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Pot of Gold: Rainbow over the Piley Rees

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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.

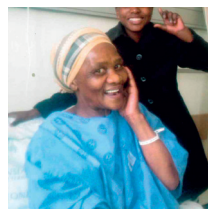
Joyce Frances kindly agreed to come out of retirement to act as relief nursing sister to **Sharon Hick-en** two years ago. She has been a great asset to the school, often helping out at short notice over and above her regular Wednesday and Friday slots. **Joyce** will be moving up the West Coast to live 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!



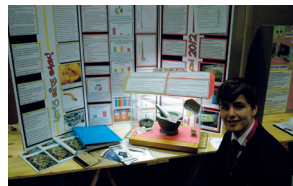
Bishops Prize Winners at the UCT Mathematics Competition

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

Jonathan Black, Taahir Matthews, James van Heerden

TIES

Distinction

Oliver Husband (Rowing)

Academic

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

All-Rounders

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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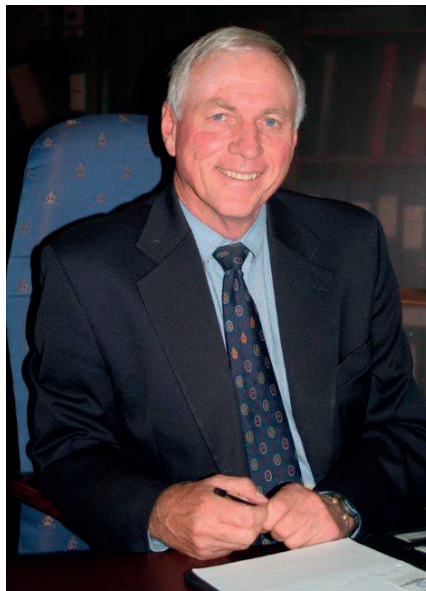
A FAREWELL TO STAFF

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



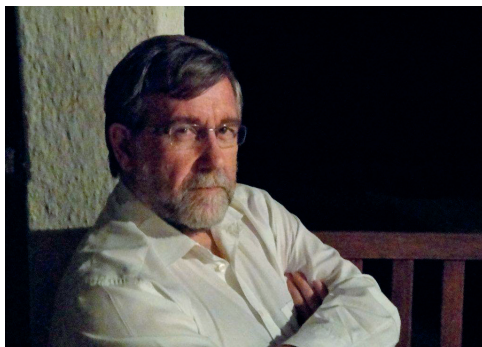
Michael was appointed as an English teacher at the start of 1988. Over the next few years he was appointed Assistant Housemaster in Birt House, and Head of the English Department. He coached Athletics and was Master-in-Charge of Badminton. At the end of 1991, Charles Currey retired as Vice-principal 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

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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



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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
Nicholas Janisch; Luke Baker
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

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

SPECIAL MENTIONS

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

GRADE TEN

Ihsaan Dawray	<i>Grade Prize 1st (Archbishop West-Jones), Art Prize, Life Orientation Prize, General Good Effort</i>
Daniel Mesham	<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>
Thomas Orton	<i>Grade Prize 3rd, The Guy Currie Science Prize, Strakosch Prize - Physical Science, Economics Prize, General Good Effort</i>
Rahul Naidoo	<i>The Hands Memorial Essay Prize, The Andrew Henderson Memorial Biology Prize, Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences</i>
Pule Nkopane	<i>Accounting Prize, General Good Effort</i>

