doubt that many of these boys who represented the Cs have the ability and temperament to play at a higher level in the future.

■ **TEAM:** James Price, Michael Hooper, Ryan Lawson, John Grieve, Ben Rubin, Joshua Mol, Steven Ross, James Young, Murray Gordon, Michael Wilson- Trollip, Cullen Perlman, Liam Agnew, Jonathan Pletts, Chris Haller, Justin Maree, Okuhle Minyi, Travis Bradfield, Stuart Vine, Matteo Lupini, Freddie Davis, Hector Orrell, Davis Court, Liam Gordon -Turner.

*Chris Groom*

## U12C

The team enjoyed a very successful season and great fun was had by all the players. We worked very hard at developing an attacking brand of rugby that suited the strengths of the team. The team was blessed to have some powerful ‘game breakers’ who had the ability to score tries when the opportunity presented itself. Throughout the first half of the season, the team played some entertaining and skilful rugby to remain unbeaten. Unfortunately, injuries and call-ups to the B and A team disrupted our rhythm in the latter part of the winter and we lost

## U12D

The most disappointing aspect of the season was the lack of matches on a Saturday for this group of enthusiastic rugby players. The school tried incredibly hard to find matches for the team to play, but unfortunately only a few schools have a D team. As a result of this we ended up playing Wepups U12C twice and Sacs U12D five times. The games against Sacs were always closely fought encounters and eventually Sacs ran out winners 3 – 2 in the series. Many of the U12Ds represented the U12C team in the latter part of the season and acquitted themselves well. The team was well coached by Mr Kahla and Mr Eksteen and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

■ **TEAM:** Alizwa Ngcwanga, Ciaran Manca, James Young, Jack Storm, Hamilton Barr, Michael Hooper, Ryan Lawson, Justin Maree, Stefano Fernandes, Liam Jameson, David Kingdom, Oliver MacRobert, Jonathan Pletts, Matteo Lupini, Ben Rubin, Andrew Van Voore, Freddie Davis, John Van Niekerk.

## U11A

The season started with a series of trials in which all the boys had a chance to show off their skills, and it was evident that some boys worked very hard during the holiday in order to start the season with a head-start in terms of fitness levels. Once the boys were selected into their teams, we started working hard in preparation for our first match against Wetzpups. I was very impressed with the size and physicality of our tight five, and it was reassuring for the backs to know that we had such a mobile loose trio. This helped us in our quest to recycle ball quickly and eventually free up



*Ross Tudhope, shrugging off an attempt from the Collegians tackler.*

our backs on the outside. Passing accuracy was a concern amongst the backs, but due to hard work this improved slightly and the boys started building momentum. I feel that together with mental sharpness and good communication, this is an area for improvement and this group of boys will be even better once they have mastered these skills in the long term. Our first game against Wetzpups was played in pouring rain, but the boys managed to take it through the phases nicely in the first half. Once the rain subsided in the second half the forwards and backs started to combine with great ease. The next game against SACS was one of the best defensive displays of the season. The boys managed to defend aggressively in difficult circumstances for a sustained period of time. After this game we realised that we needed to work very hard in order to commit a few less bodies to the ruck situation on defence. We worked hard in order to adapt our pattern in difficult circumstances, and this was rewarded with an outstanding display of team work in defence against Wynberg. On our tour to Ceres we played some good rugby in slippery conditions, but felt at half time that our ball carriers were not running straight enough. We spoke of the importance of being more direct in order to create space on the outside for our lethal finishers. We rectified this after half time, only to be outdone by an intercept try just before the final whistle. This match was followed by defeats against Eikestad and DPHS. The boys must be commended for the way they picked themselves up after three losses to bounce back with a convincing win at Wetzpups in very wet conditions. They adapted beautifully to the conditions, and the big ball carriers showed great strength and patience as we took it through phase after phase. We played the conditions perfectly, and took control of the game from the first minute. It was a mixed bag of results in the second half of the term. This also demonstrated the importance of staying fit during the winter holidays. Even though it was an indifferent season in terms of results the boys must be commended for their work ethic. I was particularly impressed with the commitment of the tight five. If we can work hard in the years to come on resisting the temptations of playing as

fifteen individuals we can develop into a force to be reckoned with. This will enable us to free up our very dangerous runners on the outside to cause havoc. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of boys. I would like to thank all the parents for their wonderful support.

*Willem Louw*

### U11B

The team enjoyed a memorable season of Bishops rugby that included tours to the Karoo and Ceres. After a rather slow start the boys managed to find their feet with a last minute draw against Gericke. From then on the team spirit improved with the rugby, culminating in a wonderful win against Wynberg in the wet. The boys learned the meaning of playing for each other – and the love of the game – and can be proud of their all-round progress. Well done to those who earned A team caps and a big thanks to the rest of the squad for serving so unselfishly. I look forward to following your progress, both on and off the field... “Knock & Lock – Drop & Drive!”

■ **TEAM:** Aaron Woodman, Drew Burton, William Hamilton-Russell, Cameron Good, Kieran Meyer, James Koster, Berkley Hollingum, Sean Murphy, Joshua Njoroge, Tristan Turner, Tom Byron, Sam Elliot, Euan Musselwhite, Ryan Sneddon, Andrew Rackstraw, Ryan Campbell, Tristan le Fleur, Innocent Macha, Liam Foxcroft, Aiden Murphy, Chris Clark, Brad Bullough, Rufus Florin.

### U11C AND D

The mantra for the U11C and D season has been, ‘improvement with each performance’. The boys have certainly lived up to this. I watched as each boy grew in his understanding of the game of rugby as well as in his skills. This was evident in our two matches against Rondebosch. We went from losing by 26 points in the second term to losing by just 3 points at the end of the third term (we could have had it too!). The boys worked hard throughout the season and I feel that they really enjoyed their rugby. I know they will all be back for more next year. One of the greatest pleasures as a coach is watching players develop and see them reach for their goal of moving up a team. I saw this on many occasions and enjoyed the conundrum set before the B team coach when selecting players. We must have had at least six players move from C to B team and as many from D to C team. Well done to these boys. Thank you boys for a great rugby season and well done. A big thank you to all the parents who braved those early Saturday mornings!

■ **TEAM:** Brice Agnew, Dominic Beaumont, Thomas Byron, Findlay Casey-Smith, Paul David, Matthew Davies, Fergus Flethcer, Rufus Florin, Liam Foxcroft, Cole Gannon, Christian Garry, William Hamilton-Russell, Berkley Hollingum, Wesley Holtmann, Thomas Kingdom, Tristan Lee, Innocent Macha, Hamish McKenzie, Shaun Murphy, Euan Musselwhite, David Naude, Shaun O’Brien, Liam Orpen, Jack Paine, Dylan Perlman, Luke Richardson, Jack Rowand, Julian Simpson, Emil Tellefsen, Tristan Turner, Thomas Warner, Peter-Worthington-Smith

*Mike Hampton*



## U10A

As always with U10, we began the season, and term 2, with our annual sleep over camp in the Jagger Hall. The U10 coaches conducted a rugby clinic on Rossall, teaching the boys what they would need to know about rugby for the season ahead. The boys soon realized that U9 to U10 rugby is a major step up: a bigger field, more players (from 10 to 15), contested scrums and line-outs, playing with boots, law interpretations and everything else that goes along with advancing in this beautiful game. I had no doubt about the amount of talent present in this group of boys. The challenge for me was to make sure it was all channeled in the right direction. From our very first rugby match to our last game, we experienced a very challenging season. A number of other schools had strong teams, so we knew from the outset it would not be easy. Still finding our feet, and playing against a quality WPPS side, we went down in our first match. But in the return match, a thrilling one to watch in torrential rain and mud bath, we only narrowly lost, by 7 points. This showed how much we had grown as a team. What impressed me most about these boys was the enthusiasm and motivation they had at every practice and match we played. We did not have the strongest or the heaviest side, but we used our pace and skills to our full advantage. It was great to see the tries we scored throughout the season, with the ball going through a number of hands before finally being dotted down. One can make reference to this against Rondebosch at home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank: the team for making this season such memorable and enjoyable one; the parents, families and friends for your support which helped to make the season great; Mr Bentley and Mr Harries for all their vital coaching assistance and support.

■ **TEAM:** Maximillian Wolfson, Zakaria Ahmed, Undiphile Nxangane, Sebastian Allison, Liam Hoffman, Timothy Kotze, Samuel Hanssen, Mitchell Labberte, Gregory Medcalf, Jordan Watson, Jock Buchanan, Conor White, Jonathan Mopp, Sacha Feinberg-Mngomezulu, Ciaran Winstain, Seth Liddell, Luke Shuttleworth

*Khwezi Mqomboti*



*Getting round your opposition is easier than first thought.*

## U10B

The season started off slowly with the boys trying to adapt to 15-man rugby. There was a great deal of passion and enthusiasm which carried through the season and was one of the biggest characteristics of this team. After a slow start to the season with a tough loss, the boys fought back to get some very encouraging results – wins against Rondebosch, WPPS, Wynberg and Sweet Valley being the most notable victories. There was plenty of raw talent shown in this team with a lot of versatility displayed by the boys when played in different positions. The boys grew in confidence and skill throughout the season and this will no doubt bear fruit



*Catch me if you can!*

as their rugby careers flourish at Bishops. I am very proud of this group of boys and all their achievements this season. It was a privilege to coach such an eager and hungry group of boys. I wish them well in their rugby careers.

*Mike Bentley*

## U10C AND D

This group of boys improved in leaps and bounds as they participated in the fifteen man game for the first time. The pre-season camp got them off to a good start and their enthusiasm spurred each other on. Our numbers of players dictated that we could never field two sides for matches but we were determined that every boy get a chance to compete against other schools. We mixed players with other teams in order to play extra fixtures and we often played C team matches with a large 'string' of reserves. This led to some lack of structure and disappointing match results - particularly our large defeat against SACS in our second last fixture. All was forgotten, however, with a super victory against our arch rivals, Rondebosch Junior, in our final game. It is interesting that this game was preceded by a team outing to the Spur the night before. I wonder what they put in their burgers? Some boys wanted to come off the field rather too quickly during a match – these boys need greater determination to 'brush off' discomfort at times when they are needed. 'Stand out' players were Declan Watling and Zimvo Mahlati who both gave 110% in every game. Ben Gukelberger, Josh Seymour and Cameron Parker-Forsyth ran the ball with determination. Cameron Pandiani, ably supported by Connor Morkel and Niels Tiaden, caught the ball well from Rohan Naidoo's accurate line-out throwing. Dylan Howard and Forrest Thomas did good work in the rucks and mauls. There is good potential in this group of players and I look forward to watching each boy grow in confidence and skill in future years. Thank you to Mike Bromfield, Will Lowes and Jake Levin who coached with me and while I was convalescing from my back operation.

## U9



**Josh Lander running hard vs Sun Valley.**



**Gregor John beats his opposition!**

It was a delight for us as coaches to witness the development of all the boys concerned in the U9 group this past six months. Our practices took the all-encompassing approach of working collectively as a team, whether you were the A team or E team, as all skills and drills were practised in one large group using cones to form grids. Great emphasis was placed on enjoyment and participation rather than the overall match result. It is always a pleasure to

see the smiles on their faces after having a good run with the ball, making a tackle or scoring a try. Mr Turner and I would like to thank the parents for their wonderful support and commitment every Saturday morning, most times arriving just as the sun rose. Thank you to the group of coaches for their dedication and enthusiasm while coaching their respective teams.

*Rob Riches*

## SQUASH



*Firaaz Bagus in action.*

Our A team was one of the top teams in the A league with us winning all our games bar one. We reversed two defeats in term 2 to Sweet Valley and WP Prep with brilliant victories. Mitesh Valodia had many magnificent wins against the top players from all the schools. He was ably backed up by Brandon Snider, Ibrahim Kerbelker and Aidan Neill to form a formidable team. Our B team did us proud winning most of their matches against other schools' A teams. Kimon Buhler, Firaaz Bagus, Luke Shuttleworth, Jonno Greyling and Roarke O'Molony were regular winners in the B league. Our C team had it tough also against A teams from other schools, but this will stand them in good stead for the future. Greg Medcalf and Joshua Barry often won their matches in the C league. Our D team had some impressive wins in their league with James Shuttleworth,

Tristan Smith, Joshua Mol, Dimitri Kapoutsis, Hugo Janssens, Oliver MacRobert, Findlay Casey-Smith, Max Froelicher and Chris Haller all winning regularly. Thanks to the parents for all the lifting to all corners of the peninsula and to Mr Louw, Mr Hampton and Mr Shuttleworth for taking the Friday teams.

*Bruce Mitchell*

RESULTS				
DATE	A League	B League	C League	E League
<b>20 July</b>	Beaumont A <i>won 9-5</i>	bye	Kirstenhof A <i>lost 5-9</i>	Beaumont C <i>won 10-4</i>
<b>27 July</b>	Rondebosch A <i>lost 7-11</i>	Beaumont B <i>won 10-4</i>	Invitation A <i>lost 2-12</i>	Llundudno A <i>lost 5-9</i>
<b>3 August</b>	Sweet Valley A <i>won 13-5</i>	Sacs B <i>won 11-3</i>	Villagers A <i>won 11-3</i>	Reddam A <i>won 9-5</i>
<b>17 August</b>	Sacs A <i>won 14-2</i>	Durbanville A <i>lost 1-14</i>	Rondebosch B <i>lost 3-12</i>	Shoestring A <i>lost 5-9</i>
<b>24 August</b>	Fish Hoek A <i>cancelled</i>	Eikestad A <i>won 9-5</i>	Sacs C <i>lost 4-8</i>	Rondebosch C <i>won 9-5</i>
<b>31 August</b>	Springfield A <i>won 14-0</i>	Wynberg A <i>lost 6-8</i>	WP Prep B <i>lost 2-10</i>	bye
<b>7 Sep.</b>	WP Prep A <i>won 12-5</i>	bye	Camps Bay A <i>won 12-2</i>	Sacs D <i>lost 5-7</i>

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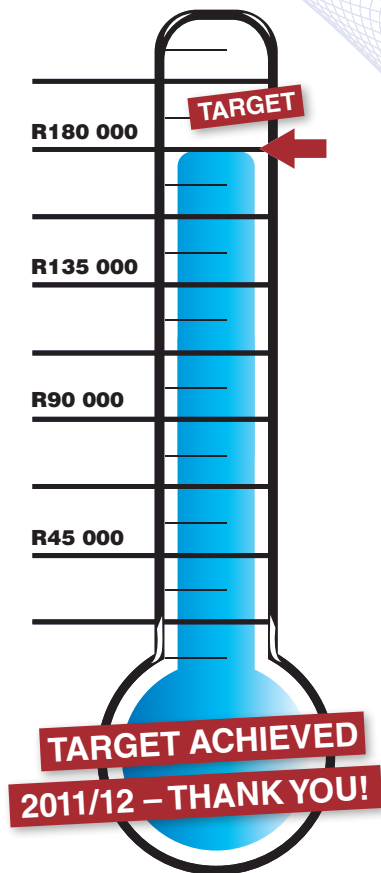
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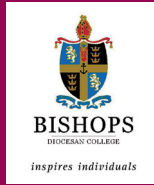
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# BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



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# PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



*Noell Andrews*

The term began with a staff conference. The whole school met together, initially in the Frank Reid, for breakfast which was followed by an address by Grant Nupen in the Memorial Theatre. We then broke away into our school groups with us returning to the Pre-Prep and consolidating certain systems we use for data capturing; Lindy van Stormbroek shared some interesting information from a course she attended on Anxiety; Grade Heads met for planning with their teachers; and after lunch we all thoroughly enjoyed a group workshop with Jane Shonfeld in the Heatlie pavilion. She is a corporate and personal image consultant who gave us all wonderful advice on building a wardrobe; hairstyles and other important bits of knowledge in order to make the most of ourselves. Students from both CPUT and Varsity College rejoined us for a few weeks as part of their training in the profession. It was wonderful to have extra hands on board and we enjoyed their visit. In the first week of term we hosted a Parents' Evening in the Memorial Theatre. Pam Tudin, a clinical psychologist, shared her knowledge of how to develop EQ in children. She has developed a tool which we use in the Bishops Support Unit, but which is also suitable for parents to use when discussing 'feelings'. During the term we hosted the boys' grandparents at two separate functions that were well attended and very happy occasions.

### **Staff development and news:**

During the term Mandy Kowarski presented two workshops with us that completed the Learning Systems of the Mind training. Teachers are making use of this knowledge when assessing difficulties boys might be experiencing. Geordie Nolte and Noell Andrews attended the iThink Conference at Mickelfield which was very well organised and certainly offered a variety of interesting workshops throughout the day. Towards the end of term I joined the Deputy Heads from Prep together with two from College and we attended the Independent Schools Deputy Heads Conference in Grahamstown that was hosted by St Andrew's College. This was again a well organised conference with some very inspiring and thought provoking speakers and workshops. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. At the end of this year Anne Atkins goes on retirement having spent 30 years in education and 25 of those at Bishops Pre-Prep in grade 1. Anne has begun to embrace the idea of retirement and has some ideas of how she will spend her time – we thank her for her dedication and commitment over the years to the Pre-Prep; we wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement. The post was advertised last term together with one at Prep and over 100 applications were received. The interview process took place last term and I am pleased to announce that Miss Heather Mills has been appointed as a grade 2 teacher for 2013. Heather comes to us from Grove Primary. We enjoyed the experience of her coaching Playball here some years ago, while she was studying. We welcome her into the Bishops' family and trust that she will enjoy being involved at

the Pre-Prep. Nazli Meredith will move to grade 1 to teach next year. Lindy van Stormbroek is to be married on Saturday, 8 December, in Plettenberg Bay. We wish Lindy and Geoff Brien many happy and blessed years together.

### **Outreach:**

The boys continued to bring an extra sandwich every Tuesday and we thank Mrs Shereen Ahmed for her regular deliveries to Athwood Primary who received a reprieve today from being closed down. We will continue to support this worthy cause next year. u/turn vouchers are sold from the school which allows the bearer to receive either clothing or food from their outlet. As an organisation they assist street people in their rehabilitation back into society. We supported Casual Day with our contribution of R2240 going to assist Sunfield Wellington. During Readathon Week we decided to support the Heifer Foundation in their Read to Feed campaign. This foundation sources and supports projects that are sustainable – mostly in KZN. This required the boys to find sponsors to sponsor the number of books they read over the last three weeks of term. We were blown away by the enthusiasm of the boys and the generosity of their sponsors who together raised an astounding R50 831.10! One of our pupils, Joshua Petersen, together with support from his parents and grandparents, raised over R10 000. Thank you for taking this project to heart – it will be exciting to learn what project this money will support.

And so ended a very busy term – we all looked forward to the week off school before the start of the new term when we would be celebrating 50 years of learning at the Pre-Prep.

## News from Grade R



*Mrs van Zyl's boys on the set of **James and the Giant Peach**.*

welcoming their guests with warm smiles and excited greetings. Our young boys invited their special guests to write down 5 'Pearls of Wisdom for Life' that they could share with their grandsons; a very special gesture that showed love and care for our young boys. Our guests then enjoyed a lovely cup of tea and delicious eats; making it a very special day. Thank you

Corianne Wilson, mom of Tristyn in Mrs Nolte's class, kindly invited us to a fun and exciting cooking lesson at Silwood Kitchen at the beginning of the term. We all went on different days and had the opportunity to bake our own cake and ice it, as well as make our own Margarita Pizza! The outing was enjoyed by all the boys and we look forward to using it as one of our future venues for our grade Rs. We were very lucky to have a warm and sunny day for Grandparents' Hour on 5 September, and the boys displayed very good manners by

to all the mummies who helped with pouring tea and making our school look beautiful with flowers. Later in September we had Readathon Week, and all the boys had the opportunity to enjoy two shows. The first was James and the Giant Peach. It was delightful to see how the boys enjoyed the fantastic performances from our 'actors'. Hooked on Books presented a few different stories from which the boys could then choose their favourite. It was a lovely way to inspire and motivate our young boys to get reading. The 3rd term was busy but we had a short well-deserved holiday to look forward to!

