



# BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



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# PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



*Noell Andrews*

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

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

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

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

### **Outreach:**

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

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

## News from Grade R



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

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

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

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

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



*Grade 1 outing to the Science Centre.*

## News from Grade 1

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



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



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



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

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



*Daniel Thom getting excited about our Occupations theme!*



*Luke van Wyk making new discoveries!*

## News from Grade 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

Did you know...

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

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

An ostrich can see 3.5 km away.

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

That once an ostrich ate 53 diamonds.

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

Then off to the Magic Classroom we went

That was definitely for us, time well spent!

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

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

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

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

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

**Sipho Ndlovu**

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

**Daniel Neuhoff**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Love Grade 2 boys and teachers.

*Nazli Meredith, Lindy van Stormbroek and Laurelle Fry*



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

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