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

GRADE ELEVEN

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

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

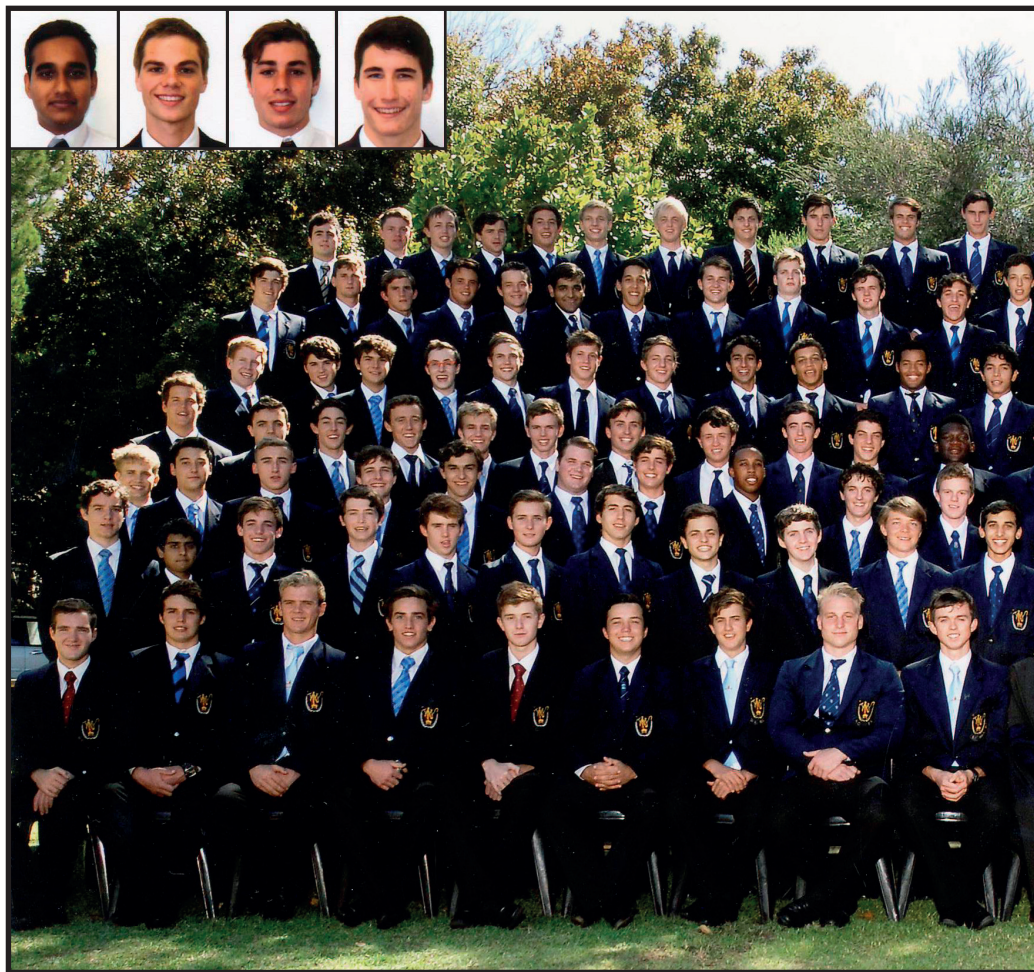
GRADE TWELVE

Martin Dyer	<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>
Alessio Giuricich	<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>
Ethan Gray	<i>Grade Prize 2nd, Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize (shared), Visual Arts Prize, General Good Effort</i>
Emile Nauta	<i>Grade Prize 3rd, First Pauling French Prize (shared)</i>
Taahir Matthews	<i>Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared), Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Additional Maths, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Prize for Maths and Accounting, Accounting Prize</i>
Paul Freund	<i>Stanley Clarke History Prize, The Warham Searle Prize for Southern African History, Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History</i>
Jack Nebe	<i>Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research, The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading</i>
Daniel Potgieter	<i>Music Prize, The Senior Louis Esselen Welsprekendheidskompetisie</i>
Roberto Aldera	<i>Information Technology Prize, General Good Effort</i>
Andrew George	<i>Maths Literacy Prize</i>
Charles Mackenzie	<i>Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer</i>
Declan Manca	<i>Michael Cameron Computer Prize</i>
Matthew How Saw Keng	<i>First Pauling French Prize (shared)</i>
Sebastiaan Rimmelzwaal	<i>Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize (shared)</i>
Jordan Apperley	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Jonathan Black	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Nicholas Campbell	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Kishan Chagan	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Adrian Farrell	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Aidan Horn	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Timothy Olds	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Joseph Oliver	<i>General Good Effort</i>
Neil Robertson	<i>General Good Effort</i>