***Geordie Nolte, Carron Cale and Carmen van Zyl***



*Grade 1 outing to the Science Centre.*

## News from Grade 1

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What a busy and eventful term this has been. Our main theme for the term was, 'Looking Up.' As always our reading material, creative writing and mathematics centered on our themes. Our first theme was Birds. The boys had lots of fun learning about birds; we all visited The World of Birds in Hout Bay. It was a wonderful morning exploring and seeing such a variety of birds in their natural habitat. This led to the most creative art lessons. They made mosaic owls using a paper tearing technique; hand printed chicks and ostriches using thick paints; and they also studied geometric design in nature and painted the most fantastic peacocks. We are so lucky at Bishops to have 'our own' ducks and guinea fowl on the field outside our classrooms; many a little boy came back from break with a feather in his hand. As it was still winter when we started the term, we studied the water cycle and capacity. The three grade 1 classes each set up two practical learning stations, and the boys spent one Friday moving from class to class discovering and experimenting with liquids. A lot was learnt and much fun was had. They ate



frozen lollies as well as making a hot chocolate drink - all the while examining the various properties of water. We also visited the Cape Town Science Centre and learnt more about water in their science laboratory. Also during the practical Math lessons, we taught them about pictorial and bar graphs; we kept graphs recording the weather for the month of August. We celebrated Grandparents Day on 24 August. The grade 1s welcomed their grandparents into their classrooms where they proudly showed them their books, and introduced them to their friends. The grandparents were then treated to a musical and poetry performance before being served a delicious tea. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Another highlight of the term was our Readathon week. This year we encouraged the boys to find sponsors and read as many books as they could in order to raise money for the Heifer Foundation. The excitement of reading that this developed in the boys was so gratifying to see. We also had two wonderful literary productions in our school theatre during that week; James and the Giant Peach, and an introduction to a variety of books by the company, 'Hooked on Books'. Both were of an excellent standard and were so enjoyed by the boys. During our daily story times we invited the dads and mums to come and read to their sons and his friends in small groups. All of this helped develop a love of books and reading. Both Mrs Atkins' and Mrs Harris' class did assemblies for the school. They acted out a story from the Bible or shared a Christian message with us all. The boys always enjoy this experience. We also celebrated Arbor Day and World Environment Day. To coincide with Heritage Day, we ended the term with a theme we call 'Proudly South African'. The boys worked in groups and made wonderful South African posters using our national symbols. They learnt about the diversity of our cultures; songs in different languages; foods that we all enjoy; and even learnt our National Anthem. This was a great way to end yet another busy and happy term.



***Joshua Petersen our champion reader and fund raiser!***



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***Rosemarie Harris, Ann van Breda and Anne Atkins***

***Conna Watson with his grandparents.***



*Daniel Thom getting excited about our Occupations theme!*



*Luke van Wyk making new discoveries!*

## News from Grade 2

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Please excuse us today, as the Grade 2s rap away. We would like to inform you about our third term news, but please read carefully as we don't want to confuse!

Firstly, there was a Pig Pen Party, with burgers and a bun and every Grade 2 cowboy was having lots of fun!

Next it was Grandparents Day and we were there to say, we love our Grandparents in a major way. So they sat back down and took a seat and we put on a show that they could not BBBBBBBBBBEAT! The Readathon competition was super tight, and we read every day with all our might. The Heifer Foundation will use the money to feed, the people who are very much in need. Take a read to see what our boys had to say, about the exciting events which took place each day...

**Michael Beaumont:** "On Tuesday, 11 September after break, Grade R to 2s went to see James and the Giant Peach at the Memorial Theatre by the Production Company. They came to do a show. It was about an orphan boy who lived with his mean aunts." **Oscar Baum:** "It was amazing fun!" **Connor Gallacher:** "The actors were funny. My favourite part was when Aunt Sponge got flattened." **Sebastian Terblanche:** "It was the best show ever."

**Luca Broggian:** "I liked the part when they landed in the sea." **Joshua Taylor:** "My favourite part was when I got to go back stage and say my part."

To match the Occupations third term theme, the teachers helped us discover how we can reach our dream. So off we went to the West Coast Ostrich Ranch. Here we saw how a Bishops dad, used his talents to set up his business pad.

Did you know...

That it takes 24 chicken eggs to fill an ostrich egg.

Ostriches like shiny things, so they eat them. **Teboho Mashologu**

An ostrich can see 3.5 km away.

They swallow stones to digest their food. **Timothy van Heerden**

That once an ostrich ate 53 diamonds.

That an ostrich's brain is smaller than its eye. **Jared Chu**

Then off to the Magic Classroom we went

That was definitely for us, time well spent!

"I think magic is about your sight and what you see. My favourite part was when they put Fanta back in the can." **Matthew Bull**

"I think that magic is not real. I think that you must watch very close then you will see what is going on." **Aleksandr Selby**

"I think we went there to learn about illusions. I think magic is an illusion. My favourite part was the door hidden in the bookshelf." **Thomas Maurel**

"I think we went there because it would be fun. I think that magic is the part you can't see in the middle." **Rourke Jones**

"I think magic is fake and they trick you because you see the beginning and the end of something."

**Sipho Ndlovu**

"I think we went there because we are learning about careers. I think magic is good tricks."

**Daniel Neuhoff**

Finally we had to think, "What will we be?" Here are some results; so take a look and see....

"I want to be a car engineer because I like to fix my friend's things. I would like to invent a car that can do nearly everything." **Dieter Karlein**

"I want to be a pilot because you can fly to different countries every day. I will train in Cape Town and I will feel very happy. I want to fly at night." **Sam Schluter**

"I want to be a banker because you earn a lot of money. You own a bank and you get profit if you give a person some money and then they have to give it back, but they have to give some more back." **Benjamin MacFarlane**

"I want to be a professional rugby player, because it is my favourite sport and for the money and the ladies. I want to be the captain of the Stormers." **Jaytee Abrahams**

"Is a singer because I can really sing and I want the experience of how to dance and sing and do what I do best. Plus people will be focusing just on me!" **Nimba Mahlati**

We hope you enjoyed our rather ravishing rap! Now off we enter into the final lap.

Love Grade 2 boys and teachers.

*Nazli Meredith, Lindy van Stormbroek and Laurelle Fry*



**Ethan Smith correcting grand-dad's work!**

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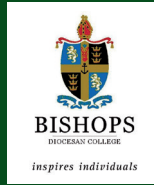
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 \*Loubser, \*Attwell, \*Irving, \*Viljoen, \*Brett, Erskine, \*Goolden  
 Front: Cox (umpire), Cope, Layt, Taylor, Bolus, Lawson, Moore, Jordan, Bond, Wicht (umpire), scorer (?)  
 Staff: 166 (Wells 54, Attwell 23, Cope 3 for 40) School: 106 (Wells 6 for 44, Attwell 2 for 7)

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# ROLL OF HONOUR

*Their name liveth for ever*

In December we remember:

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

**Letterstedt Frederick Childe (1869-76)** Maj-General, Indian Army medical service. 1918

**Bertram Hewat (1907-10)** [MC] Lieut, RFA. France 8 December 1917

**Ferdinand Jeppe (1902)** Lieut, RAF. England, December 1917.

**Ernest Keeley (1904)** Lieut, SAI. France 1917

**Alexander Macfarlane (1900-03)** Lieut, RFA. France 2 December 1917

**AE Ochse (1882-83)** Corpl, SAI. France 1918

**Douglas Snashall (1910-13)** Driver, Motor Transport. East Africa, December 1916

**Percy Stapleton (1897-1907)** [MC] Lieut SAI. France, December 1918

**Stephen Steyn (1902-08)** Lieut, RFA. Palestine, December 1917

**Harold Tredrea (1915-16)** Pvt, SAI. France December 1918

**Samuel Woofe (1910)** SAI. France September 1918

## THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**Peter Bairnsfather Cloete (1927-35)** Capt, DEOR. Kisumu, 19 December 1942

**Douglas Buchanan (1926-29)** Flying-Officer, RAF. England 17 December 1941

**Charles Carmichael (1925-33)** Lieut, East Kents. At sea 7 December 1942

**D'Eyncourt Chamberlain (1913-16)** Major, Hampshires. North Africa, 2 December 1942

**Painton Cowen (1926-29)** Lieut, Royal Marines. Mediterranean 22 December 1942

**Owen de Smidt (1931-37)** [C] Lieut, SAAF. Cyprus 3 December 1944

**Thomas Fisher ((1920-27)** Major, SAAF. Mediterranean 12 December 1941

**Ronald Fletcher ((1937-41)** WOII, SAAF. Italy 26 December 1944

**Michael Fowler (1933-34)** Major, SAAF. Mediterranean 9 December 1941

**David Howe-Brown (1936-41)** Flying-Officer, RAF. Germany 2 December 1943

**Harry Landsberg (1945-48)** Lieut, Citizen Force Unit. Grasmere, SA, 24 November 1962

**Roger Louw (1919-20)** Trooper, Imperial Light Horse. Sicily, 2 December 1942

**Gerald Shaw (1927-32)** Pvt, Botha Regiment. Greece 9 December 1941

In January we remember:

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

**RD Graham (1902-06)** Capt, SA Scottish. POW and wounded. Died in Cape Town 1922.

**Godfrey Johnston (1902-04)** Lieut, 32nd Indian Lancers. Died in Somaliland, 1915

**Austin Pocock (1900-01)** Maj, 5th SA Horse. Died in East Africa January 1916

**Guy Stent (1900)** Lieut SAI. Died 18 December 1919

**Jack ER Syfret (1909-15)** Lieut, in the Royal Field Artillery. Died in SA Jan 1919

## THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**Ronald Howes** (1924-32) Capt, Dragoon Guards. Italy 24 January 1944

**Alan Marshall** (1931-37) Cpl, Cape Town Highlanders. Italy 29 January 1943

**Robert Midgley** (1926-30) Sgt, SA Intelligence. At sea, 3 January 1943

**Peter Moodie** (1932-34) L/Bdr, SAA. North Africa, 23 January 1942

**Kenneth Reid** (1924-29) Sgr, SANF. Off Greece, 12 January 1945

In February we remember:

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

**Egbert Clark** (1899-1900) Capt, Cheshire Regiment. Died of wounds in Mesopotamia, February 1917

**Charlton Horne** (1901-07) Pvt, 3rd SAI. Egypt 26 February 1916

**Andrew McGregor** (1904-10) Lieut, 9th Black Watch. France 28 February 1916

**Oswald Puckle** (1908) Pvt, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, February 1916

**Walter Reid** (1895-1900) Lieut, RFA. Died in England, February 1919

## THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

**Anthony Blackett** (1935-38) Pilot-Officer, RAF. Britain 14 February 1941

**Charles Earp-Jones** (1925-29) Sgt, RAF. Continent 26 February 1943

**John Gooldon** (1927-36) [M] Capt, SAA. Italy, 7 February 1945

**John Lewis** (1921-26) Lieut, SANF. Mediterranean, February 1941

**Peter Renniker** (1936-38) Pilot-Officer, RAF. Eritrea, 8 February 1941

**Richard Littlewort** (1933-39) Cpl SA Survey Com. Italy, *10 November 1944*

**Alastair Mann** (1920-26) Cpl SA Arm Cars. North Africa, *6 November 1942*

**Manvers Meadows** (1925-33) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *14 November 1941*

**John Oats** (1933-40) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, *28 November 1943*

**David Pitman** (1932-35) Bdr SAA. North Africa, *21 November 1941*

**Alfred Richard West** (1927-35) W/O SAAF. Egypt, *8 November 1941*

# PERSONAL

## OBITUARIES

**MUELLER. Tim Dominicus Helmut Alexander Mueller** died on 6 May 2012. Tim was born in 1952 in beautiful Stellenbosch, surrounded by the Hottentot Holland Mountains that frame a valley of oaks and vineyards. He grew up on one of these vineyards, well loved by his older sister Barbara and by the many adults who cared for him. Tim's mother Frieda Ollemans, was a sculptor and artist, and his



**Tim Mueller**

neer or a geologist. Holiday jobs on the University of Cape Town's Oceanographic Research Vessel, the *Thomas B. Davie*, tempted him towards the former. Being kicked out of compulsory Military Service for a dodgy leg, and having to fill the rest of the year before University, he started working for the South African Land Survey. This gave him the taste of captaining his own ship, so to speak, and tipped the balance towards working on the earth rather than at sea. At the tender age of 19, Tim was responsible for a team of workers who camped out in the bush for weeks. After that it was a natural progression to field exploration. He loved the sparse Namaqualand bush filled with wild flowers. He learned self-reliance, which was essential for working in isolated desert places. He learnt the importance of having a vehicle that could be counted on, and which was home away from home, and thus began a love affair with sturdy 4WDs, ending with his beloved Landrover.

Tim's connection to Australia grew in 1976 when the Company he worked for sent him to their Perth office for nine months. This was an influential experience, during which he travelled across Central Australia, seeing places and things that he would talk of with wonder for decades to come; like the remains of the SkyLab rocket they came across in the desert. Tim spoke also of the mentoring he was given by older geologists, and bemoaned the rush and pressures of modern Companies that don't take the time to train young professionals. He did, though, feel the future was in good hands, because he encountered so many bright and capable young people. A couple of years after Tim's first trip to Australia he was sent there again, to Mt Isa in far western Queensland. This time he was pretending to be a Mine Geologist, which meant he finally got to meet girls! Half-way into a six month stint he met his match and, in 1980 he married Queenslander, Kathy Lyons, in Somerset West in South Africa. Their first year of marriage was spent in Leicester in England, where Tim completed an MSc in Geology. From there it was off to Sydney for an Exploration job that took him to attractive areas of rural NSW. Sydney had the added bonus of being near his sister, Barbara Serfontein, and her growing family. In 1983, Tim was tempted back to Perth, and spent the rest of his life exploring in the Goldfields, the Ashburton, the Gasgoyne and the Pilbara. Tim took his family on a number of outback camping trips, giving his children, Claire and Robert, experiences that few city children get to have.

Tim was versatile in the area of home improvements. He could turn his hand to tasks that would

father, Helmut Mueller, was a cultured man who had left Germany before the Second World War. Tim also had a childhood of the freedom that farm life brings. This is how he grew up with two strong threads to his character: a love of the outdoors, and a strong sense of aesthetics and order. At the age of nine he went off to boarding school at Diocesan College. He attended the College from 1966-1969. He was grateful for the good education he received there, reserving his criticism for the remnants of the old 'fagging' system, which he coped with better than some others. During his time at school, his mother, Frieda, carved the altar for the Chapel at the College. Tim had a great love of the ocean, so it was a hard choice between being a Marine Engi-

leave most people perplexed, and he was willing to fix or improve anything around the house, usually before the need for it was noticed! He loved making and mending things in his shed, starting with a doll's house for Claire, guns and tanks for Robert, and most recently, an outdoor kitchen, sourced from neighbourhood dump bins. Tim had a wide range of musical taste, and he pre-selected music for his funeral. Though his father was an accomplished pianist, Tim was never encouraged to learn a musical instrument (perhaps they couldn't get him to sit still long enough). In recent years his greatest source of musical delight was ABC Radio's CLASSIC FM. One song played at Tim's funeral was an earthy piece written about hard times in 1922 America, the catchphrase of which is, "Ain't That The Way It Is!" This pretty well summed up Tim's approach to his diagnoses, his operations his four years of chemotherapy and his eventual illness.

Tim grew up in South Africa when change was happening. He wasn't a political activist but he respected and enjoyed friendships with a broad range of people, though he kept his highest regard for people in the outback of all lands; people who know and respect the earth and who know the hard work it takes to live and survive on it. He was philosophical about life and death and didn't waste time getting depressed or feeling sorry for himself. Despite his worsening illness, Tim never grumbled or complained about his sometimes obvious discomfort. He was intelligent, and loyal. He loved his family and was deeply concerned for their well-being and future. He was amazed by the care and support his friends showed during his illness, and said to his wife, "I have got some really good friends, haven't I!"

*Kathy Mueller*

**GILL. Lionel Gill (1939-47)** was born in Cape Town on 29 September 1929 as the son of Henry Gill and Mary Jane Gregory of Yorkshire, England. His father was a well-known organ builder and tuner of the firm Cooper, Gill and Tompkins. Lionel had a half-brother Clifford and half-sister Madeline.

The family first lived in Oranjezicht on the slopes of Table Mountain and later moved to Rondebosch. Lionel attended Bishops until he matriculated in 1947. He completed a B.Com degree at Cape Town University in 1951. His working career began in Durban and he later moved to Johannesburg, where he met his wife, Lilly, whom he married on 7 August 1959. Their daughter, Janet was born on 19 May 1966, who met and married Chris Szabó on 7 April 1992. The Gills first lived in Illovo and then moved to Pretoria. Lionel had a career in the insurance industry and retired from Federated Employers in 1994. When he retired they moved to Willow Haven in 1996. Lilly passed away on 14 August 2004.

Lionel was an avid gardener and member of the SA Botanical Society. He also had a keen interest in SA transport heritage, particularly steam trains. He liked classical music, especially Brahms and Mozart.

*Janet Szabó*

**CREAN. David Edward Charles Crean** died on Saturday, October 13 at Vidant Medical Center. He was 75. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Bets and his twin daughters, Fiona and Philippa of England and his sister, Alix Chalmers also of England. He was born in Cape Town on February 27, 1937. He was the son of Magda and Teddy Crean. David was educated at Bishops (1945-55) and then went on to the University of Cambridge in England where he received an honors degree in natural sciences in 1960 and a Master's degree in 1966. He earned a doctorate in food science and chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1969 after which he taught in the college of Agriculture for 11 years.

In 1980 he joined the staff of the national Episcopal Church as Staff Officer for the elimination of hunger where he worked for nine years. He retired the following year and moved with his wife to Durham NC to begin a voluntary program to establish a transitional housing program for St. Philip's Church. After four years in Durham, he and Bets retired fully to Greenville where David continued with various activities at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There he was active as a Lay Minister and administered the Chalice. He was particularly noted for his work with the youth of St. Paul's and his leadership and training of youth readers. David was the author of various articles in the sciences and the co-author of a curriculum for youth, *The Journey to Adulthood*.

*Bets Crean*



*Rear-Admiral  
Peter Tomlinson SM*

**TOMLINSON.** Rear-Admiral Peter Tomlinson SM died aged 89 on 13 September 2012. He was at Bishops from 1936 until March 1941. He was a fine sportsman and was awarded full colours for Rugby and Boxing. Whilst a student Peter won the SA combined universities middle weight boxing championship.

Peter was the first Bishops Old Boy to be promoted to flag rank in the SA Navy. He was one of the sixty officers who joined the Permanent Force in 1946 and later helped to transform the SA Navy into a modern and very effective maritime force. After his initial Second World War service in SA Air Force Crashboats, he joined the SA Naval Forces as an Able Seaman in 1944 and served in HM-SAS *Turfontein* until he was commissioned in 1945 and appointed as watchkeeping officer in HMS *Sivale* based at Mombasa. From 1946-47 he was Personal Staff Officer to the Director of the SA Naval Forces and then served as a watchkeeping officer in HMSA ships *Transvaal*, *Natal* and *Pietermaritzburg*. He was a training and divisional officer at SAS *Saldanha* from 1951-55 and was First-Lieutenant there

from 1957-59. He was First-Lieutenant in SAS *Transvaal* from 1955-57 and Executive Officer in SAS *Vrystaat* from 1959-61. His next appointments afloat were Officer Commanding SAS *Wakvisbaai* and Senior Officer Commanding Minesweeping Squadron from 1961-61 and Executive Officer SAS *President Pretorius* from 1963-1965. His other appointments ashore included SSO Personnel, Acting Director of Personnel, Armed Forces Attaché in Argentina, Director of Naval Plans, Chief of Naval Staff (Personnel), Chief of Naval Staff Operations (during which time he sometimes acted as Chief of the Navy) and Flag Officer Commanding Naval Operations Command at Silvermine from 1978-82. He was awarded the Southern Cross Medal, a decoration for outstanding devotion to duty and two foreign orders: the National Order of Merit of Paraguay (Commander) and Order of Naval Merit (Argentina). Cmdr. Peter Tomlinson was the military attaché in Buenos Aires during the early 1970's and became so popular as a diplomat that he 'roped in' Chile, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia and Paraguay. The following story illustrates the 'art of diplomacy.'