OTHER SPECIAL PRIZES

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

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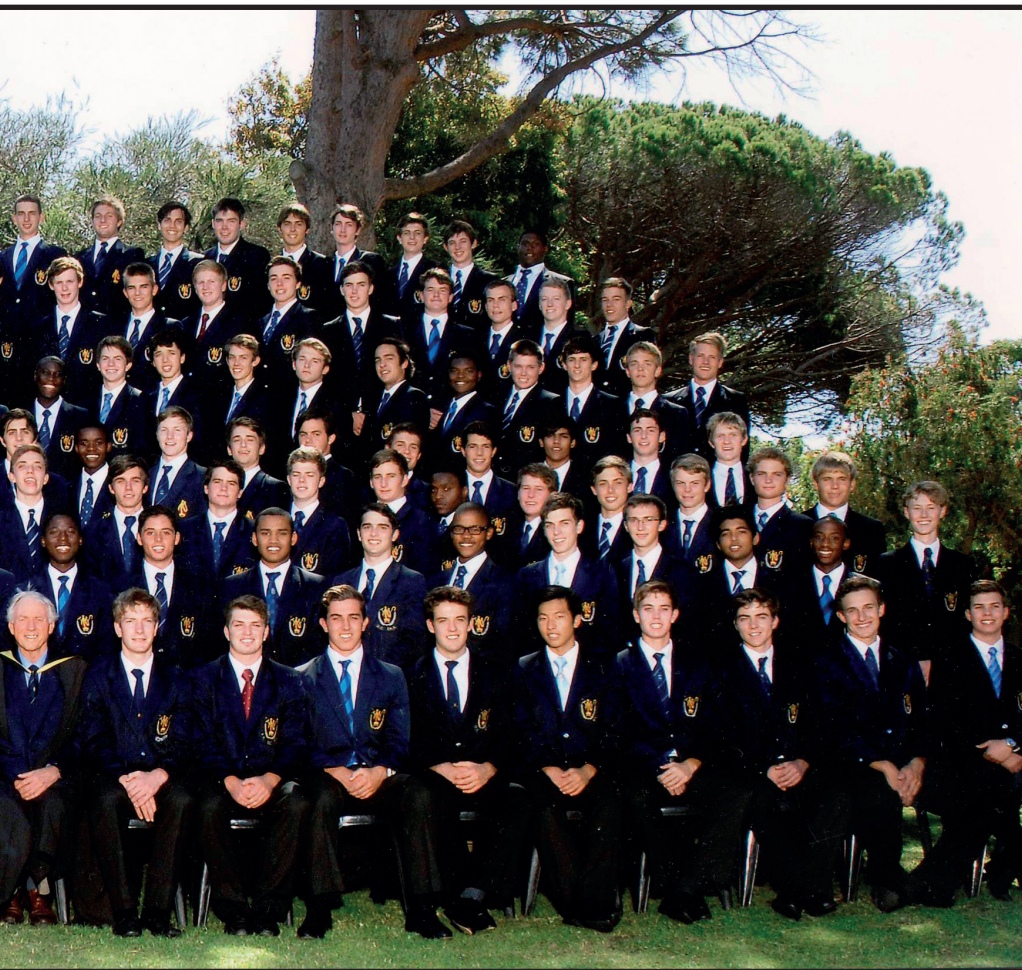
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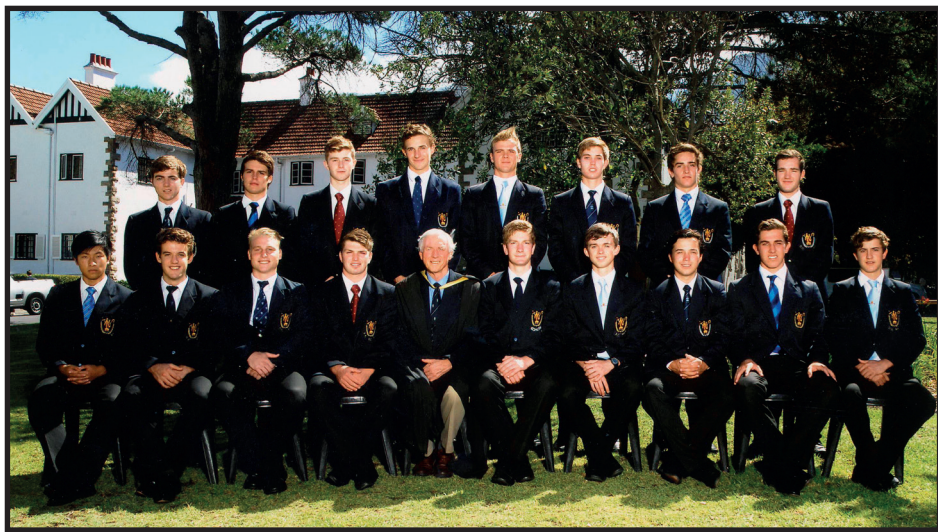
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HEADS OF HOUSES 2012