When President Stroessner was invited to visit South Africa, he requested that Peter accompany him as his aide de camp and translator. Official functions were held all over the country. The final function at the



Castle in Cape Town and was supposed to be very relaxed prior to Stroessner's departure. Whilst Peter was talking to Stroessner, he was approached by Sir de Villiers Graaff, who knew Peter from Bishops. He asked to be introduced to President Stroessner. Peter introduced Sir de Villiers Graaff as the leader of the opposition. Stroessner replied that in his country the opposition is shot. Peter then told Graaff that it really was a pleasure for Stroessner to meet him. De Villiers Graaff then invited Stroessner to his farm, de Grendel, for a South African braaivleis. Stroessner said he would rather be seen dead. Peter replied that President Stroessner would love to join him, but due to the time limit imposed on him it would be impossible. Peter said he could feel the perspiration running down his back, trying to diffuse the situation. Later de Villiers Graaff approached Peter quietly and remarked that the Paraguayans were very strange people as their facial expressions did not portray what they were saying.

Peter was so highly respected at this point in his career that he was offered Chief of the Navy or ambassador in Chile. As it turned out he was so concerned about the health of his wife Shirley that he turned down both offers.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his sons Blaine and Richard, stepson Chris Metelerkamp and their families.

*Mac Bisset (1960)*

**VAN BREDA.** **Hamilton Van Breda** died on 15 August 2012. Always known as 'Hammie' he was generous, kind, caring, great fun, charming, and charitable to all who knew him. He was a huge fan of sport and a wildly enthusiastic fisherman. He was a founding member and patron of the Atlantic Boat Club. The son of **Henry Hamilton Van Breda (1931)** and Maud van Breda, he was born in 1948 on the Van Breda farm in the Zoetendals Vallei, Bredasdorp. The farm has been owned by the Van Breda family for nearly 200 years, the history of which he was very proud.

Hammie was at Bishops from 1960-1965. He was a proud member of the Bishops community, head boy of School House, head bell ringer, and head Sacristan. Still in our family are many pictures and engravings of the College. He went on to become a passionate OD, and a member of the various organisations that run the school. He sent his three sons **Jonathan (1989)**, **Justin (1992)** and **Phillipp (2006)** to Bishops, and there were a number of other boys that he anonymously put through this school. From Bishops he went to Elsenberg to study farming with his best and life-long friend **Peter Georgeu (1964)**. Hammie farmed in Bredasdorp and Wilderness and then came to Cape Town, where he and his brother **Barry Van Breda (1962)** started a business partnership together that lasted 30 years, buying *Scheltema and Co*; an achievement that defied his deep passion for farming and going beyond his own financial dreams. He went on to become a silent partner in *African Tuna Traders* in 1998, and it was during this time that he earned the moniker 'Captain' which stuck. His partners were his son Jonathan and **Chris Hamel (1991)** and their experience of him was 'a wise sounding board, a man with loads of experience, and a very balanced view of what is fair or not.' He retired from *Scheltema*



*Hamilton Van Breda*

and formed a partnership with David Boers, Chris Stroebol and Mike van der Spuy starting the *'The Lookout Deck'* in Hout Bay. Wherever he went he left his charm on people's memories and he has made lifelong friendships in whatever he has been involved from school, farming, fishing, boating, the cape building industry, and many other projects. Hammie loved a project, he was always renovating, building extensions, bidding for something, buying something, selling something, and planning something, and more often than not connected with Bishops. He devoted ten years of his life to the services of *Round Table* at a national level, pulling in many of his school and business colleagues to do the work; notably the founding of the *Dolphin Project* for disadvantaged children and the *Round Table* 'noddy' party at Christmas for children, where often he would don the Father Christmas costume. His friends ranged from every walk of life. Hammie judged people for what they embodied - not for who they were.

He was married to Cilla Van Breda (né Henkes); Diane Van Breda (né Doo). His widow is Tracy Van Breda. Hammie was diagnosed with cancer in December 2009. In his last few months, he managed to do a few things that he really wanted to, a fishing trip to Agulhas, a week's holiday in Struisbaai with his family and a golf trip to Mauritius. The place where his soul found peace was walking the cape coast line, rod in the one hand, cooler bag in the other, and it made not a difference whether he had company or not. It must be said that his favourite place was a stretch of white pebble beach, that we call the 'Valle' just along from the southern tip of Africa, where in the early days, he and his brothers made 'bang mammie se pad' in their land rovers. This is not far from where he was born and our memories of him are intertwined with that wild, strong stretch of coast. He lived life to the full, his glass was rather half full than half empty (literally and figuratively!).

Hammie's funeral was held at Bishops in the Memorial Chapel on 23 August 2012. An address was delivered by Peter Georgeu's daughter on Peter's behalf, and by each of his sons. Hammie's ashes will be scattered at sea.

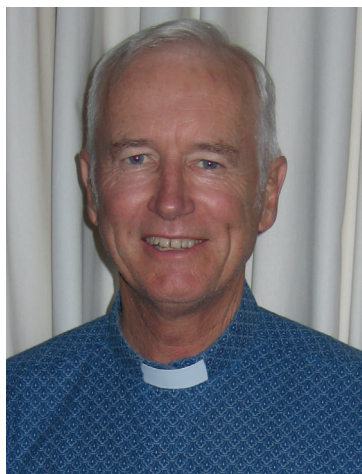
*Justin Van Breda (1992)*

**KWINI. Zandilise Edgar Kwini** died on 21 September 2012 at the age of 44 as a result of a car accident. He was at Bishops from 1984-1987 as a boarder in School House. Edgar started his formal education in Mbekweni in Paarl and later moved to Siviwe primary school in Gugulethu. At these schools he showed a great talent for science and mathematics. Before completing primary school Edgar was awarded a **Hamilton Mvelasi** full academic bursary and moved to Bishops to enter standard seven. Whilst at Bishops he played a wide range of sports including rugby, basketball, tennis and cricket. Edgar was awarded many prizes for 'general good work' and matriculated with flying colours in 1987. Edgar continued his tertiary education at Wits Technikon in Johannesburg in 1989. He graduated in 1992 with a National Higher Diploma in Extraction Metallurgy, Pyrometallurgy, Mineralogy and coal processing. He completed his formal education by adding business leadership knowledge to his natural science expertise. He graduated with a degree in Business Leadership from UNISA's Graduate School of Business in 2002 and with a Management Advancement diploma from the University of the Witwatersrand in 2006. Edgar spent the last five years as an engineer, specialising in platinum and chrome, working for *Lonmin Platinum*. He was also involved in teaching mining business techniques to young engineers in the company.

Edgar was married in 1995 to Linda Notshweleka-uManxasana and they had three sons. The family, to whom we send our deepest sympathies, live in Moreleta Park, Pretoria.

**TYERS.** John Trevor Tyers died on 18 June 2012 at the age of 71. That more than 700 people attended Trevor's funeral service in the Bishops Memorial Chapel to pay tribute to him, is an expression of the esteem in which he was held by his family, friends and associates. As said by his son Matthew, Trevor placed a great emphasis on the importance of the personal relationships in his life, and maintained and built these relationships well through his years. He had a strong relationship with God, his wife Jo, his children and grand-children, his mother Hazel, his sister Brendalyn, all his extended family, his many friends and colleagues – all being built on a solid foundation of integrity, openness, honesty, kindness and a genuine enthusiasm for life.

Many will remember Trevor for his sharp wit and good sense of humour. He greatly enjoyed life and lived it to the full. He had many friends with whom he had lots of fun throughout his life, going to parties, playing hockey, polo and tennis to



*John Trevor Tyers*

mention a few. Regarding his continued interest in rugby, one of his friends observed that he had a deeper understanding of rugby rules and their application than any referee! As a boy, rugby was his central sporting focus – he was captain of Bishops Prep 1st team in 1953. This interest was later overtaken by hockey when at UCT. He enjoyed travel all his life, driving through Europe as a young man with his sister Brendalyn, and later with his family, both in South Africa and abroad. His marriage to Jo in 1967 resulted in a long and very happy marriage. Trevor maintained his sense of humour right to the end. He never let his deteriorating condition define him, and although he did follow most of the advice and recommendations of his doctors, when it came to his Wednesday afternoon tennis which they firmly advised against only six weeks before his death, he was reluctant to concede. Trevor Tyers, as one of his friends said, was blessed with a 'rounded' personality, and as said by his son Neil, he was a good man. His son Philip spoke about his passion for life. Unlike most people, Trevor's path of life took two distinct routes. After leaving Bishops, where he was from 1949-1957, he took some time out travelling and working in Europe, particularly in the USA, Italy and Holland, after which he attained a BComm degree at UCT. That was the beginning of his business career, which focused on sales, particularly *Mobil Oil*, and then in the family's '*Tyers Caravans*' business. In 1981, then aged 40, with the full support of his wife Jo, he decided to leave the business world and enrolled at St Paul's College, Grahamstown to prepare and study for the ministry in the Anglican Church. When ordained, he served three congregations until 1995 – being Durbanville (All Saints), Gardens/Oranjezicht (St Barnabas), and St James' Sea Point / Atlantic Seaboard (and including a short spell on Tristan da Cunha). He also served under Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Archdeacon of Cape Town, where his business skills were valued in managing the financial affairs of the diocese. A highlight of his ecclesiastical career was his seven years' service as Diocesan College Chaplain from 1995 to 2002. Having successfully raised no fewer than four sons (Philip, Neil, George and Matthew), Trevor was particularly well equipped for his role as Chaplain! During his retirement, Trevor continued to assist on a part-time basis in Anglican ministries.

Based on his love of hiking and his gift of enjoying the company of others, Trevor obtained his last qualification – as a Tour Guide – which enabled him to arrange and lead tourist walking groups. His leadership resulted in the formation of two informal walking groups: the more ‘serious’ one focuses on challenging routes (Table Mountain etc) and the more relaxed one on beach/seaside walks in which several of his friends continue to participate. Trevor had a tough battle with cancer in the last months of his life, which he confronted with fortitude. Most tragically, only a few weeks from his own passing, he had to face and deal with the sudden death of his very dear son George. He had wonderful support, however, from his wife Jo, sister Brendalyn, his sons and their families, up until his death at home.

His funeral was held in the Memorial Chapel, at which Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu graciously officiated. Apart from the College Chaplain Terry Wilke, many Anglican priests were present at the service including ODs Bishop Christopher Gregorowski, Rev Anthony Gregorowski and Bishop Geoff Davies.

*Patrick Henderson (1958)*

**TYERS. George Henry Tyers** passed away unexpectedly on 29 May 2012 aged 37. He is dearly missed by his family and friends

George was at Bishops Prep and College from 1984 to 1992. Thereafter he pursued a career in the security industry locally and abroad.

During his career, George was admired by his peers for his loyalty, courage and humour, and for his ability to understand and win over people from all circumstances and walks of life. Working with people from diverse backgrounds and nationalities led to many new friendships. People enjoyed spending time in his company, and his contribution was greatly valued. In his time off, George undertook training to qualify as a paramedic, and worked shifts on ambulances in the Western Cape. He was motivated by a strong desire to help those in unfortunate circumstances, or those simply less fortunate than himself. George acknowledged and had great gratitude for the many blessings in his life. He was generous, compassionate and principled, and valued the importance of strong relationships with his family and friends. Although he was ambitious and worked hard, he remained unmaterialistic. He had a strong sense of urgency to accomplish, and emphasised the importance of preparation. George had a clear perspective of where he stood in the world, and valued his successes as a means to contribute and uplift those around him.

George was a devoted family man, and leaves behind his wife Juanita and young daughter Georgina. He was incredibly proud to have his daughter named after him. He excelled as a father and husband, and all that he did in his life was for his family. This came naturally to George, as he was uncompromisingly straightforward, caring and loyal. It is with great sadness that we mourn George’s passing, but we are deeply grateful for the many memories, love and friendship, and the integrity and courage with which he lived his life.

*Matthew Tyers (1994)*



*George Henry Tyers*

***For George Tyers and all who know him.***

In the end when we look at our life, the questions will be simple: Did I live fully? Did I love well? I don't have a biological brother; but to me, George was a brother. Often when someone passes away, we mourn their physical absence, as this is the most tangible reminder we have of them. Some may also struggle to embrace the concept of the spirit. Let me create a scenario to simplify a concept, so that we may celebrate the great energy of the spirit of George. For a moment, conceive that the spirit is present in the heart of the living, and it is the source of all the energies for maintaining the body. The spirit is individual and grows with the individual from babyhood to childhood, from childhood to boyhood, from boyhood to youth, and then to adult. All of which, were transmigrated by George and interlaced with the many people who shared these stages of life with him. George was a brother, a friend, a husband and a father; and so his spirit had far reaching impact. It is this impression that he left within our lives that I wish to relate to his spirit. Those of us who had the pleasure of sharing moments with George share the far reaching impact of his spirit and therefore his spirit lives on within all of us. Always ready to take up a good cause, he could sit in company from kingpins, to paupers and enjoy the mutual respect. George always managed to encourage many of us to live beyond our expectations, and eliminate F.E.A.R. (false expectations appearing real). A no frills and fuss kind of man, George was always a very practical minded individual, who often relished in the search for a solution, as opposed to wasting time addressing only the problem. As a natural protector, after spending years training in the fields of martial arts and weaponry, George became an active paramedic. He later took up a career as a paramedic within a specialized armed British protection unit, serving for many years in Iraq. This life often presented situations that had him walking the thin line between good and bad, but he always took comfort in his faith. He shared many life lessons from his experience, and often while the rest of us were losing our focus, he had this calm handle on situations. Ever since I have known George, he possessed calmness within, even while fixing a glare from those steely blue eyes. I was fortunate to have a chance meeting with George after four years of only electronic communication, as we traversed the globe on different continents. We shared brotherly moments, like introducing him to my daughter and meeting his wife, a mere two days before his departure on his last tour and a month before his tragic death.

George leaves behind his mother, his three brothers, his wife and his daughter, as well as his extended family, which includes all his friends. We miss you George, and we are glad you made an impression in our lives. We will not forget you!

*Isadore Brown (1993)*

**HAW.** **Charles Richard Haw** died on 7 September 2012 aged 91. Charles was at Bishops from 1936-1937.

***Extracts from the eulogy delivered by Rick Haw.***

Charles was born in George on 23 October 1921. His Grandfather was the magistrate in George and his father, Bertie, farmed the farms Oaklands and De Hoek in the Blanco district outside George. These were hard times. His grandfather had been involved in the Boer war, his father fought in the First World War, then came the Depression in the 1930's and diseases like flu epidemics which killed 1000's of people. Charles himself fought in the Second World War – It was a time of wars and pestilence which we in our lives have never known. Charles mother was Nan Greer, the beautiful young daughter of the owner of



the next door farm Fancourt Manor. Brian and I have recently been going through the records she left of her life experiences at that time which makes for interesting reading. These properties now all from part of the prestigious Fancourt Golf Estate but a beautiful little chapel built by Charles grandfather in Blanco is still there as a monument to the family from those times. Charles rode to school – Iggy Thorpes Primary school- on a Basuto pony which was left knee haltered on the rugby field while he attended classes. In spite of his parents being very poor and almost living a subsistence type existence from what they could produce off their farm, Charles had a wonderful early education through a brilliant headmaster but also developed a love for nature and the outdoors together with his brother Mick, playing in the Malgas river, collecting birds eggs, shooting rapids in homemade canoes. *Haw & Inglis* widened a bridge over this river recently and had to remove some very large indigenous Hard Pear trees which were more than 90 years old. We had them planked and dried and used for a boardroom table. I love sitting at that table and thinking these planks in their life have gazed down on my father, grandfather and great-grandfather. It is very fitting that we are holding this ceremony at Bishops today, Charles matriculated here aged 16 in 1937 and was married here in 1947, but the legacy with the school dates back to 1865 and our children are the fifth consecutive generation to attend Bishops. Charles had the dubious record of being the only boy who could climb into a tree from a window in the top floor of School House and climb from tree to tree all the way to the Main Gate without touching the ground! In 1942 his parents bought the plot on Leisure Isle for £60. An old tram bus was purchased and hauled down to the plot as a fishing shack. It is still there behind the house. This plot in years to come was to shape the love of boats and the sea for us his children, and grandchildren and their friends, as many of you have experienced

Nan and Bertie sold Oaklands and bought the farm Rondebossie at the foot of the old Montague pass outside George. It was a timber and wattle farm, supplying bark to their good friends, the Searle family who used it for tanning leather in their shoe making business at Great Brak River. The Rondebossie homestead was originally built as a hunting lodge for Lord Charles Somerset and was made from local stone with yellowwood and stinkwood floors and ceilings and staircases from the local forests. Charles' love for climbing and felling trees and woodcutting must have started here. He loved chopping wood and for most of his life had a formidable selection of chainsaws and woodcutters axes which he used with great dexterity well into his 80's. After school Charles started at UCT but the war soon broke out and he enlisted and was sent to Abyssinia to build roads with the SA regiment of Road Engineers. Here he met Jack Inglis and Chippy Armstrong who were later to be the Tri Amicus, three friends that made up Triamic, the road construction company. Many of the legendary road building names that were later to design and construct and administer the great road network that we have today were part of that engineering regiment. Basil Read, John Edwards, Hawkins, Kantey, Fred Hugo amongst many others. The regiment was moved up to the western desert and Charles had stories of escaping being captured at Tobruk and running in retreat from Rommel's tanks driving bulldozers and Road graders. Ground action became too tame for him and he joined up with the Red Berets, the legendary parachute battalion and parachuted into Greece and Italy and finally France as part of the D day invasion. He was very excited when he heard we had bought a little property in the South of France close to Le Muy, where he had landed with his parachute platoon in the middle of the night way back in 1944.

After the war he graduated in Civil Engineering from UCT and met Chenda Fry, a medical student. About 1954 he joined the firm of consulting engineers *VKE* and after a stint working on the access roads

to Kariba Dam, he was appointed as Resident Engineer for the construction of the Bloemfontein airport. Here he met up again with his old war buddies Jack Inglis, Chippy Armstrong and Basil Read who were the contractors. After the airport was complete, Charles joined Jack and Chippy in *Triamic* and they built many new tarred roads in the Karoo.

Brian dug up a fantastic old article which may explain the genetics which drove Charles and us into roadbuilding. It was an article in the Northern Post and Border News, Aliwal North dated 10 December 1898. It was a report on a speech Charles's grandfather, who was the magistrate there, made to the Aliwal North Municipality on the occasion of his farewell to become the Magistrate in George and I quote: "There were two things Mr Haw said he would like to mention in parting. First, the present system of road making did not produce excellent results and he would be glad to see the day when, not only in Aliwal, but all over the country, the making and repairing of roads would be placed in the hands of men who had the scientific knowledge of that very important work. Roads were a great support to trade and any disabilities should be removed. Consequently he would also like to see all Tolls abolished." Could he have foreseen that his descendants would take him up on this? Many of the Karoo roads which our younger generation company, *Haw & Inglis* are upgrading were originally built by *Triamic*. The road building meant Charles spent many nights away from home, which led him to obtain his pilot's licence and later to purchase his own light aircraft. He was very thorough and meticulous obtaining his instrument rating and commercial pilot's licence and he loved flying his single engine Moony, Juliet Echo Hotel, carting his family and friends to interesting places all over southern Africa

Charles always took a great interest in all members of his family although he was probably the reason why it took so long for all of us to get married. Whenever we produced a new bright young girlfriend or boyfriend, we would invite them down to Knysna and almost without fail he would decide it was time to dig up the septic tank. Many a budding romance faltered at this gruesome test! His other romance breaking routine was to ask them to go out fishing through the Heads or off Cape Point on his ski boat, *Katoo*. He never knew motion sickness and could never understand why it should bother anyone else. He bought an old green landrover and took the family to the Okavango swamps. "No tents, they spoil your connection to nature" he said. We slept on the ground in the open. There were no formal camps then. Chenda kept a can of *Doom* next to her pillow to frighten off the hippos! Everyone had to take a shift to keep the fire burning all night and we were taught to have no nocturnal fear of the African bush.

Later in life he became a much softer and more understanding man. He read the Bible from cover to cover and studied the Koran and Hindu religions and read Darwin's *Origin of the Species* to try and understand the meaning of life. Lately he often mentioned that the Theory of Evolution had not produced enough proof. It remained a theory. There had to be something else that produced all this life and beauty and diversity on earth. During the 1960's, Charles decided to spend every Saturday morning on Table Mountain. He would go whatever the weather, shoulder his old grey *Bergen* rucksack, pack in his *Optimus* stove to make tea, with his beloved Swiss army knife which he called McGiver and accompanied by his sheepdog Gusha, he tackled nearly every path on the mountain, some of them quite hairy like The Pulpit, Ascension Buttress and Carols Ledge. He phoned us every Saturday to know if we wanted to come. This led to his obsession with wild flowers and fynbos. He filled files and files with close up photos he took himself and he memorised all the Latin names. He was mountain fit and Joe Tyrrell took

Charles and Jack Inglis up the slopes of Kilimanjaro when they were in their 70's, an expedition they loved and after the Annapurna Circuit, a highlight of his mountaineering experiences. He was basically not scared of anything (except sometimes Chenda!) and we often ventured out through very rough Knysna Heads on stormy days. He was one of the first ski boaters to fish regularly out at sea there. He knew how to read the breakers on the bar from his days of rowing out with an old whaler. They moved to Leisure Isle and lived happily for 20 years in a renovated version of the old house his folks had built back in 1942. They became a little frail in the last few years and Gobbi persuaded them to move to Somerset West and after Chenda died he moved to Helderberg Village, where he remained mentally lucid by reading two books a week until he died. Thanks must go to Gobbi and Brian and to Ulli and all his grandchildren who did so much to keep him living comfortably and happy in his last few years. Many of you here have also spent time with him and it meant a lot.

His passing leaves one with a realisation of how precious life is, and how every moment needs to be enjoyed, every opportunity taken to research new thoughts, and time and energy spent to pursue them with vigour and with understanding of the needs of your fellow man and woman. He did this and so should we.

*Rick Haw (1966)*

**PACKER.** **Peter Packer** died following a fall while on holiday in Rome on 9 May 2012, at the age of 85 years. Peter (Piet) attended Bishops from 1934 to 1936 and then from 1940 to 1943.

Peter's father, later Admiral Sir Herbert Packer, was a career officer in the British Royal Navy and his mother was South African born Joy Packer (née Petersen), later a widely published author. In 1926 his father was serving on a battleship based in Malta and, with Peter's birth imminent, Joy returned to her parents' home in Cape Town for the birth. Mother and child returned to Malta when Peter was three months old. With Peter having some health issues, at age two he returned to South Africa, living with his maternal grandparents from age two to ten and seeing very little of his parents during those years, as his father's naval career was then based in Germany and France and China. Four years of school in England followed during which time his father was the British Naval Attaché in Athens and Ankara. In 1940, after the outbreak of WWII, Peter returned again to South Africa to finish his schooling at Bishops. After completion of school Peter joined the South African Navy and was then seconded to the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm. He was only two weeks off being fully trained as a pilot in the USA when the war ended and the course was stopped. Peter returned to South Africa in 1945 and enrolled in medicine at UCT with those studies continued later in London where his father was the Fourth Sea Lord. Peter and wife-to-be Glendyr Orr, a Hershel girl, had first met during school days and romance blossomed when they met again in London in 1948. Piet and Glen married in London in 1949. In 1950, with Peter's father posted to Simon's Town as Commander in Chief South Atlantic, the combination of climate and post-war rationing made leaving London an attractive idea and Piet and Glen followed to South Africa where he finished his medical training at Groote Schuur. The family of four boys were all born in South Africa; Ron, Chris, Tony and Willy. Ron and Chris both started school at Bishops Prep.

In 1961 Piet took a long term decision that the then current and future political instability in South Africa was not an issue with a ready solution and he spun the world globe for a future family

home. The UK and Canada were rejected as too cold, the USA as a 'rat race' and he settled on Australia, purchasing a round air ticket of all the Australian capital cities. On landing in Perth first, Peter proved a man of decision and said 'this is it' and went straight back to pack up and move. Perversely it turned out that Western Australia was the only Australian State that did not recognise his medical qualifications! So the subsequent travel with family by ship to settle in Perth was accompanied by continuous swotting up to retake his sixth year medical examinations. This he did with flying colours. At the same time he was able to teach his examiners how to perform a stapedectomy. This is an operation on the middle ear that dramatically improves and restores hearing. Peter was one of only two people in Australia at the time that could perform it. This was very much was the launching pad for his career as an ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeon in Australia. During his career Peter was



*Peter Packer*

to perform about 3000 stapedectomies and was rightfully proud of how many lives were transformed and families influenced with restored hearing. Peter was elected a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1964 and was to work as a consultant surgeon at Royal Perth Hospital for 32 years, much of that time as head of the Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery Department, until retirement in 1994. He also maintained a highly successful private practice and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2003. Peter undertook the first cochlear implant in Western Australia and was always at the forefront of development in his field. Sport was always an important part of life for Peter, his loves including fishing, water skiing, squash, tennis and rugby in his youth, which destroyed his knees until replacements later in life. When his knees put an end to tennis and squash sailing at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club near his home in Perth, became his love and passion which he shared with his sons from a young age. Peter never did things by halves and he became a very successful ocean racing yachtsman. The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race is the top ocean race in Australia. Peter competed in this event three times, in each case with some of his boys on board. Ron sailed with Peter in the 1969 Hobart on 'Hotspur', Chris, Ron, Tony in 1973 when 3rd on 'Rampage' and in Chris and Ron joined Peter in the winning crew of 'Rampage'. 'Rampage' was cutting edge in design, designed by Bob Miller, later known as Ben Lexcen, whose radical winged-keel design delivered Australia the America's Cup in 1983. In the 1970's Peter took up golf but his knees really prevented anything serious. Getting knee replacements done in 1986 and 1991 transformed Peter's sporting outlook with him being able to run for the first time in 30 years. He rejoined Cottesloe Golf Club and tackled golf enthusiastically for the first time, with social enjoyment the continued keynote rather than formal competition. In 1999 he achieved the golfers dream – a hole-in-one.

Piet very much enjoyed his time at Bishops and was very proud of his Bishops connection. His blazers always had Bishops mitre buttons and his favourite tie was his OD one. For many years he was the OD convenor in Western Australia. Glen predeceased him in May 2010 and he is survived by his four sons, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

*Ron Packer*

## ENGAGEMENTS:

*Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to the following on the announcement of their engagement:*

**Richard Stanford (1994-2003)**, son of **Paul (1963-72)** and Peppi Stanford, and Laura, daughter of David and Teresa Burton.

**Adam Franke-Matthecka (1988-2001)**, son of Paul and Sally Franke-Matthecka and Nika, daughter of Yevgeny and Elena Guseva

## MARRIAGES:

*Hearty congratulations go to the following on their recent marriage, together with our sincere good wishes for future happiness:*

**Simon Mandy (1997-2001)**, son of Derek and Berry Mandy and Jo, daughter of Peter and Jennie Cowie, on 26 May in Plettenberg Bay.

**William Mellor (1989-94)**, son of Rupert Mellor and Lovonne Burrow and Samantha, daughter of the late Myron and Pat Walker, at Eglise St Luc, Menerbes, France on 3 October.

## BIRTHS:

*Warm congratulations go to the following on the recent births of sons or daughters:*

■ **Robert (1986-95)** and Francesca **Beighton**, a daughter Isabella Siobhan on 10 September;

■ **Philip (1982-85)** and Katie **le Roux**, a son, Rupert Jeff on 14 July in London;

■ **Chris (1986-93)** and Sim **Moodie**, a son, William George on 8 September;

■ **Kevin (1996-2000)** and Tina **van Wyk**, a son, Kaden James on 21 September;

■ **Justin (1999-2003)** and Tracey **van Wyk**, a daughter, Rebecca May on 19 October.

## GOLDEN WEDDING:

*Our hearty congratulations go to the following:*

**Tony (1951-55)** and Carla **Blascheck** who were married at Santa Familia Church, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles on 26 August 1962, and now live at 431 Windgate Drive, Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia B2T 1GA, Canada. (Tony says if any ODs visit Nova Scotia, please would they get in touch with him)

**Peter (1948-58)** and Eileen **Walton** who were married at All Saints Church, Sinoia, Rhodesia on St George's Day,

## DIAMOND WEDDING:



*Dick and Gaydrey Parke celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary.*

**Our sincere congratulations go to: Dick (1936-45)** and Gaydrey **Parke**, who were married in St George's Church, Parktown, Johannesburg on 19 April 1952, and now live at 71 Trafalgar Place, 17th Avenue, Fish Hoek 7975.





*Peter & Eileen Walton  
celebrated a golden  
wedding anniversary*

23 April 1962, and now live at 25 Knole Wood, Devenish Road, Sunningdale, Berks SL5 9QR, UK.

### SENIOR ODS

*We extend a cordial welcome to the following, who have joined the ranks of OD Octogenarians during the last quarter of 2012. As usual, we apologize for any errors or omissions and would be glad to be informed of them.*

**Philip Ashley-Cooper (1942-48)**, Cottage 58, Fairhaven, Woodhead Road Extn, Port Elizabeth 6001, on 27 December;

**André Beyers (1946-50)**, 7 Roos Road, Green Point 8005, on 15 December;

**Donald Campbell (1944-50)**, 11055 Steenberg Estate, Tokai Road, Tokai 6845, on 21 December;

**Dr Harald Copenhagen (1941-50)**, 132 Argyle Road, London W13 8ER, UK, on 17 November;

**Paul Fisher (1946-50)**, P O Box 50, Ikelenge, NW Province, Zambia, on 21 October;

**John Groves (1943-51)**, 47 Rathfelder Avenue, Constantia, 7806, on 12 November;

**William Lankester (1946-50)**, P O Box 568, Plettenberg Bay 6600, on 23 October;

**Chris Newton (1941-49)**, 6 Ripple Close, off Alcis Street, Newlands 7700, on 16 October;

**David Sedgwick (1940-50)**, 2 Seascape, Acacia Road, Helderview 7130, on 9 December;

**Bill Trollip (1944-48)**, P O Box 1116, Hermanus 7200, on 30 October;

**Roger West (1946-50)**, Luntley House, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9EH, UK, on 12 October;

**Ken Wilson (1977-85)** (teacher), 11 2nd Avenue, Melkbosstrand 7441, on 28 October.

*Equally sincere congratulations go to the following, who have celebrated birthdays during the fourth quarter of 2012:*

**96th Jim Turner (1926-35)**, 1103 Helderberg Village Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 1 November;

**Laurence Nash (1925-34)**, Noordhoek Manor, Private Bag X3, Sun Valley 7985, on 18 November.

**95th Sir Wilfred ('Chippy') Robinson (1928-36)**, 37 Riverview Gardens, Barnes, London SW13 9QY, England, on 24 December.

**94th Maryon Minicki (1932-36)**, 2 Outspan Road, Fish Hoek, 7975, on 12 November.

**93rd George Miller (1933-35)**, 34 Mauch Road, Hilton, Kwazulu-Natal 3245, on 19 October;

**92nd Willoughby Cleghorn (1931-38)**, Cottage J9, Peers Village, Private Bag X2, Vallyland 7978, on 24 November;

**91st Brian Banks (1930-40)**, Cottage 6, Rosedale, Lower Nursery Road, Rosebank 7700, on 26 November;

**Harry Hands** (1936-38), P O Box 34, Vlottenburg 7604, on 22 October;  
**John van der Byl** (1936-41), Irene Estate, P O Box 589, Irene 1675 on 19 December.

**90th** **John Duncan** (1937-39), P O Box 296, Plettenberg Bay 6600, on 29 December;  
**Colin Michell** (1932-41), Unit 814 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 31 October;  
**Derek Robb** (1936-39), 302 Carlingford, P O Box 565, Highlands North, Gauteng 2037, on 23 November;

**89th** **Ulick Brown** (1933-40), 3 Park Road, Rondebosch 7700, on 6 November;  
**Revd Thomas Gibson** (1935-41), 9 Lansdowne Place West, Bath BA1 5EZ, England, on 10 December;  
**David Gow** (1932-41), 97 Silvermine Village, Private Bag 1, Noordhoek, 7985, on 22 December;  
**Lt-Comdr Ian Lasbrey** (1938-41), 7 Malone Heights, Upper Malone, Belfast BT9 5PG, Northern Ireland, on 11 November;  
**Frank Lilford** (1939-40), 11 Alphenvale, Private Bag X17, Constantia 7848, on 4 October;  
**Rex Pennington** (Staff 1953-68), P O Box 71, Hilton 3245, on 6 November;  
**John Snepp** (1933-40), 43 Manning Road, Double Bay, NSW 2028, Australia, on 24 November.

**88th** **David Knight** (1934-42), 6 Middedorp, Majestic Village, Kalk Bay 7975, on 18 October;  
**Robert George Osler** (1937-41), 8 Pillans Place, Rosedale, Lower Nursery Road, Rosebank 7700, on 17 December;  
**David Parry** (1933-36), 5 Azalea Suite, Clé du Cap Health Centre, Polsmoor Road, Kirstenhof 7945, on 14 November;

**87th** **Derrick Ferrandi** (1936-43), 950 Helderberg Village, P. Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 22 October;  
**Phyllip Golding** (1939-43), Cottage 39, Fairhaven, Woodhead Drive, Humewood, Port Elizabeth 6001, on 5 November;  
**Dr Hansie Hofmeyr** (1937-43), 176 Heritage Manor Somerset West 7130, on 18 December;  
**Richard Kemsley** (1938-44), P O Box 1264, Faerie Glen, 0043, on 29 November;  
**Otto Carl Kiessig** (1940-43), Unit No 6, Carriageway, 52 Park Drive, Port Elizabeth 6001, on 23 November;  
**Brian Robb** (1938-41), 22 Whitehouse Road, Woodcote, South Oxon RG8 0SA, England, on 15 December;  
**William ('Bobby') Schierhout** (1935-40), 107 The Chase, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 25 October;

**Tony van Ryneveld (1934-43)**, 13 Cabernet Circle, Cumberland Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 17 November.

- 86th** **Stewart McIntosh (1937-40)**, P O Box 87561, Houghton 2041, on 5 October;  
**Basil Hone (1940-43)**, P O Box 680, Oldwick, New Jersey 08858, USA on 1 October;  
**Ian Campbell (1941-44)**, P O Box 4078, Ida's Valley 7609, on 15 October;  
**Esdon Frost (1936-44)**, Flat 29, 19 Dean Road, Hampton TW12 1BF, England, on 25 December;  
**Michael Le Mesurier (1935-44)**, 37 Towersey Drive, Thame, OX9 3NS, England, on 21 December;  
**Chris Steytler (1941-44)**, 403 Maynardville Court, Wellington Avenue, Wynberg 7800, on 2 November;  
**John Leyds (1936-45)**, 105 Rusdon Park, College Road, Rondebosch 7700, on 20 October.
- 85th** **Brian Barends (1937-45)**, 453 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 29 October;  
**Dr Fred Cornwall (1941-42)**, The Cotswolds, 8 Indian Road, Kenilworth 7708, on 26 October;  
**Doug Hoffe (1941-44)**, 25 Tottenham Ave, Melrose 2196, on 21 December;  
**William van der Byl (1936-45)**, 2 Heath Common, Membury, Axminster, Devon EX13 7UF, UK, on 18 November.
- 84th** **Kenneth Ackerman (1943-45)**, 1 Dunstan Road, Golders Green, London NW11 8AG, on 23 December;  
**Christopher Compton (1942-46)**, 16 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3, on 1 December;  
**Lindsay Cook (1943-46)**, P O Box 2625, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 27 December;  
**Prof Robert Frater (1937-46)**, 24 Prescott Avenue, Bronxville, New York 10708, on 12 November;  
**Dr Anthony Hughesdon (1937-46)**, Ellenglaze, 1 Tregenna Fields, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 7QS, England, on 8 November;  
**Derrick Mills (1937-46)**, 3 Visser Avenue, Kenilworth 7708, on 29 October;  
**Geoff Montgomery (1937-46)**, Smithfield House, P O Box 221, Smithfield 9966, on 3 December;  
**Ian Nicholson (1939-45)**, #11-2 Royal Ann Court, Osoyoos BC V0H 1V2 Canada, on 29 October;  
**Dr John Noakes (1943-45)**, 108 Cranbrook Road, Bristol BS6 7BD England, on 29 November;  
**Pieter Roux (1942-46)**, 6 Groevenbeek Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 24 December;  
**Donald Sim (1942-46)**, 38 Elm Park, Suzanne Crescent, Northcliff 2195,

on 12 December;

**Dr Etienne van Heerden (1942-45)**, 6 Mill Park Road, Mill Park 6001, on 17 October.

**83rd Douglas Green (1938-47)**, 409 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129 on 16 December;

**Bruce Relly (1939-47)**, P O Box 471, Pringle Bay, 7196, on 25 November.

**82nd Peter Adams (1945-48)**, 13 Firth Road, Rondebosch, on 4 November;

**Hugo de Bruyn (1942-49)**, P O Box 1214, Somerset West 7129, on 16 November;

**Douglas Heffer (1941-48)**, Old Orchard, Durweston, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0QA, UK, on 11 November;

**Christopher Ould (1947-49)**, 16 10th Avenue, Fish Hoek 7975, on 23 October.

**Dr John Philip (1944-48)**, 2691 Cerrada El Ocote, Tucson AZ 85718 USA, on 29 November;

**Ken Stuart-Findlay (1943-47)**, P O Box 23, Plumstead 7801, on 23 October.

**81st Dr Sholto Cole (1941-49)**, 21 Creeks End Lane, Ottawa, Ontario K2H 1C7, Canada, on 20 October;

**William Dunn (1940-49)**, Stoneleigh, Upper Towers Road, Muizenberg 7945, on 16 December;

**Guys Hofmeyr (1945-49)**, Lauriston, 3 Third Avenue, Voelklip, Hermanus 7200, on 8 November;

**Derek Marais (1945-49)**, 713 Helderberg Village, PBX 19, Somerset West 7129, on 7 October;

**Frank Moodie (1945-48)**, 24a Ocean Road, Ohope Beach, Whakatane 3121, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, on 7 December;

**Dr Robin Sandell (1945-48)**, 15 Groevenbeek Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 29 November;

**Ian Townsend (1946-49)**, P O Box 1, Hazyview 1242, on 16 October.

## CLASS REUNIONS

### IN THE PLANNING STAGES

14-17 March 2013		CLASS OF 1973	40TH YEAR
Organizers:	Niall Brown	<i>nbrown@flagshipsa.com</i>	083 452 8272
	Tony Gibson	<i>agibson@coronation.co.za</i>	082 445 7200
15-17 March 2013		CLASS OF 1958	55th YEAR
Organizer:	Pat Foster	<i>patfost@attglobal.net</i>	082 532 6554

13-17 March 2013	CLASS OF 1953	60th YEAR
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<b>Organizers:</b>	John Powell	<a href="mailto:powelltalk@icon.co.za">powelltalk@icon.co.za</a>
	Keith Bisset	<a href="mailto:babaabee@xsinet.co.za">babaabee@xsinet.co.za</a>
	John Bentley	<a href="mailto:manadwyn@mweb.co.za">manadwyn@mweb.co.za</a>
	Richard Borden	<a href="mailto:borden@telkomsa.net">borden@telkomsa.net</a>
	Geoff Burton	<a href="mailto:geoffburton@iafrica.com">geoffburton@iafrica.com</a>
	Graham English	<a href="mailto:andrealouw1@gmail.com">andrealouw1@gmail.com</a>
	Taffy Lloyd	<a href="mailto:ipcipc@mweb.co.za">ipcipc@mweb.co.za</a>
	Robin Marx	<a href="mailto:robinmarx@icon.co.za">robinmarx@icon.co.za</a>

Date to be arranged	CLASS OF 1993	20th YEAR
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<b>Organizer:</b>	Wela 'schweppes' Mnukwana	<a href="mailto:Bishopsreunion93@gmail.com">Bishopsreunion93@gmail.com</a> 083 325 8160
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*Wela would like the class of 1993 to contact him via email to discuss a possible date*

13-17 March 2013	CLASS OF 1963	50th YEAR
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<b>Organizers:</b>	Dave Slingsby	<a href="mailto:davidslingsby@telkomsa.net">davidslingsby@telkomsa.net</a>
	Les Masterson	<a href="mailto:lesliem@pincus.co.za">lesliem@pincus.co.za</a>
	Bruce Macdonald	<a href="mailto:bm@bullseyefinancialservices.co.za">bm@bullseyefinancialservices.co.za</a>
	John Langford	<a href="mailto:jlangford@mweb.co.za">jlangford@mweb.co.za</a>

## REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 2002:



*Class of 2002 celebrate their 10 year reunion.*

**James Cumming reports:** What a treat it was seeing everyone again! Well, almost everyone; just over half of our class was able to make the weekend of fun and catching up. Virtually the entire other half are currently based overseas or were tied up in Johannesburg.