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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:

Devon Bruiners

Wanganui Collegiate

New Zealand

Byron Meyers

Pembroke

Australia

Oliver Burt

The Scots College

Australia

Thomas Van As

Haileybury

England

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

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

SURF CLUB

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.



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NEWS FROM THE HOUSES



FOUNDERS

House Director: *Grant Norton*

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 Rummelzwaal**, 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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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.

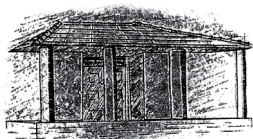
In essence, the year has been very successful and all the boys and in particular the dedicated and wise staff consisting of **Messrs. John Knight, John Holtman, Geoff Kieswetter, Wayne Tucker, Donovan Abrey** and **Ms. Rhoda Manie, Cheryl Gammon** and **Carol Witbooi** (our House-mother). The Gray House 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.

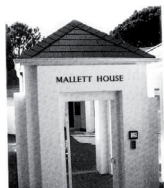
Luke Barker



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 Marée 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.

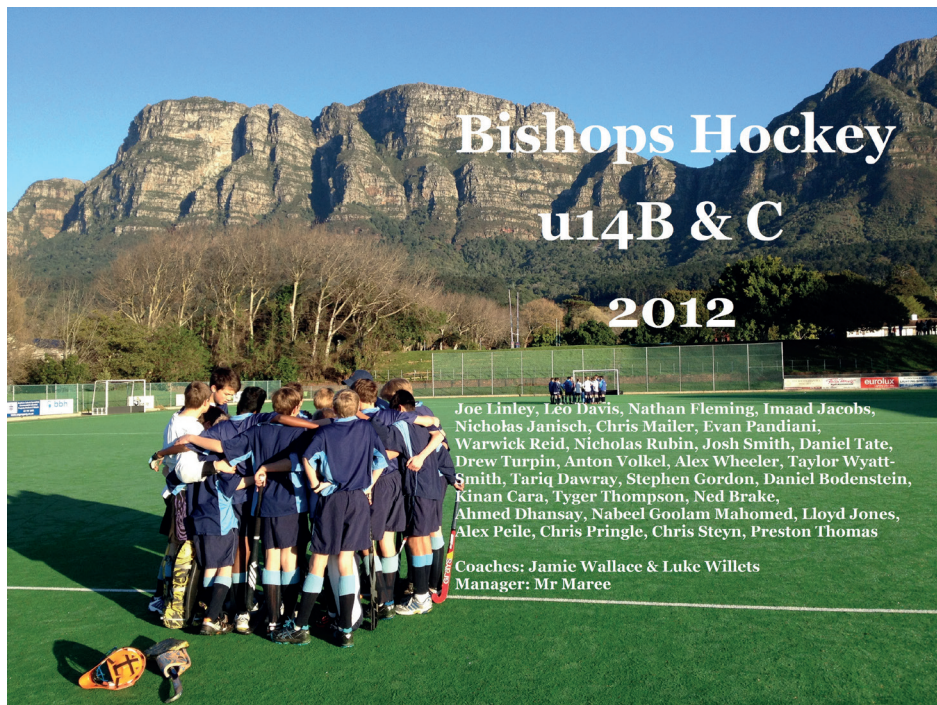
U14A

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 Groeninx, 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 Remmelzwaal 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 Piley 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