Rather than trying to pack everything into a once-off event we decided to dedicate an entire weekend to the reunion, running from the 24th-26th of August. It all commenced with an afternoon of bowls at the Camps Bay Bowls Club under a bright blue, warm spring sky and a breathtaking view of Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. With the winter Cape Town had been having, we felt lucky to have had such a perfect day, reminding those who had come from far corners of the world (especially London) what they miss out on and making the ice-cold beer taste all the better! Needless to say the bowls didn't last too long as everyone was far more interested in hearing what each other had been up to for the past decade (none of us could really believe it had been that long). The sound of chatter was loud and warming, it's something I remember clearly of the whole weekend – it always sounded like we were in a packed restaurant or market, everyone having animated and jovial conversations. From Camps Bay we headed into town and did what 28 year-olds do best – had a massive party at a number of different spots!

Saturday was a big day in the Bishops calendar – the Rondebosch face-off. Slowly but surely, feeling rather fragile, the troops trickled in to take their seats and watch the first XV go to war in the rain. Unfortunately Bishops didn't come out on top. Not letting the result dampen our spirits too much we headed down to The Oaks where we had a well-stocked bar and lamb-on-the-spit waiting for us. (Many thanks to **Ian Ashforth** of *Blend Events* for the bar and the staff and **Paul Faber** for the lamb.) The chatting ensued once again. And with the ever resourceful **Charles Atkins'** arrival came and pile of our 2002 year book. Like a scene from an American teen flick small groups swarmed each copy while everyone laughed and reminisced at old photos and write-ups by peers. It's amazing how while things have changed they haven't really changed at all. In the midst of it all a few of us took the opportunity to walk around the school grounds. I don't think one fully appreciates the beauty, history, facilities and all those hours in the class rooms of Bishops until one's had ten years of the big wide world to put it into perspective. We really are a fortunate and privileged lot. The evening ended with a few pints at *Forries* and for those with the stamina, a bit more late night partying in Claremont. All in all it was a fantastic weekend and I look forward to the next one.

### CLASS OF 1992: Frank Böttger reports

The 1992 reunion was held on the weekend of 24 and 25 August 2012. Forty six Old Diocesans made it to the event on Friday evening held at the “*TOAD ON THE ROAD*” pub in Westlake. Douglas Boyes, a partner in the business, and his staff went out of their way to ensure a great evening. (“*Dougie*”, offered his very own special blend of personalised service, by demonstrating how best to tackle a customer) The food was outstanding and we all had a great time seeing faces that we haven't seen for 20 years. Weight gain, hair loss, greying hair and general jibes and banter were the order of the day. The *TOAD* had very kindly offered to drive us home in their spacious bakkies, complete with a mattress at the back and sober drivers and navigators. Quite a few of the guys had flown in that day and couldn't quite remember the names of the road or guest house they were staying at but in the end, everyone made it back in one piece. Saturday dawned. It rained. A handful of us made it to the Piley Rees to



*THS Christopher and Nomava Matsaluka and their kids.*



*Dougie and Freckles Boyes.*

watch the First XV take on Rondebosch. Within the first 20 minutes of the game, we decided to adopt the Olympian creed, namely, "it's not winning or losing that matters, but rather taking part is important". Well done Rondebosch. We had agreed to join up with the RBHS old boys of 1992 behind the White House poles and it was great to see so many of them arrive. It was heart-warming to see their happy little faces. After all, it's not often that Rondebosch wins at the Piley Rees. On occasion we had to remind them of their dreadful run against Bishops from... oh about 1987 through to about 1993... But to hear the old jibes and ribbing coming back and I just hope that the sort of rivalry that we enjoyed with the other schools will always be part of being not only a Bishops boy, but an old boy of any of the great Cape schools. After the rugby we gathered at the Frank Reid Pavilion for our family day spit braai, where *Urbantonic* (**Ross Wilson**) had set up a bar and **Paul Faber** was doing his famous spit braai. Sadly the weather would not play along and we decided to set up the tables and kids jumping castle in the Mallet Centre. The food was delicious and we had superb wines sponsored by Rob Graaff of *De Grendal*, Robert Frater of *De Zoete Inval* and Billy Marklew of *Marklew Wines*. It was also great to see so many of our old teachers at the lunch as well. They all seemed well and it was quite amusing hearing stories of what they actually knew had gone on when we were convinced that we had gotten away with it (bare bums club, climbing into the



*Tom Fair and Frank Böttger.*



*Andrew Pickering, Judi and Robert Graaf, Sussana and Jonathan Serfontein and Terri Pickering.*

chapel ceiling, bunking out – the list is endless).

Part of the reunion fees were used to raise money for a memorial bench, remembering our five class mates that are sadly no longer with us. (**Hamilton Mvelase, Gerald Zibi, Michael Fisher, David Eadie and David Finch.**)

**Malcolm “Buck” Buchanan** commissioned **Michael Pickstone-Taylor** of “Old Cape Wood Joinery” in Franschhoek, who was very generous and made us a stunning handmade wooden memorial bench, which we then handed over to Tim Hamilton-Smith, of the OD Union. Tim mentioned that he would have the bench placed outside the Memorial Chapel. What a perfect place to honour these great guys. We had managed to contact the families of Mike Fisher, Dave Eadie and Dave Finch and we were delighted that they were able to make it to the presentation as well.

All in all it was a fantastic weekend and the guys and their wives all seemed to enjoy it tremendously. Lots of old friendships were rekindled and we are hoping that we can get together again for our 25th reunion.

We would like to thank the OD Union and especially Carolyn Hamilton-Smith for all her organisation in getting us class lists and teachers addresses as well as co-ordinating all the functions at the school on the same weekend. Also, thanks to all the guys that flew in from all over the world and rest of SA.



*Part of the reunion fees were used to raise money for a memorial bench, remembering Hamilton Mvelase, Gerald Zibi, Michael Fisher, David Eadie and David Finch.*

Special mention must go to **Sean Gardiner** from Singapore, **Romek Kaminski** from Dubai, **Mark Burgess** from Switzerland and **Paolo Cuturi** from Zambia.

I think that **Chris Matsaluka** summed up the weekend best in his e-mail by saying: "I had an awesome weekend. It was really good to see everyone and to be on the school grounds after so many years. A reminder that being part of Bishops was and continues to be a great privilege! Please keep in touch."

*Those that attended were:*

Selborne Boome, Frank Böttger, Cameron Boustead, Douglas Boyes, Malcolm Buchanan, Mark Burgess, Gregory Chapman, Paolo Cuturi, Peter Davison, JP du Plessis, Paul du Toit, Andrew Eaton, Bradley Eaton, John Robert Frater, Sean Gardiner, Robert Graaff, Mike Hardy, Jason Hastings-Brown, Andrew Jenman, Brandon Joscelyn, Romek Kaminski, Aliaster Kilpin, Jonathan Larcombe, Billy Marklew, Chris Matsaluka, Owen Meredith, Chris Naude, Ed O'Riley, Jono Oscroft, Andrew Pickering, Adam Pike, Simon Richman, Jono Roberts, Jonathan Serfontein, Anton Sparks, Alex Thomson, Simon Turck, David von Hoesslin, Simon Wills, Ross Wilson, Stuart Worrall, David Zulch and Sakkie de Villiers.



### CLASS OF 1997

*Here is a picture to whet your appetite. Full report in the March magazine next year:*

*Left: Bruce Jack*



# OD OFFICE

## VISITORS



**Mark Burgess**  
(1992) Geneva



**Nick Leggatt**  
(1984) High seas



**Robert Estcourt**  
(1967) Australia



**Joc Forsyth**  
(1948) Australia



**Tom Morse**  
(1951) Stellenbosch



**Sham Moodlier**  
(1988) Malaysia



**Mark Butcher**  
(1975) London



**Kevin Van Wyk**  
(2000) Beaufort West

As well as:  
**Edward Jordan snr** (1952) Gauteng

## THE BOLAND DINNER – THS REPORTS

'Olive Rock' once again played host to the Boland 2012 OD Union Dinner. It was a memorable evening at an outstanding venue just a few kilometers outside Ceres. Olive Rock, which is a function centre, is owned and managed by **Nick Stanford** (1999) and his wife Simone. **Paul** (1972) and Peppi Stanford who were instrumental in the development of whole centre still play a pivotal role in the day to day management. They have been hugely successful and many weddings and other such functions have taken place in this beautiful setting. The restaurant, for the second year running, provided us all with an outstanding dinner and we congratulate the chef, Nick Stanford for all his hard work.



The ODU would like to thank our Boland secretary **Bruce Robinson** (1986) for organizing the dinner, which has become one of the most enjoyable and important functions in the OD calendar. Speeches were made by the Chairman of the ODU **Brian Robertson** (1979) who spoke about the development of the union over the past five years, mentioning the committee and the various roles that the committee play, the most welcome growth of the OD Bursary fund, which now assists 20 sons and grandsons of ODs and the vision for the future. His speech was skillfully delivered and appreciated by all the guests. Bruce then called on Tim Hamilton-Smith and he spoke about the 'legends' of Bishops and the various 'highs' and 'lows' of being the Hon. Secretary. In thanking Bruce he presented him with the largest OD rugby supporter's jersey that he could find!

We would especially like to thank **Marcus Milner** (1986), **Robert Graaff** (1992), and **Robert Frater** (1992) for supplying us with their fantastic wines.

It was great to catch up with:

■ **Garry Southern** (1961) ■ **Martin Bey** (1990) ■ **Ro-**





*John Koster, Ruth and Brian Robertson, Alistair Smuts and Martin Bey*



*Gerry Frater and Peter Ovenstone*



*Guy Niewoudt, Vaughan Koster, George Cayanis, Nick Simpson, Duncan Dicey and Reryck Rowe-Roberts*

**gan Earp-Jones (1969) ■ Brian and Ruth Robertson (1979) ■ Vaughan and Janine Koster (1999) ■ Alistair and Tavia Smuts (1990) ■ Paul and Peppi Stanford (1972) ■ Richard and Laura Stanford (2003) ■ Guy Niewoudt (1999) ■ Nick Simpson (1998) ■ Deryck Rowe-Roberts (1986) ■ Marcus Milner (1986) ■ Peter and Jacky Ovenstone (1995) ■ Bruce Robinson (1986) ■ Nick and Simone Stanford (1999) ■ Robert and Eulalia Frater (1992) ■ John Koster (1979)**



*Gary Southern*

It was also a pleasure to have **Paul Murray (staff)** with us. We thank Paul for his most welcome and much appreciated support of OD functions.

## NOTICES FOR YOUR DIARY

### CHRISTMAS DAY

*There will be a service in the Brooke Chapel at 8.30 a.m.  
All ODs families and friends are most welcome.*

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OD UNION

**WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013**

**Venue:** *The AGM will be held in the Hyslop Hall (Music School)*

**Time:** *at 6.00 p.m.*

*Please see the notice at the end of the OD section for details of the Agenda*

### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OD UNION

**THURSDAY 14 MARCH 201**

**Venue:** *The Ballroom, KELVIN GROVE,*

*Rondebosch* **Time:** *7.00 for 7.45 p.m*

**Dress:** *Black tie or suit* **Cost:** *R285*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *David Grier (1977)*

**Bookings:** *odu@bishops.org.za  
or 021 6851829*

**Payment by eft:** *Standard Bank, Rondebosch  
Code 025-009 OD Union Dinner a/c 274927187*

**Reference:** *Your name + dinner*

*Please send proof of payment to odu@bishops.org.za  
or fax (office hours) 021 6851829*

## FOUNDERS DAY

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2013

**There will be a lunch for ODs participating in events.**

**Time:** *The 1st and 2nd XI games will begin at 11.30 a.m.*

*ODs wishing to take part in cricket, tennis, water polo, debating, basketball or shooting matches must submit their names to those listed below as soon as possible.*

**There will be a reception at the Frank Reid Pavilion after the matches.**

■ <b>Shooting:</b>	<b>Phil Calothi</b>	<a href="mailto:phil@lsds.co.za">phil@lsds.co.za</a>
■ <b>Tennis:</b>	<b>John Smuts</b>	<a href="mailto:westbury@iafrica.co.za">westbury@iafrica.co.za</a>
■ <b>Basketball:</b>	<b>Glen Gibbon</b>	<a href="mailto:ggibbon@bishops.org.za">ggibbon@bishops.org.za</a>
■ <b>Water Polo:</b>	<b>James Swift</b>	<a href="mailto:jswift@bishops.org.za">jswift@bishops.org.za</a>
■ <b>Debating:</b>	<b>Jo Stielau</b>	<a href="mailto:jstielau@bishops.org.za">jstielau@bishops.org.za</a>
■ <b>Cricket:</b>	<b>Brian Robertson</b>	<a href="mailto:brian@vhf.co.za">brian@vhf.co.za</a>

## OD GOLF

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2013

**Venue:** *The Walker Cup will take place on Mowbray Golf Club*

**Starting time:** *1.00 p.m.*

Please contact **Brian de Kock:**  
[bdecock@iafrica.com](mailto:bdecock@iafrica.com) if you would like to play & give him your handicap.

## THE ANNUAL NORTHERN PROVINCES OD DINNER

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2013

**Venue:** *Country Club of Johannesburg, Auckland Park* **Time:** *7.00 for 7.30 p.m.*

**Dress:** *Black tie or suit*

**Bookings:** Richard King  
[Richard.King@mweb.co.za](mailto:Richard.King@mweb.co.za)

## NEW RHODES SCHOLAR

The Bishops Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee has nominated **Chris Linegar (2008)** as the Bishops Rhodes Scholar for 2012.

**Chris Linegar** was at Bishops from 2004 till 2008, having come to Bishops from Western Province Prep School, and winning the Theron Entrance Scholarship. He was in Kidd House, and he matriculated with seven distinctions in the final exams of 2008. He was either 1st or 2nd in his grade from 2005 to 2008. He was awarded his Academic Jersey, an All-rounder's Tie, and a number of school prizes during his years here. He was a College Prefect, and a member of the SRF from 2005 to 2007. He took part in a number of academic competitions, including the Maths Olympiad, the UCT Maths Competitions, and took a 1st Place in the Mintek Quiz in 2008. He was very active in Societies and Cultural activities (including being a member of the 10 Club, the Forum, serving on the Committee of the Philosophy Society, the PR group, and the Windtunnel. He played in the Windband from 2004 till 2007.) He was awarded Half Colours for Music, and achieved a Distinction for Grade 6 piano. He played Western Province Hockey and was awarded Hockey Colours.

After School, he went to UCT, and enrolled for the B Sc (Engineering) in Mechatronics. He has

been on the Dean's Merit list each year and was awarded the UCT Computer Studies Merit Award for Excellence in 2009. He has been awarded UCT Faculty Scholarships each year, and in 2011 was awarded the Denel Dynamics Bursary. Of the 33 courses which he has taken, he achieved Firsts in 31 of them. He has been deeply involved in *Varsity* Newspaper, completely revamping the on-line version of the newspaper as the Web Editor, and putting in place structures to ensure that it is sustainable. He has also been a volunteer at *Shonaquip* wheelchair company, developing training resources for the therapists and users of the wheelchairs. He has also done tutoring at the Maths Department Hot Seat, and he created an on-line Maths forum to help High School and first year university students with Maths. He was also a member of the UCT Engineers without Borders group. He has completed seven consecutive Argus Cycle tours, and plays Hockey in the iKhaya team in the UCT internal league. As his final year research project, he developed a completely functional Segway

He plans to read for an M Sc by Research in Engineering Science at Oxford in the Mobile Robotics group, in the field of simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithms. He would like to continue with this after Oxford by developing autonomous robots to be used in the field of search and rescue operations.

We congratulate him on this achievement, and wish him well for this time at Oxford.

## **HOCKEY.**

### **ODs vs Bishops – Craig Hall (2001) reports:**

The traditional matches were played against the school on Wednesday 5 September.

#### **2nds: lost 9-4**

This was a hard-fought game where the ODs were unfortunate to concede several goals in the early period of the game whilst still warming up. The OD juggernaut gained momentum in the second half with numerous breath-taking technical skills and pattern play. It was unfortunate that these were not converted into goals.

*The ODs were represented by:*

**Thomas Turck (1989), Greg Calothi (2006), Graham Hodges (2008), Rob Smith (2011), Nigel Gwynne-Evans (1987), Jason Cowell (1997), Rich Townley-Johnson (2001), Chris Hanley (1975), Ian Thomson (1985), James Lister (2010), Nolen Steele (2010), Andrzej Ogonowski (2008).**

#### **1st: lost 3-2**

This was an exciting match which saw the undefeated school boys come up against a spirited OD side brimming with matured experience. A lapse in defence allowed the boys to gain confidence through the first goal, which was shortly countered by an OD reply. One more goal from each side lead to a 2-2 score line, with the last few minutes approaching. A questionable umpiring decision lead to a two on one with the keeper, in favour of the boys in the last minute and this was converted to give the boys a hard fought 3-2 victory.

*The ODs were represented by:*

**Sholto Morgan (2008), Nic Olds (2009), John McInroy (2000), Craig Hall, Rob Edwards (2010), Paul Henkel (2006), Tom Gerhardt (2003), Yusuf Raja (2006), Callum Buchanan (2008), Kyle Dos Santos (2008), Charles Plimsoll (2011), James Stewart (2006), George Eadie (2001), Muhammad Raja (2009).**

The ODs are extremely excited about the forthcoming hockey pavilion and look forward to many more games and drinks in this fantastic facility.

*Here are some additional comments about the players made by the manager.*

### **2nds**

- **Turck** - explosive speed and composure on the ball unlucky not to scored several more goals
- **Gwynne-Evans** - steady control of the middle of the field with the ever-dependable distribution
- **Cowell and Townley-Johnson** - fresh legs who found their old touches in the second half

### **1st**

- **Buchanan, McInroy, Henkel** - a great example of the hockey talent which Bishops has produced, they still represent their clubs at the top levels in the country
- **Olds** - the same sturdy presence and distribution skills of his father had years prior
- **Eadie, Gerhardt** - out of retirement and firing on all cylinders, looking forward to having them back in future years

*We would like to thank Craig for always being there to organize this event. His enthusiasm and efficiency is quite remarkable - ed*

## **EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR OD HOCKEY**

**Laurie Gardener (1974) reports:** Hockey at the college has provided a pulsating season, finishing up with the boys keeping their unbeaten record intact for 2012 by beating, in the dying minutes, a very competitive OD team led by **Craig Hall**. Congratulations to the senior sides, more specifically the First Team for remaining unbeaten for the season. Under the watchful eye of Warren Wallace, who again deserves commendation on another good year for Bishops Hockey, you make us proud, thank you and well done.

Woodland's Astro during the hockey season has been a great place to be watching our Hockey boys show their skills. As Bishops Hockey moves into the 2013, 2014 years there have been a number of ODs and parents who, together with the school led by Grant Nupen, are in the process of creating initiatives to support and improve the development of hockey at Bishops to even greater heights. Not only will this vision be aimed at helping in the improvement of skills and developing 'Team', there will be a direct 'spin off' for OD Hockey, which will in the longer term feed back into development of the school sport. In August the Hockey committee presented to the school and to the invited guests from parents and ODs, a vision for hockey for 2013, 2014 and onwards.

From the Old Boys perspective the exciting benefits to flow from the new hockey pavilion will be the establishment of an Old Boys Hockey Club that will be formally registered with the



*David and Paul Burton*



*Luke Scott and  
Laurie Gardener*



*Mike Olds*



*Chris Hanley*

WPHA and is planned to participate in the local Club League. Subsequent to the announcement of these plans, discussions have been taken further to establish the initial needs and the following has been put forward;

- Competitive sides to be developed to compete in the main Western Province league,
- Masters Sides to be incorporated to play in the league.
- Old Boys sides to be selected to play matches against our keen rivals being Rondebosch, Wynberg and SACS on the same evenings as the scheduled school games.

Underpinning the development of Old Boys hockey, with a cricket option, is the building of a pavilion and change rooms which will give the Club a very comfortable 'home' alongside the Woodlands Astro. The pavilion will adjoin the OD union offices and museum. It will be a fine feature of the Bishops College Estate on entrance to the Avenue.

## **OD RUGBY**

The OD committee has agreed to maintain the 'tradition' of OD rugby by organizing an annual inter-house sevens competition. This will not involve any schoolboys but be entirely for ODs and will take place during the first week in September. If held on a Tuesday or Thursday, it would give the UCT students the opportunity to play. It is hoped that each of the eight houses will be able to come up with an OD squad of as many players as they wish and also a Manager/coach! The teams will be seeded and play off against each other. It would take three matches to reach the final.

The traditional party will take place after the final.

If this is to succeed we give notice that each house will need to organize a team. We would like to establish a committee which will include an OD representative or team captain from each house who will be responsible to organize their team and participate in planning in the run up to the event to ensure the inaugural event is a success.

Please email the OD Office [odu@bishops.org.za](mailto:odu@bishops.org.za) if you are interested in getting involved and representing your house either as a captain, coach or team member.







*Khakhaza Mhauri, Arthur Mngxekeza, Moshe Apleni, Wela Mnukwana, Thobile Vumazonke, Mpaki Hude, Bulelani Calana and Andiswa Buwa*

### OD COCKTAIL PARTY WED 5 SEPTEMBER

The fact that the traditional OD rugby matches vs the school have been cancelled certainly did not lead to the abandonment of the usual reception. The hockey matches were played on the Woodlands astroturf and thereafter we all gathered for some drinks and snacks. Once again we are indebted to **Ross Wilson (1992)** of Urbantonic who set up a magnificent bar for the occasion and we are indebted to **Greg Mallett (2008)** for organizing and manning the bar.

The success of the evening was entirely due to two ODs **Matthew Pearce (1988)** and **Mike Bayly (1983)**. Mike took on the role of interviewer and asked Matthew a number of fascinating questions about his career as South Africa's leading rugby commentator. As expected Matthew had many great stories involving players and away-from-the-field material. They kept us intrigued and thoroughly amused for an hour. Naturally the odd Baakies Botha story added hugely to our enjoyment.

Once again special thanks to Matthew who always gives so freely of his time.



*Trevor Brian and Jeremy de Kock*



*Matt Pearce, Hans Hoefnagels and Mike Bayly*

### ODS TRIUMPH AT THE INTER-SCHOOLS OLD BOYS GOLF

The OD team won *The Frames Trophy* on the West Course at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club on Sunday 21 October.

Our victorious team, **Rob Starkey (1960)**, **Murray Kuiper (2002)**, **Warren Kelly (2003)** and guest Steven Mortlock won not only the *Frames Trophy*, *Alastair Archibald Trophy*, and the longest drive (Steven), but also a voucher from the *Pro Shop* with a value of R28 000!

The team was smartly decked out in official OD kit and 'put most other teams to shame!' Many congratulations to you all. The money will be presented to Vernon Wood at Assembly at the start of the new year and plans will be made to ensure that it will be spent on the development of golf at Bishops.



### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are delighted to announce the election of **Dugald Robertson (2010)** onto the OD Committee.

Dugald is currently at UCT where he is reading Politics, English and Industrial Sociology. Dugald replaces **Nick Fenton-Wells (2004)** who has moved to the UK to play rugby for *Saracens*. We believe that it is wise to have at least two young members of the Committee. Anton Taylor has done some marvellous work and he is delighted that Dugald will join him.

**Dugald writes:** 'I graduate next year with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, English and Industrial Sociology. Thereafter my main objective is to pursue a post-graduate LLB degree. My broad undergraduate degree has exposed me to a wide-range of concerns and corresponding opportunities in South Africa, and I have developed a passion for education and law. These two interests have culminated into a desire to study and practice law in South Africa. I feel it is the most effective way of repaying the exceptional and privileged education I have received - by living in and contributing to my community and my country.

'One of the core objectives of the ODU [and a particular goal of the current secretary and committee] is attracting recent matriculates back to Bishops. I believe that with the increased use of technology, the growing pride of young ODs in their school and the help of Anton Taylor much can be achieved in obtaining this objective. It is important that matriculates do not lose contact with the school that has been dear to them for so long. Therefore it is imperative to encourage and create an environment that allows for this to happen. My time at Diocesan College was one of development and happiness. Therefore I am honoured to be given the opportunity to assist in whatever manner possible. I believe that I will be able to assist in bringing back ODs to Diocesan College through my social ties at UCT and as a consequence of matriculating in 2010 I still have close contact with ODs.'

## 2012 PRIZE GIVING

Each year the ODU sponsors three prizes. The value of each of these prizes is R2500

**The OD Merit prize** was awarded to **James Johnston (2012)**

It has been a memorable year for James, who is one of our finest ever rowers. Here is a list of his achievements.

- Captain of Rowing
- Knysna Regatta: 1st in the single and 8
- Knysna Head Regatta: 1st in the 8
- Buffalo Regatta: 1st in the single,
- SA Schools Champs Regatta: 2nd in the single, 2nd in the coxed 4.
- SA Trials 1st in the Single with 2nd best prognostic out of all the junior boats.
- SA Senior Champs: 4th in the single behind the SA senior single (who won Henley this year) and the two u23s who went to world u23 Champs in the double.
- U23 and Student Trials: Consistently 3rd best prognostics overall, out of 12 national crews (Junior, Student and u23s) racing.
- World Junior Championships: 3rd in the B final, thus 9th in the world in the single. This is the best junior result in the single to have ever come out of South Africa. He was beaten by 4 athletes who have competed in senior world cups over the last year. The current 'world best time' holder and 7th place at this year's u23 World Rowing Champs.
- **The OD All-Rounders prize** was awarded to **Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal (2012)** who was Head Prefect.
- **Jamison Prize** was awarded to **James van Heerden (2012)** who was judged as the best 'all-round' athlete.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

OD ties were officially presented to all the current matrics by **Brian Robertson** and Tim Hamilton-Smith during a special assembly in the Memorial chapel at the end of the third term. Thereafter the school leavers were addressed, in the Memorial theatre, by Brian, Tim and **Anton Taylor (2005)**. By the end of the session they were in no doubt as to what it means to wear an OD tie and be a member of such an exclusive and privileged club!

## BREAKTHROUGH

We are delighted to report that at long last the ODU has successfully started to contact the many **Hamilton Mvelasi** 'bursary and scholarship' ODs. It has for many years been a sad reflection of our various bursary projects that we lose contact with the Black ODs after they leave Bishops. Their support understandably fades immediately they leave and they return to the townships with an extremely uncertain future ahead of them. Many of them could not afford the Life Membership fees and they also find it difficult to integrate back into a normal society.

Due to the pioneering efforts of **Arthur Mngxekeza (1997)** and **Moshe Apleni (1997)**, we are holding regular meetings with a committee that they have formed and contact has been made with 60 Black ODs. This is a tremendous breakthrough. Members of the committee are **Kennedy Jimba (1983)**, **Wela Mnukwana (1993)**, **Thobile Vumazonke (1993)**, **Khakhaza Mhlauli (1989)** and **Bulelani Calana (2000)**.

It is also our intention to invite Moshe and Arthur sit on the ODU committee in order to make sure that this process of integration continues and indeed strengthens. There is a very strong determination amongst these ODs to not only participate in ODU affairs but also to be active and part of the structure. This will definitely be linked with a mentorship and guid-

### OD FUNCTIONS: NEW YORK, OXFORD, LONDON AND JOHANNESBURG.

*Our Principal, Grant Nupen and his wife Rosemary, were made welcome by groups of ODs in New York, London and Johannesburg during their recent visits to these branches.*

■ In New York, both he and Rosemary, had the privilege of being hosted by **Lionel Goetz (1957)** and his wife Cathy in their apartment in Manhattan. Lionel is Chairman of The Bishops Foundation Inc details of which are published in the magazine. At a dinner hosted by **David Sutton (1983)** and his wife Michelle, Grant spoke of the work of the Heritage Circle, which encourages ODs to remember Bishops in their wills. Also present was **Barrie Arnold (1993)**, Secretary of the OD Union USA Branch and a number of loyal ODs.



*Back: Lionel Goetz, David and Michelle Sutton, Grant Nupen and Kevin Puchert.  
Front: David Cole-Rous, Barrie Arnold, Anthony Galloway*

■ In the UK, Heritage Lunches were held in Oxford and London, kindly arranged by the newly appointed Secretary in the UK, **Lloyd Bowden (1995)**. A similar gathering was held in Johannesburg at the Country Club in Woodmead on 10 October; this one arranged by **Richard King (1974)**, OD Secretary of the Northern Provinces Branch.

■ Grant and Rosemary wish to thank all who attended and especially for the friendship of so many during his nearly 12 years as Principal. As you know Grant steps down as Principal at the end of the year.



*Philip Wheeler and Seonaid Danziger  
at the lunch in Oxford.*



ance programme at UCT and also hopefully an increase in support for Black ODs who wish to send their boys to Bishops.

*This is in the opinion of the editor one of the most crucial and exciting projects that the ODU has undertaken for many years.*

## ODS GATHER IN LONDON TO BID FAREWELL TO GRANT AND ROSEMARY NUPEN

Our thanks go to London branch secretary **Lloyd Bowden** for his impeccable organization of a splendid cocktail party at the Royal Overseas League, St James Street in the west end of London. It was very well attended and it was great to catch up with ODs of all ages. Special guests were Grant and Rosemary Nupen with Grant receiving a well-deserved ovation for his final address to our London ODs. Grant reminisced about his 12 years as Principal with many fascinating stories and memories ranging from his marriage to Herby Selfe's daughter at Bishops; his friendship with many Bishops legends; to the wonderful times that he and Rosemary have enjoyed whilst leading our great school; the lessons boys learn about life at Bishops. Grant was introduced by **Brian Robertson** who took the opportunity to keep everyone up-to-date on the development of the OD Union. He explained the current structure, the roles of the committee members and the plans for the future and in particular the exciting development at Woodlands. The new offices and ODU headquarters should be completed by the end of next year.



*Reg Bamford, Grant Nupen  
and James Durrant*



*DJ Betts, Tom Brown and  
James Beatty*



*Rosemary and Grant Nupen  
with Jane and Mark Lewis*



*Chris Olds, Lloyd West and  
Lloyd Bowden*



*Harald and Jill Copenhagen  
and Tony Bowden*



*Stuart Bailey, Murray Robert-  
son and Alexander Buchanan*



## NEWS OF ODs



### WESTERN CAPE

**Tim Noakes (1966)** was named for a Special Category Award at a ceremony in Cape Town on 13 September. He was honoured with the National Research Foundation lifetime achievement award for his pioneering work in sports science research. At the ceremony the Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price said of the accolade: 'This award celebrates a remarkable academic whose work has helped position UCT as an African hub of intellectual activity and research.'



**Anton Cartwright's (1990)** research work was lauded when UCT's African Centre for Cities hosted the launch of a major international partnership with four other cities, namely Gothenburg, Manchester, Shanghai and Kisumu. Their aim is to 'transform current unsustainable development pathways to more sustainable urban futures.' Anton will work on issues of the Green Economy, exploring topics such as economic growth, job creation and the role, if any, of economics in the green economy.



**Harry Stephan (1969)**, currently a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Studies at UCT, has just written and published his most recent work entitled *The Scramble for Africa in the 21st Century: From the Old World to the New*. Harry is also managing director of *Stephan Bros* and sits on the board of directors of a number of companies. *Stephan Holdings* have also started to produce some excellent wines under the label *Hathersage*. Harry says: 'The family business has been sinking roots into the soil of the Cape for 200 years. We now feel that we have reached a stage where we are ready to produce grapes of rare distinction.'

**Kyle Moskovitz (2005)** was a member of the UCT brewing team which were named as the 'brewers of the best overall beer' at the recent Institute of Brewing and Distilling Intervarsity. Their winning product was the 'very hoppy' *All-American India Pale Ale*. Brewing UCT also walked off with the laurels in the ale category, took second spot in the speciality category for their *Tsar Bomba-Russian Imperial Stout*; and just to show off their range of skills, third in label design. Kyle is a master's student in chemical engineering!

ODs may be interested to know that the British newspaper *The Telegraph* has chosen UCT as the third most beautiful university in the world. Oxford was deservedly first, followed by Harvard. In the newspaper UCT's 'mountain setting' is praised above its architecture. In an ironic twist, UCT, which was known as 'Moscow on the Hill' during the apartheid era, is one place ahead of the actual Moscow State University!



**Peter Walsh**

**Peter Walsh (1993)** was appointed CFO of the *Servest Group* earlier this year at the young age of 37. The Servest Group specialises in providing integrated outsourced facilities solutions to large and small businesses within the public and private sectors. The Group employs 32,000 staff; has over 7,000 clients; and provides cleaning, hygiene, interior solutions, landscaping, turf, security, parking, marine and strategic outsourcing to clients in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Peter firmly believes that the CFO role should never be just about reporting and compliance. Adding real bottom line value that is quantifiable must be a significant determinant in the success and efficiency of a CFO. To add value a CFO must have a deep understanding of the business he is in at a strategic but also at an operational level. He must be

prepared to get his hands dirty. This will not only benefit an organisation from a value creation perspective but also raises the credibility of the finance function across all disciplines in the business.

In a recent interview given to the website *CFO South Africa* he was asked a number of questions. These were his answers to two interesting questions:

***Who is your role model in life and why?***

**‘Mark Shuttleworth (1991).** I admire his ability to sell an idea, which he developed in his own garage, to the rest of the world. South African’s often have a very limiting mind-set and Mark proved that there is no reason why we cannot be world leaders in what we do. Briefly, Mark developed the technology to allow us to safely transact online. He then sold his company, Thawte, to American VeriSign for roughly 600 million USD. He is exceptionally bright – of that there is no doubt. But to succeed as he has, requires a lot more than that. Vision, dedication, single mindedness, self-belief and basic hard work are all, to my mind, prerequisites. I also respect the fact that he has remained to a large degree out of the limelight. Mark was two years ahead of me at Bishops – and having a role model with whom there is some sort of personal connection is important to me.’

***What vital piece of advice would you give young ambitious finance professionals?***

‘Don’t neglect the softer skills. You need to be able to connect with people to be effective.’

**Vernon Head (1985)** is a leading light in Cape Town architectural design, running his own very successful design company. Vernon is also one of South Africa’s top birders. Despite his busy schedule, Vernon devotes an extraordinary amount of his time to bird conservation activities. He is current Chairman of *BirdLife South Africa* (and the official BLSA representative on the judging panel), Chairman of the Cape Bird Club and Chairman of the *Western Cape Regional Bird Club Forum*. Vernon is also head of the SOS Festival Organising Committee, and has served on the judging panel for the Oceans of Life Photographic Competition since its inception in 2009.

Vernon has written to the ODU about the *Steven Piper Lifetime Award*.

**Peter Steyn (1955)**, Honorary President of the Cape Bird Club and past recipient of the *BirdLife* South Africa Gill Memorial Medal for Ornithology (the most prestigious award for ornithological research on the continent) has received yet another award! *The Endangered Wildlife Trust*, through its

Birds of Prey Working Group, has awarded Peter the Steven Piper *Lifetime Achievement Award* for his huge contribution to raptor conservation in Africa. The citation was read out by Prof. Ara Modajem (past editor of *Ostrich*, the famous and hugely respected scientific journal) at a gala event at the Johannesburg Country Club on September 11 2012.

‘As chairman of *BirdLife* South Africa (South Africa’s biggest bird conservation organization) I would like to thank the *Endangered Wildlife Trust* for recognizing Peter’s outstanding legacy in the battle to conserve our birds, particularly the many threatened species of birds of prey! On behalf of the South African bird watching and ornithological community I would also like to congratulate Peter! He is one of our country’s most respected and dedicated ornithologists and has been for many decades; his work has reshaped a generation of young scientists and conservationists.

‘You are a role model to all of us Peter – thanks for introducing me to birds thirty- two years ago when I belonged to the Bishops Ornithological Society!’

This magnificent picture of the Pel’s Fishing Owl was taken by Trevor Hardaker of the *Argus* in **Craig Howie’s (1956)** garden in Newlands. **Peter Steyn**, one of the most experienced owl experts on the sub-continent recounts the occasion.

‘What this magnificent bird is doing in Cape Town is a total enigma as it is thousands of kilometres out of its range. It is not an escapee and its appearance has certainly caused a flutter amongst the birding fraternity. Craig and Claerwen Howie saw their first Pel’s Fishing Owl on safari with me in the Okavango Delta many years ago, and then subsequently twice on later visits. They know



*Peter Steyn*



*The magnificent picture of the Pel's Fishing Owl taken by Trevor Hardaker*

the bird, it is not difficult to identify, and I accepted their sighting without any doubt, contrary to what was written in the Argus. But then it also dropped a feather which is diagnostic. However, there were still doubting Thomases, even a suggestion of a hoax, but they have all now been put to the sword!

'When I took Trevor Hardaker last Sunday, on certain recent evidence of the headless goldfish bodies, to stake out a garden with a koi pond nearby, we hit the jackpot.

'Congratulations to Craig and Claerwen Howie who first found it and I used my knowledge of the owl's biology to make a Sherlock Holmes input to the story. A great story, and dominated by ODs, - who else?'

We were delighted to hear from **Peter Reynolds (1950)** on the occasion of his 80th birthday. He wrote of his nine happy years 'at a somewhat uncomfortable, hard (I was a boarder at Rossall and Top House), yet wonderful institution, which taught me many important things other than the three R's – e.g. – honesty, manners, thoughtfulness, caring for the underdog, and sportsmanship. I enjoyed myself, which is what not many can say of their school days! I still have my Prep School tie – I used to use it to keep my rugby pants on!'

## ACADEMIC AWARD

Every year, Stellenbosch University awards honorary degrees to recognise and reward excellence in a variety of fields and to identify these individuals as role models for the University community. An honorary doctorate is awarded by Stellenbosch to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of a branch of science, art or culture or who has made an outstanding contribution to service to the community in his/her field.



*Lionel Opie*

Many congratulations to **Lionel Opie (1949)** who was awarded the degree Doctor of Science.

### ***The following is an extract from the award ceremony:***

'Prof Lionel Opie, one of the best scientists ever to come out of South Africa, is recognized as one of the world's greatest heart researchers and a very reputable author of scientific books. Possibly some of his biggest contributions to our current knowledge of the heart have been the writing of two popular books, namely *Heart Physiology*, which is currently in its fourth edition, and *Drugs for the Heart*, which is in its eight edition, and has been translated into a number of languages, including Chinese. *Heart Physiology* is widely regarded as the best reference work of its kind to date and is of inestimable value for researchers, clinicians, lecturers and students. Prof. Opie also was the founder and first editor of two international cardiology journals: *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology* and *Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy*.'

**Jon Abbott (1951)** has written to the ODU about his 'terrible disappointment'.

'When my wife and I attended one of those Bishops lunches designed to remind us forgetful

old codgers to leave the school something in our wills we were looking for my Dad's name on the board that lists Rhodes scholars. When we couldn't find him there I said to my wife, "It must just have been one of those stories."

'But after putting my glasses on and having another look there he was, C.W. Abbott 1923. Some months earlier when I attended a cocktail party as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations for my year Tim Hamilton-Smith, in his usual efficient way, had done some research on all of us for the occasion. And he told me that he was surprised that he could find no record of my matric results. It would have been an even bigger surprise to me had he found them because I plugged in spectacular fashion. It was actually the old man's fault; he never passed those good genes on to his first born. The fact that I didn't do any work had nothing to do with it.

'Sorry Dad I must have been a terrible disappointment. You should have asked for the school fees back.'

**Sydney Cullis (1961)** returned recently having had an enjoyable-but not particularly successful hockey tournament in the UK. It was the 6th Grandmasters Hockey World Cup and was held at the Hawks Hockey Club, Oxford from 15-24th August. There were 40 teams from around the world and four South African sides - Over 60 A and B, Over 65 and Over 70.

I was the 'baby' in the Over 70's and the only OD (although there were several parents of ODs). We lost all our pool matches but beat Japan in the Play-off for 5th and 6th - so did as well as our young National team at the Olympics!

'We stayed in Teddy Hall (St Edmund Hall) and I noticed that there is a pavement stone in the Quad dedicated to **Tuppy**

**Owen Smith** - I was unable to find out anything about his stay there from the College Archivist - as the inscription says he matriculated in 1955 (if my Latin numerals are correct) but Tuppy must have been there in the 1930's.'

*The stone in the Teddy Hall quad is actually there to commemorate John Owen-Smith, Tuppy's nephew, who was head boy of School House in the early 1950s. Evidently he took it on himself to call himself Tuppy. — ed*



*Sydney Cullis*

**Sean Amor (1979)** was heading a birdwatching charter when one of the ten people aboard his boat, *Extravagance*, asked to go to Duiker Island to have a look.

Sean obliged and took the boat towards the island – a decision that helped save 26 passengers who were aboard the *Miroshga* pleasure craft that capsized near Duiker Island on Saturday 13 October.

'It was really by chance we were there,' he said on Monday at Hout Bay harbour, recalling how, minutes before the craft had gone underwater, he had yelled to the passengers to jump off it. Sean and a few others on his boat, managed to pull 26 of the passengers from the choppy water. Sean has fished these waters for some 25 years now and owns the *'Hooked on Africa Fish-*





*Sean Amor*

*ing Charters.* ‘I feel I know conditions and the species we catch, fairly well now, and having skippered, fished, dived and just cruised these oceans I feel that I can offer you a fair chance of catching whatever is biting at that time of the year.’ *Hooked on Africa Fishing Charters* has a fleet of customized charter fishing vessels, personally skippered by professional and qualified guides with years of experience about local conditions, ensuring that your every need is catered for.

**Jeremy Lawrence (1953)** has just published his third book this year from ‘*The Gryphon Press.*’ First came *In a Class of Their Own*, which he produced for the Class of 1952 reunion in April. This is a collection of autobiographical pieces written by 43 members of his class-year. Then there was *Alice Goldin*, to celebrate the 90th birthday (in July 2012) of this well-known Cape Town-based artist, who is a friend of Jeremy’s. And now *Vintage Year*, which consists of his mother’s 1947 diaries. That particular year started with the British royal visit, in which his parents played a part, as his father was a Cabinet Minister. Later in the year his father was sent to Canberra to represent South Africa at a Commonwealth Conference on the Japanese Peace Treaty. And from there he travelled to New York to head South Africa’s delegation at the United Nations. Jeremy’s mother accompanied him on this round-the-world adventure. Jeremy and his brother were boarders at the Prep School at the time.



*Dave Porter*

**Dave Porter (1987)**, on our request, has sent the ODU some information about yoga.

‘Do you think yoga is just for girls and hippies? Not anymore. Yoga is becoming more and more popular among both men and women of various ages – and for a good reason! Proven as a great way to reduce stress, increase strength, flexibility, stamina and concentration, men are among the fastest growing population of yoga practitioners. Leading sportsmen from Andy Murray, Evander Holyfield and Kelly Slater to the entire New Zealand All Blacks rugby team, rave about the benefits of yoga and increased athletic performance.

‘Not an athlete? Besides providing a great fix-it for that nagging lower back pain, yoga can be used for weight management, and has shown to have various mental benefits including stress and anxiety reduction, mental calmness, better breathing and improved sleeping patterns. According to various men’s health magazines, some inverted yoga postures can even halt hair loss! So whether you are seeking that extra physical edge, or just a break from a hectic day at the office to let off some steam, yoga may just be what the doctor ordered.

‘At our studio YogaLife ([www.yogalife.co.za](http://www.yogalife.co.za)) in De Waterkant, we offer a variety of yoga classes for all levels in various styles. We have two spacious yoga studios, full bathrooms and run classes every day of the year in both heated and non-heated rooms. We offer Cape Town residents

a free week of yoga, so come on in and see what the buzz is all about.’

If you have any questions please email [dave@yogalife.co.za](mailto:dave@yogalife.co.za)



## FILM MAKING AWARD

Documentary film maker and activist **Michael Raimondo (1993)** is the founder of *Green Renaissance*, managing director of *African Renaissance Productions* and creative and executive producer of *MAN*. He specializes in helping non-profit organizations and environmentally-conscious businesses develop creative content that promotes environmental conservation initiatives. Since 2003, Michael has directed and produced over 100 films and episodes for TV. In 2011 he was awarded the South African Environmentalist of the Year Merit award.

As a passionate environmentalist Michael believes that authentic environmental films have the power to educate, inspire, and leverage positive action for an environmentally sustainable future. *African Renaissance Productions* is a young dynamic production company that has created most of its broadcasting work for the SABC. They currently have a series broadcasting on SABC3; the award winning 39 part series - *The Healing Power of Nature*. As a production company they invest heavily in energy and passion, believing these to be critical factors in generating high quality documentaries. As Michael says: ‘With MAN we have developed a formula that works, in the sense that it marries conception with production and new media advertising, and thus ensures not only a product that’s good, but one that is viewed as extensively as possible.’

Michael was among a team of 25 who recently helped with the painstaking process of moving a herd of Rhinos to safer pastures. The main aim was to ensure the rhinos were moved in a way that would not distress them, so they were darted and put to sleep before being lifted. He added: ‘We couldn’t get trucks to them as they were in a very remote area, so military choppers were needed to bring them out. The helicopters had been tried



*Michael was among a team of 25 who recently helped with the painstaking process of moving a herd of Rhinos to safer pastures.*

and tested during exercises so we knew they could carry incredibly heavy things.’ Flying high: Each animal, which weighs at least two tons, spent 20 minutes in the air being flown to safety. The project was the first of its kind in South Africa, but previous trips with elephants in Malawi demonstrated how humane the procedure could be. Previously rhinos were either transported by lorry over very difficult tracks, or airlifted in a net. This new procedure is gentler on the darted rhino because it shortens the time it has to be kept asleep with drugs, the respiration is not as compromised as it can be in a net and it avoids the need for travel in a crate over terrible tracks.



## UNITED KINGDOM: LONDON

**Andrew Willis (1987)** had a fantastic experience working as a Special Constable for the Met Police during the Olympics. He was on duty at the Olympic Tennis at Wimbledon and was involved in keeping some crazy American and Chinese fans from mobbing Andy Murray and Ivan Lendl as they slipped out of the side gate. ‘A totally unforgettable experience.’

After two exciting and very enjoyable years working at *Asante Capital Group* in London, **Dominic Hibbert (2004)** has decided to take on a new challenge and will be joining the London team of the global emerging markets private equity fund – *Actis*.

**Matthew Gibson (1998)** has proudly sent the ODU this great photo of twin brother **John (1998)**. John is the adjutant of the King’s Troop based in London. The photograph was taken during the Accession Day gun salute this year which marked the commencement of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.



*John Gibson photographed at Accession Day gun salute this year which marked the commencement of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.*

## WILTSHIRE

**Neil Orpen (1990)** a consultant spinal surgeon who lives in Wiltshire, UK, has recently carried out a new type of spine surgery - through the neck to replace damaged discs. In the operation Neil extended his patient’s crushed vertebrae, removed the old discs and pressure from the nerves and then inserted two artificial disc replacements into his neck. Neil said: ‘This form of spine surgery has several advantages including better access to the spine, less post-operative pain and a smaller incision.’ His most relieved patient, who had been in almost constant agony and on



Neil Orpen

a cocktail of pain killers for many years said: 'I was amazed at how quickly I recovered; I had my operation in the morning and was home again by the following afternoon.'

Neil was a top class sportsman whilst at Bishops. He was outstanding at judo, rugby and shooting and swimming, and was awarded a distinction tie for becoming a black belt at judo. With a busy family and professional career sport continues to play a large role in relaxation and it is good to hear that he remains active and competitive in the sport of triathlon having completed marathons, long distance triathlon events, cycling competition and swimming events. Definitely the kind of orthopaedic surgeon one could relate to!

## OXFORD

**Des Bravington (1991)** writes: 'I noticed a picture on Facebook of **Roger Sainsbury (1994)** holding an Olympic torch and have seen another of **Raynn Bruce (1991)** + torch. I was at the Oxford University Iffley Road Sports Centre on the morning the torch left Oxford and was fortunate enough to get my hands on one for a photo-op. I was wondering how many more pictures of ODs with Olympic Torches there might be out there? I managed to get tickets to an afternoon of men's hockey on the Olympic park which was fantastic. The whole site was a buzz of enthusiasm, well organised and lots of friendly 'Games Maker' volunteers on hand to help - a brilliant event, and looking forward to the Paralympics next!'



Des Bravington

**Brian Robertson writes:** 'After our Heritage lunch in Oxford, my nephew **Murray Robertson (2011)**, currently stooging at the Dragons school and I went in search of the OD tie framed in the famous old pub *The Bear*. Sitting at a table in front of the tie was a gentleman in an OD tie! I asked him his name and he said **Kevin Rorke (1984)**. He was having dinner with his sister after a wake for his father who had been at Pembroke College.'

Evidently Kevin asked Brian if he could get his distinction tie as it was never handed to him in 1984!

*The tie is still waiting for you - ed*



Kevin Rorke, Brian Robertson and Murray Robertson

## SWITZERLAND

**Mark Herringer (1989)** is best remembered as an outstanding scrum-half for the unbeaten 1988 and '89 rugby teams. In the 42 games he played for Bishops they won 41 and drew one! He still keeps very fit and sent an interesting letter about his mountaineering exploits!

'Relieved to be on the flight we settled in and soon were above the green hills of Geneva. We





landed, picked up our rental car and headed out into the cool fresh air of Switzerland and headed for Chamonix. After about an hour we arrived and immediately scoped the town and found a good parking lot for the night. We were going to be dirt-baggers tonight. No hacking with expensive accommodation for us! Everything we needed had been packed into our bags. We found a nice bar and after a couple of beers retired to the car park and our therma-rests. A couple of late night ramblers overran our position once or twice but before long we were dropping off. Thoughts of the train journey the next morning up into the Mer de Glace were interrupted by the occasional flash of lightning coming off Mont Blanc. Those interruptions became more persistent when at about 02.00 rain started falling right into the car dirt-baggers! This was not going to work. A nearby building offered an overhanging protected area that turned out to work really well.

“The next morning brought a quick organisation of gear in preparation for the funicular up to the



Mer de Glace at 8.30. A quick dash into town looking for gas was unsuccessful but we managed to buy some coffee, pizza and a huge slab of nougat chocolate. Ace move. The funicular headed up through the Alpine forest and took a handful of us up to the Montenvers station, on the Mer de Glace glacier (1913 m). Situated on the northern slopes of the Mont Blanc massif it is seven kilometres long, 200 metres deep and the longest glacier in France. We left behind some very organised looking French climbers preparing to travel to the Midi cable station. On hindsight this was the quickest way to get onto the rock. Arriving at the Montenvers station we were greeted by the famous north face of the Dru (3,754 m). The Dru is one of the major north faces of the Alps and has been visited by some of the top climbers over the years. From 17–22 August 1955, the Italian climber Walter Bonatti climbed a difficult solo route on the south-west pillar of the Petit Dru (the Bonatti Pillar); this route – like many on the west face – no longer exists in its original state owing to rockfall, the scars of which remain clearly visible from the Chamonix valley. Seven years later, from 24–26 July 1962, Gary Hemming and Royal Robbins climbed the ‘American Direct’, a more direct route up the west face than that taken in 1952. On 10–13 August 1965, Royal Robbins, this time accompanied by John Harlin, climbed the ‘American Direttissima’. This route was destroyed by the 2005 rockfall.

‘Intensely aware of this huge stage we were stepping onto we set off’ with another climbing pair down into the glacier. Ladders brought us down the 60 meters to the valley floor and soon we were walking carefully up the glacier. Occasional cracks and thundering noises from the valley reminded us that things were moving all around us. Soon we had to climb another set of ladders up onto the slopes of the Envers des Aiguilles. This path would take us to the base of the climb. We settled into the hike which turned out to be harder than we’d anticipated. Snow had fallen which meant that things took longer. The slope was steep enough to make things scary if we slipped so we had to go slowly and kick steps. Two and a half hours later, after strapping crampons to our boots to get up the last icy section, we arrived at an almost empty hut. Coming from London (9m) I was feeling the steep walking and the change in altitude. We made a fire and after some tea and dehydrated goodness we passed out for an afternoon nap! It was really great to sink into a warm bed in this great French refuge full of character and history and drift off to sleep. We woke up at about three and took in the scenery. This mountain range is full of world class climbs. The hut looks out onto the Walker Spur climb, which is the north face of the The Grandes Jorasses (4,208). The first ascent of the highest peak of the mountain (Pointe Walker) was by Horace Walker with guides Melchior Anderegg, Johann Jaun and Julien Grange on 30 June 1868. The second-highest peak on the mountain (Pointe Whymper, 4,184 m) was first climbed by Edward Whymper, Christian Almer, Michel Croz and Franz Biner on June 24, 1865. Edward Whymper was on the opening ascent of the Matterhorn via the the Hörnli ridge, on the 14 July 1865.

‘We spent the rest of the afternoon taking in the area and watching the clouds and the sunlight dance in the evening sun, drinking tea and keeping the fire going. We decided to make an early start (04h00) the next morning and head to our route the Le Marchand de Sable on the Tour Rouge. A couple of minutes before the alarm went off I was awake and managed to switch it off quickly and not disturb the other two climbers too much. Rob and I headed downstairs, brewed up some tea and then hit the slopes. After a short walk we got to the base



of the climb. We exchanged our heavy boots and crampons for climbing slippers and finally stepped onto the granite. We decided that we would climb till 11.00 and then abseil down and start the walk out. That would give us time to get back for the flight out of Geneva in the evening.

‘The climbing was tricky but really good. Being granite we were climbing crack systems and carefully moving over small edges. It takes time to get used these conditions after the artificial holds of the climbing gym. We moved up through the climb and got about 3/4’s of the way up by the time we hit our 11 o’clock cut off. We felt pretty good having got through some hard climbing and so we descended off the anchor station bolts to our bags on the glacier below. The walk out was just as epic as the walk in had been. Every step needed a double tap to make it solid and we had to really focus on the snow slope. We kept a rope between us to protect ourselves from slip sliding away. Finally we got to the station and jumped onto the funicular down to Chamonix.

‘We had been really lucky with the weather. My first trip to the Alps was in the bag.’

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/rainbowcountry/sets/72157629930220918/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-TUaRpVM80&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reiZsDhgSgA&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxYELpDBUwo&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.chamonix.net/english/webcam/merdeglace.htm>

## NETHERLANDS

**David Wilkinson (1943)**, who lives in Holland, recently attended a reception at Groningen University, to honour and welcome Archbishop Desmond Tutu and to confer on him an Honorary Doctorate.

David writes: ‘Tutu was on an eight day visit to the Netherlands, and this was just one of his activities. There was a good interview with him the week before on TV, where he had much to say. What was very touching was a conversation he had during that interview with Princess Mabel, wife of the Dutch Prince Friso in London. He is in coma after a skiing accident, where an avalanche swept him under for longer than one can normally be and still be alive. No one, I think, feels he can hope to survive. But Mabel and Tutu have worked much together, and he is regularly in touch with her. They are good friends, as was apparent.

‘Typical of Tutu, he has become an honorary member of *FC Twente*, one of the best Dutch football teams, and he was filmed at one of their matches, his usual exuberant self. And now today he is guest of the Queen. He can do a lot in eight days! I would love to have shaken his hand and given him greetings from the OD union, as you asked me to do, but it was not to be. I am glad he came, and I am glad I saw him. It was all worth doing.’



## FRANCE

### WILL MELLOR AND SAMANTHA WALKER

When Will Mellor announced to his parents, Lovonne and Simon Burrow that he and his fiancé wanted a 'small country French wedding' he did not realize that his guests would swell the population of the tiny medieval village of Menerbes in the Luberon by over 10%!

Many of the guests who poured into the village from all over the world, for a week-long event were ODs. Present along with spouses and partners were: **Will Mellor** (1994); **Richard Neville** (1995); **Anthony Fox** (1994); **Mark Pfuhl** (1995); **Marcus Brain** (1995); **Stuart Abbott** (1996); **Robbie Simpson** (1968); **Colin Jeffery** (1994); **Rick Evans** (1994); **Mark Berry** (1995); **Rob Baigrie** (1993); **Jaimie Waddell** (1953); **Ron Wouldidge** (1961); **Craig Stanley** (1995); **Chris Savage** (1976); **Rob Wilkinson** (1987); and **Simon Burrow** (1968).

From the ranks of present boys, Luke Botha (Pre-Prep) and Jason Botha (Founders) also attended with their parents.

Proceedings began on the Saturday and the village's publican remarked that he had never sold so much pastis in a single session before!

In keeping with French tradition, there was a Civil Wedding on the Tuesday in the local Hotel de Ville (City Hall). Officiating was the Menerbes Mayor, Yves Rousset-Rouard a local landowner, vintner and credited as the founder of the soft-porn industry as the producer of all the *Emmanuelle* films in the 1970s.

The Wedding Service was held in the 12th Century Eglise St Luc at the top of the village and after a ceremony in which former choristers Neville and Pfuhl blushed at the way in which Jerusalem was 'massacred' by the congregation, there was a procession through the village to Lovonne and Simon Burrow's house, Bastide les Amis where the reception was held.

An amusing incident happened during the week when Mark Pfuhl tried to compete with Stuart Abbott in a 6km run around the hilltop village. He declared afterwards "never am I going to take on an elite athlete again!"



Other French news is that we welcomed **Nick Godley** (1968) to Menerbes over the season with his family, staying at our house. Sadly, we were not there to catch up.

# SPORT

**François Louw (2003)** has played a huge role for the Springboks in the recent internationals against Australia and New Zealand. François made his name as a scavenger for Western Province and the Stormers over the years and it was this primary skill that convinced the Springbok coach to hand him the No 6 jersey. François, who now plays for Bath, is so much more than just a fetcher flank and this he proved with a number of outstanding performances.

It has not only been a wonderful come-back, but also a great year for the François. At 27 he is at the peak of his career. We are delighted that he has generously presented us with one of his Springbok jerseys. This will be framed and mounted in the Heatlie pavilion.



*François Louw*

**Robbie Fleck (1993)** our most capped Springbok has firmly established himself as one of the leading rugby coaches in South Africa. In his second season as the *Stormers* back line coach, it became quite clear that he was starting to get the very best out of a number of talented youngsters and this was confirmed on Saturday 27 October when the Western Province backs cut the Sharks to pieces in the Currie Cup final. For some reason most professional rugby coaches tend to be ex-forwards and the really exceptional back line coaches are few and far between. Robbie is now likely to be much sought after in the world of rugby.

Robbie started his coaching career at UCT and such was his success that he was appointed as the South African under 20 back line coach in 2008 and the WP back line coach the following year. He was appointed as the *Stormers* assistant coach in 2010 and the rest is history!



*Robbie Fleck*

It has also been an outstanding season too for **John Dobson (1986)**. Although his under 21 WP side were beaten in an extremely closely contested end of season final, there is little doubt that John's influence and coaching skills had a lot to do with the WP success in the senior final. The team was extraordinarily young and many of the WP players had come through John's hands at both university and Vodacom Cup levels.



*John Dobson*

## OLD QUAD GOLF CHALLENGE, 2012

The annual contest between Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg Old Boys Unions for the Old Quad Golf Shield took place at the Westlake Golf Club on Friday 28th September. The weather was fine and the 24 members of each team enjoyed a most successful afternoon of competition and camaraderie. The winners, on a total of 502 Stableford points, were Wynberg;

runners-up, on 472 points, were Bishops, followed by Rondebosch (471) and SACS (465). ODs who featured among the prize-winners were **Philip Austin (1976)** and **Brian Lefson (1954)** (2nd with 46 points), **John Waller (1966)** and **John Smuts (1969)** (5th with 45 points) and **John (1988)** and **Duncan De Groot (1989)** (14th with 42 points).

Our grateful thanks go to our generous main sponsors, *Auric Auto*; to *Ramsay Media* and a number of OD wine-farmers and others of the various schools for their donations of prizes; and to Westlake Golf Club, who again made us most welcome.

**Chase Hyde (2005)** has recently returned to Cape Town after representing South Africa at the 12th World University Rowing Championships that were held in Kazan, Russia. This event is held every two years, where it was run for three days from the 7th - 9th September at a brand new rowing course that was commissioned earlier this year. The city of Kazan is also to host the 27th Summer Universiade (World University Games) next year in 2013, where rowing is one of the 16 sporting disciplines.

**Chase writes:** 'Team South Africa sent over four different boat classes to compete, where I competed in the mens lightweight coxless four (same boat class as the Olympic winning crew). We unfortunately just didn't manage to place in the medals and placed 4th overall. However, South Africa did pick up Gold in the lightweight women's sculls and Silver in the men's heavyweight pair. Perhaps, next year I can bring back gold at the 2013 Summer Universiade.'

**Michael Morris (2006)** has represented UCT in the Varsity Cup for the past five years. Before that he represented Western Province at U19 level. During the current season Michael has also been representing Zimbabwe in Sevens tournaments playing in Port Elizabeth, Hong Kong and Scotland.

## OD ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE JULY 2012

*Congratulations to:*

### RUGBY:

- 1. Timothy Swiel , Dyllan Leyds, Olivier Kebble and James Kilroe** on representing the Western Province U21 in the 2012 ABSA u21 Cup.
- 2. Morgan Newman** on captaining the Maties, the 2012 Western Province Super League Club Champions.
- 3. Mathew Turner** on representing England in the opening round in the 2012/13 HSBC World Sevens Series. It was a pity that he injured his ankle on the opening day. We wish him a smooth recovery.
- 4. Martin Muller** on representing GWK Griquas in the Currie Cup.
- 5. Stuart Cummins** on making his *Aviva English Premiership* A-League debut for the London Irish 'A' team. Stuart has also represented Oxford University in the local club league and is hoping to be selected for the Oxford vs. Cambridge match in early December at Twickenham.
- 6. Nick Fenton-Wells** on making his *English Aviva Premiership* debut for Saracens vs. London Welsh.



**7. Nick Koster** on signing a contract to play for Bath in the *English Aviva Premiership*.

**8.** The following ODs who were part of *The Cobras* in 2012. They represented UCT in the Varsity Cup *Koshuis* competition making it to the semi-finals, then going on to win the 2012 UCT Internal League for the second year in a row going unbeaten in two seasons. The Cobras



*The victorious Cobras*

will once again represent UCT in the Varsity Cup *Koshuis* competition in 2013 which will see them travel around the country and play against the top South African University Koshuis teams. **Warren Butler, Jan Strydom, Dino Loizides, Callan Artus, Blake Gowar, Evan Strauss, Eric Doms, Mike Cockburn, Warren Handley, James Morris, Doug Mallett, Mike Blanckenberg, Devan Knoetze, Jaime Manuel, Nicholas Lassen, Geoff Van Ryneveld, Tom Horne, Rob Inskip, Brandon Wheeler, Matt Khoury, Anton Taylor, Matt Handley, Badr Ebrahim, Chris Pretorius, James Bailes, Willem Gresse, Mike Nel, Rayaana Adams and Guy Whitfield.**

## HOCKEY

**1. John McInroy** and **Craig Hall** on representing the Western Province Grand League Champions, Western Province Cricket club during the 2012 season.

**2. Pierre de Voux** and **John McInroy** on representing Western Province and **Callum Buchanan** the Cape Peninsula Squad during the Inter Provincial tournament.

**3. Syd Cullis** on representing the South African grand masters national hockey team at the Grand Masters World Cup.

## CYCLING

**1. Oliver Munnik** as part of the *Asrin* Team, on coming 4th overall in the Cape Pioneer Mountain Bike Stage Race, October 2012.

## CRICKET

**1. Siya Simetu** on representing Western Province in the 2012/13 CSA Provincial Competitions.

**2. Herschelle Gibbs** on representing the Perth Scorchers in the 2012/13 Champions League T20.

**3. Craig Kieswetter** on representing England in the World T20 in Sri Lanka, in September.

**4. Seb Golding** on representing Western Province academy in the 2012/13 CSA academy week.

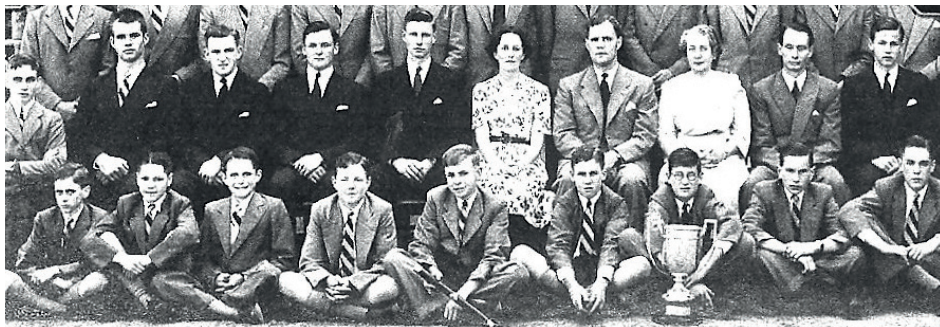
**5. Andy Pycroft** on being part of the match officials as match referee for the South Africa vs England Series in July and August.

**6. Craig Marais** on being part of the SABC radio commentary team during the World T20 and the Tests vs England. Craig also commentates on rugby.



# MEMORIES

## COPS & FAGS



### *School House 1951.*

- Kneeling and seated: MJ Simpkins, S Louie, EA Musson, K Saywood, JRF Torr, Mrs JA Brett, Mr JA Brett, Mrs LM Fraser, Sir WH Robinson, MJ Mathews
- Sitting: SJ Evans, RG Hockby, DW Beaumont, GAT Bate, TNS Jackson, CT Melch, BRT Beaumont, RE Brown-Poole, DWH Mawer

Down at the Prep school we lived as innocents in happy, blissful isolation, but as we got closer to the time to transfer to the College, ominous rumblings filtered down to us. It was a very different world up at the College. You not only had the Masters to contend with, but also Prefects, known as “Cops”. Prefects had definite privileges along with their responsibility to run the House, maintain discipline and they even had the right to give canings! One of their privileges was that they could have a “Fag”, a sort of mini-slave at their beck and call, chosen from amongst the hapless innocents, the Newboys, known as the “Newbugs”. Not every Newboy was a personal fag, chosen after a couple of days by the Prefects, but any Newboy could be hailed by a Prefect and told to carry out some job. However a personal fag would make his bed, polish his shoes and his cadet belt including his Sam Browne, polish the brass buckles, wash socks etc. for special needs e.g Rugby matches, go down to the Tuck shop to buy stuff for him: the list was endless, it was just the whim of the Prefect. Those Prefects, those “Cops”, looked mighty daunting to us little “okes” fresh from Prep school and they sure struck terror into our souls. They were 17 and 18 year olds, often celebrated athletes and stalwarts of the first rugby team and the thought of a caning from one of them was the stuff of nightmares. Imagine my alarm and trepidation as **Ken Saywood (1951)** fixed his eye on me and declared I would be his personal fag! It was a decision he would mull over with some misgivings as time wore on. **Ken Saywood** was a fine looking fellow and not only a first-class cricketer, a very speedy athlete but he also played in the backline of the first Rugby team.

I was dawdling along the passage outside our Dormitory when I heard a fearful eruption of wrath from a Prefect’s study close by. What it was all about I could not make out, but, having a sharpened sense of self-preservation, I started to back pedal and clear out of that passage. Those were sounds of outrage from a mob of Prefects being vented on some unhappy Newbug. The terrible “Slapgat” word was coming through loud and clear; it was the worst of curses, literally “Slack sphincter”, denoting you were a total disgrace, the dregs of humanity. Before I could extricate myself entirely, the Newbug

was ejected from the study and shambled in some confusion down the passage away from me, quite shell-shocked from the verbal mauling he had undergone. It was none other than “Startled Angel” as he had been dubbed by the Music master, Doc. Brown, his hair a mass of frothy blonde bubbles and his blue eyes wider than ever. I was just about to slip around the corner, when “Come here, **Hockly!**” rang out. Crumbs, this was it! I made my apprehensive way down that passage, into the study, where a mob of Cops faced me. **John Torr (1951)** and **Michael Mathews (1952)** were not there, but most of the others were. “What do you make of this?” was the challenge issued to me. They directed me to look down on the floor, where to my amazement, I beheld a dog dropping!! How on earth had it got there? My brain was racing, there was something very funny about all this, but the verbal tirade was raining all about me, as if I was the owner of this mystery dog, as if I had to explain this Unidentified Faecal Object! Well, the long and the short of it was, they wanted this execrable object removed right now. I volunteered to go to the Bogs, the toilets, and get some paper. “No!” they howled, “Just pick it up and get it out!” This was where “Startled Angel” had cracked, confessed he could not do that, and hence the avalanche of “Slapgat!” curses with which he was evicted. The picture was getting clearer in my mind. This awful dog turd had *remarkably* no smell, though it looked for all the world just like a dropping. I resolved to grasp this grim bull by the horns and I swooped down on it, and it fell into a harmless little pile of brown dust the moment I touched it! But now they were really the Hell in with me; they had intended trying out this trick on five or six Newbugs, and here I had destroyed their pet poo, and I was only second in line! I was similarly evicted; I too was a “Slapgat” because I had attacked the dropping, whereas “Startled Angel” was a “Slapgat” because he had baulked at it! I was getting a little harder; it was water off a duck’s back. Later I learnt you could buy practical jokes like this from the Novelty shops, and by applying a match to a little rod, it burnt with minimal flame or smoke turning into a very brittle cylinder incredibly like a dog dropping, but, rather like those mantles on the Aladdin lamps, where a touch causes them to fall to ash.

Curiously a fascinating section of the College grounds was declared “Out of Bounds”. It was the area of the Black River and its banks: for **Tim Jackson (1955)** and me, it was quite the most enticing part of the entire school. The river ran with some vigour especially in the Winter, when the rains fell, and here were to be found frogs, rats, birds and those jet-black huge mole snakes: and the river itself held a fascination with its rocks, eddies, ripples and reflections; to us it was a veritable Garden of Eden, complete with the seductive power of all forbidden fruit. To our frustration, the “Powers That Be” had decided that that wild area, too difficult to patrol, could become a haven for miscreants who wanted to sneak off for a smoke, and so nobody was allowed into that Black River corner of the grounds. In fact, this smoking did go on, but in a totally different area, in underground chambers dug into that soft Cape sand in the zone of wattle trees separating our Top House rugby field from the graveyard of the neighbouring St. Thomas Anglican Church. The roof of the chamber was formed by sheets of corrugated iron, topped by branches and sand, and a cunningly concealed entrance gave access to it. These dens of iniquity held no fascination in my little world, as smoking was of absolutely no interest to me. The masters and the Cops all developed the most acute sense of smell, their noses twitching at the faintest whiff of cigarette smoke on the breath. As you walked past them, entering the Dining room, you noted them very subtly flexing forward at the waist, intruding the olfactory proboscis into your personal breathing space: unabashed human bloodhounds they were. However

our perfectly innocent trips to the Black River had to be surreptitious, as any Cop catching you there, would haul you up for punishment. This was not necessarily a caning, delivered by the Head Prefect of your House, but it could be writing hundreds of lines of apology repeated ad nauseam or the much hated “Gardening”, which meant rising at 5 a.m. to pull out weeds, the worst of which were onion grass with its little bulb buried deep and usually snapping off. You only got credit for a weed if you could produce evidence of its root or bulb. It nearly put me off Botany and horticulture for the rest of my life. After supper, there was a period to do homework, about an hour or so before bed, and this was supervised by a prefect or a senior if no prefect was available. Every couple of weeks there would be a “Prefect’s Meeting” which would send a shiver of alarm through all of us. These “Meetings” were disciplinary events, the miscreants being summoned from the Homework classroom to the gathering of Prefects, where he would have to try to explain his wrongdoing as best he could. Few, only a celebrated few, ever got off scot-free from this predicament. Generally they went on to careers in Politics. Trying to concentrate on Homework was not easy if the door of your classroom opened, a prefect entered to announce, “Would you, **Phillips**, come with me please?” The freckles on **Phillips’** face showed up starkly against a blanched background. The door would shut behind him but all ears strained to hear voices, then silence, then “Crack!” The first of the cane strokes, and all would silently count: one, two, three, four! The door opened again, Phillips looking a bit flushed made his way back to his desk and instead of his usual hearty slump onto his seat, he lowered himself gingerly to achieve a feather-light touchdown.

Back to Homework, and this particular evening there was mercifully no-one called from our room, and “**Okkie**” **Oosthuizen (1951)** was the senior overseeing us. He was a pretty compassionate fellow and I was saddled with a load of homework, so I was totally unaware of all about me, except that **Oosthuizen** seemed a bit on edge. Finally, at the end of the session, over an hour, he called me over. “You are not in any trouble”, he told me, “but just let me into the secret of what you were up to.” I was not up to anything, nothing at all, I said. ‘Well,’ he wanted to know, ‘what was I grinning about right from the start of homework till the end?’ Then I understood. I had to confess to him that I smiled out of sheer habit while I was concentrating, and as I had a heap of work, I grinned away from start to finish. He groaned, shook his head: he too had had a lot of work to do, but had got none done as he was intent on catching me, convinced my smile could only mean I was engaged in some crafty stratagem, and he was absolutely determined to catch me at it! He could, however, see the humour in the farce just played out.

In a most lamentable episode, I landed up in the dog-box with **Ken Saywood**. I had a standing order to wash his socks for the big First Team Rugby match on Saturday morning, and after the Friday practice there wasn’t much time to get them washed and dry. This time I simply forgot and time had well-nigh run out, when I realised in sudden panic that those socks had to be tackled and at break neck speed. After the wash, the problem was to dry them, a real problem in those Cape winter evenings when rain was teeming down and all was cold and damp. I rolled them, I squeezed them, I twisted them and they were still wet. In desperation I tried a new trick. This was to slap them against the shower cubicle tiles. Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap! Each slap yielded a fine spray over me and finally after a marathon effort on my part, they were close enough to dry to take them to the warmth of the boiler room. Just before going to bed I was able to take them up to fold on the

foot of his bed and it was here I made the most devastating discovery. Normally one or two folds would suffice for his socks but now I folded about five folds and when I inspected them more closely it became apparent that they had stretched in the most amazing fashion. Each slap had stretched them a little more till the foot part would have fitted only a circus clown with those elongated shoes, but worse was the vertical dark blue part up to light blue turnover: it was meant to be below the knee, but now it would stretch up to his groin!! I gazed at them in disbelief. I felt quite sick but, try as I might, I could not muster up enough courage to go in and confess to him. I simply laid the multi -folded socks on his bed. That night I slept poorly; matters were on my mind. In the morning after a miserable breakfast, the inevitable summons came. Did I expect him to wear these? He held one up and it cascaded from a lofty height down to the floor! *It would have served as striking hosiery for a long- limbed lady wearing a short suspender belt.* “How can I wear these?” he railed. (Well, you could wear them easily enough, but the trick would be to do so with a straight face!) I simply had to eat humble pie; the only pie I had no taste for, and it tasted lousy. Off I had to go to “Boy” Louw, cap in hand, to ask him if he had a spare pair of socks - he had. But **Ken Saywood** had had me in big chunks! I got the sack.

### ***Half Forgotten Things - Garth Hockley (1955)***

Garth was born in 1937 in South Africa and was at Bishops from 1946-55. *Half Forgotten Things* is a collection of memories of growing up on sheep farms in the Karoo, boarding pre-school and subsequent years at Bishops. After graduating as a doctor, later training in Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, he developed an interest in sculpture. Garth now lives in Queensland.

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## **“THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE”**

*During the Autumn we like to remember and honour our war heroes – lest they be forgotten*

***Lieut. Neil Robertson, Military Cross and Bar:*** Neil Robertson of the Royal Scots Fusiliers was killed in action in France on 2 September 1918. He was 20 years old. He left Bishops at the age of 18 to join up. In his very few months in France he won the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry, was wounded, returned, won a bar to his Cross, and was killed. Without doubt he was a soldier born, like his late father before him.

Shortly before going to Sandhurst in 1916 for training he had played forward for the First Fifteen. The magazine reports: *though rather light, he was a very plucky forward and good in the loose.* His award of the MC came under the following circumstances. It appears that he and three men volunteered to search for some Germans who were hiding in an orchard. When the Germans came out they fired at them and killed two. Eventually the other three men returned to the trenches so that Neil had to return for more volunteers to finish the job. This they did successfully and we hear that this piece of work was of great importance and helped the men to get their objective. (September 1918 Bishops magazine)

The following is his last letter home, written on 27 August – just a few days before his death. It gives a very vivid and inspiring picture of life on the Western Front during the Allied offensive



which ended so gloriously on 11/11. This is an account of his experiences at the Front for which he was awarded a Bar to his Cross.

'We are still out of the line and I feel in a talkative mood, so I shall tell you of my experiences over the top. On the night of 19/20th we left our billets and did a seven or eight mile march into a little wood nearer the line. We lay there all the 20th and moved up to the support trenches next night (20th/21st) at about 11.00 p.m. We lay in the trenches till about 4.00 a.m., and then the word was passed along to get ready to move. We then filed out of the trenches and then lined up in No Man's Land. B and D Companies in front (I am in D) and A and C in support. We stood there till 4.30 a.m. (a matter of about two minutes later), when suddenly crash! crump! crump! down came our artillery barrage on the German first line, and we moved forward a bit. A tremendously thick fog had come up and you could not see more than five yards in front of you. After I had been going for about two minutes I got separated from the others with my platoon and completely lost, but I knew the general line of advance and so stumbled on. Suddenly four Huns jumped up in front of me, terrified out of their lives, and shrieking 'Kamerad!' My men relieved them of souvenirs and sent them down the line with a few lusty kicks. A tank then lumbered up through the mist and we followed it and ran into some more of the Battalion. We all advanced with the tank until we came to a Hun machine-gun nest, which fired on us very hard. The tank advanced on it, and about 50 Huns surrendered when the tank was a few yards off.

'We then came to the village we had to take. We re-organised a bit and plunged into the outskirts of the village. German machine-guns started from a few cellars and places, but our boys had their tails well up and rushed these places, throwing bombs down the cellars, whereupon the Huns would come rushing up to be taken prisoner or killed. We got the village and then had to press on to an objective, which was a railway embankment. Just as we got clear of the village machine guns

opened on us from all over the place and my runner, who was next to me, got a bullet right through the chest. We advanced on the guns by short rushes, with a tank or two lumbering on in front looking for them.

'The men were quite mad by this time, and when we got within twenty yards or so of them some bright spark started doing my job and shouted "Rush the... Huns". And away we went. Up jumped the Huns shrieking "Kamerad! Kamerad!" for all they were worth, but some of them had left it till too late. After that we got the embankment without much difficulty – about 150 Huns surrendering from the dugouts in it. We then dug ourselves in and prepared to hold the place until we were relieved. What we had got before was child's play to what we got in that railway cutting. Our own artillery dropped shells short on us: 'Jerry' threw rifle



*Lieut. Neil Robertson*

grenades, trench mortars and shells at us, his aeroplanes fired down on us and, to crown all, in the evening he gained a footing on the railway about a mile up to our right and hurried M.G.'s down the line. If there was a hell on earth, it was that cutting. We held it for two days and a night when we were relieved.

'The men were beyond all praise and, although the cutting was awful, I would not have missed it for anything.

'Everyone is in high spirits, but the casualties make you a bit fed up. D Company went in 168 strong and came out 48, so you can see that chasing the Hun is not all 'jam for Tommy'. Still we are winning the War now and we will soon have him beat to the wide, and then me for a jolly good slack!'

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.**

## OD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Annual General Meeting of the OD Union will be held in the **Hyslop Hall**,  
Bishops on **Wednesday 13 March 2013** at **6.00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

Notice convening the Meeting

Apologies

Minutes of the AGM of 15 March 2012

Matters arising therefrom

Chairman's Annual Report

Financial Statements

Election of Office Bearers

Address by the Principal

Any other Business