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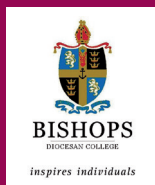
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BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



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PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



Noell Andrews

General:

The term began with all the teachers across the whole school attending a conference in Somerset West which we all thoroughly enjoyed and found stimulating. Our students arrived and the teachers were happy to have some support with our production coming up at grade 1 and 2. The first weeks of term were used to finalise the building of the set for our production Disney's *Aladdin Kids*; distribute the beautiful costumes to the appropriate boys; ensure that sound and lighting were set up and ready to roll with some help from the College team; tickets were booked; photography and filming arranged and then we were ready for Opening Night. This was probably one of the more successful productions that we have staged – the theme suited the boys with good overcoming evil, and the length and energy level of the show was perfect. We were blown away by the performances of the boys on each of the four evenings; with the house full every night! We had some outstanding help and support from our parent body in a variety of areas – costumes, make-up and set painting for which we are very appreciative and grateful, as this allowed the teachers to continue focussing on good teaching in between the numerous practices.



Antony S; James G; James S; James C; Reuben T; Noah B; Ryan F; Kasavan M; Joshua G; Fabian G; Jack W and Nashe C all played leading roles in Disney's Aladdin Kids.



Conna W; Thandile R; Solly N; Richard A; Thomas R; Austin G; Jagger V; Ethan P; Zachary B; Liam D; Andrew B and Michael C all had leading roles in Disney's Aladdin Kids.

The Travelling Bookshop visited us during the last week of term, during our Readathon Week; giving boys and their parents an opportunity to purchase books in the promotion of reading. We were visited by two theatre groups – *Hooked on Books* and the National Theatre Group who presented their version of the Roald Dahl book, *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Our combined Grade R – 2 Family Chapel Service was held in the Memorial Chapel towards the end of term. It was a lovely service; well attended by parents with the boys singing out and participating fully.



Sport

The boys continued with their sporting commitments of the second term; however, a mini-hockey tournament was held at the end of term for both the grade 1s and grade 2s on the Astroturf. A number of grade 2 teams were meant to play in the annual Inter School Mini-Hockey Tournament, but bad weather resulted in this being postponed, and we were unfortunately not able to participate due to a clash with our production.

Staff Development and News:

Geordie Nolte, **Rose Harris** and **Heather Mills** joined teachers from the Prep as they attended the Proudly Primary Conference in Natal. They were treated to some inspirational speakers and stimulating workshops over the two days.

We met, together with the Prep staff, twice during the term for iPad training. Early on in the term **Lindy Brien** announced that she would be resigning as of the end of the year due to the planned arrival of their son. We congratulate both Geoff and Lindy on this exciting news! Interviews were held towards the end of term and **Mrs Sharlene Groom**, who is presently teaching grade 3 at Reddam Atlantic Seaboard and Head of Academics in their Foundation Phase, is appointed to the grade 2 post for 2014.

Outreach:

We supported Casual Day as a school with the boys paying a 'fine' for wearing civvies to school. The proceeds of the day once again went to Sunfield Wellington. We continued to support Athwood Primary on Tuesdays each week with the boys bringing extra sandwiches – we thank Joanne Karlein and Shereen Ahmed for their diligence in transporting the sandwiches to the school each week. During Readathon Week the boys brought any second hand books for younger readers to the school for redistribution to schools trying to build up libraries. These were sent across to Sue Kieswetter at the Prep who manages this portfolio.

Bishops Boys to the Rescue:

We are very proud of Conna Watson and Sebastien Griffiths who helped rescue five new born kittens off the roof. We are also very grateful to Doctor Cathy Dallas for her help and care.



*Conna Watson and
Sebastien Griffiths
with the kittens.*



*The kittens smiling at the
camera - they are doing
exceptionally well!*



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Pre-Preparatory Art:



Cameron Orpen



Richard Alfredo



Samuel Berrisford

Noell Andrews



Stuart Whitelaw





NEWS FROM GRADE R



Gavin Martin and his Grandparents.

We reached the third term, feeling fresh after a lovely winter break! The boys were raring to go; ready to experience the increasingly exciting Grade R year. Learning to tie shoelaces and wake up on cold, wintery mornings slowly became a thing of the past, and the boys were excited at the thought of being able to play in the playground again, especially towards the end of term with some warmer weather. Their interest in reading and deciphering words sprouted, and they began building the largest, most creative constructions in class! We had a Grandparents Day which began with many eager grandparents awaiting the experience of their grandsons' classrooms. It was an exceptionally special day for all the boys who showed off their best behaviour and sang beautiful songs for grannies and granddads. The boys then gave out their special gifts of which they were so proud. Many grandparents said they could very easily come back to Grade R at Bishops, as learning looked like far more fun than when they were at school! The joy in the grandchildren's faces was a heart-warming sight and after all the celebrations, everyone enjoyed a lovely tea out on the verandah before heading home. Mrs van Zyl's granny, Mrs Sophia Quint, visited for the special day too and had a fantastic morning! *Hooked on Books* came to entertain us during Readathon Week. The grade R's bodies jiggled at the catchy tunes and their faces lit up in response to the very convincing acting! All the boys were so excited to go out and buy the books which were promoted by this fantastic company. Our grade R boys are growing up so fast, and their sensible, independent selves are beginning to emerge; ready for grade 1. With the mini break approaching, we were sure that the boys would need the breather for the last lap of their best year ever!

Carron Cale, Carmen van Zyl and Geordie Nolte

NEWS FROM GRADE 1

The little boys were pleased to get back after the long winter holiday to see all their friends and share their holiday news. We had a very exciting start to the term as the rehearsals for our *Disney's Aladdin Kids* began in earnest. All the boys in grade 1 and grade 2 were involved in this production; so it was lights.....camera.....action.....! It was a wonderful show; lots of colour, singing and movement with high energy. The boys loved the experience of being on stage. It was a wonderful production, and we were so proud of them. In the classroom we began the term with the theme of Space, followed by Our Earth. As always we follow an integrated curriculum and so all our lessons and art projects revolved around this theme. We explored ways of looking after our earth; encour-



Proudly South African!

story-time with the mums and dads. In keeping with Heritage Day, we ended our term with a theme called Proudly South African. We dressed up; learnt our National Anthem; discussed our differences and similarities; shared South African foods; and did exciting art projects. It was a lovely way to end a very busy term.

Rosemarie Harris, Ann van Breda and Nazli Meredith

aging recycling and an awareness of conservation. Our outing was to the Cape Town Science Centre, which was great fun. Here the boys did experiments; built with huge construction blocks and learnt more about the universe in their tiny planetarium. Just the outing for energetic little boys; they loved it! We also encouraged the boys to extend and enjoy their reading during Readathon Week. We saw two great productions in our theatre: *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *Hooked on Books*. We also ran a reading competition; collected books for needy schools and had a special

NEWS FROM GRADE 2



Jack Howard – Magic Classroom outing.

Term 3 proved to be an incredibly busy term for the Grade 2s; with the production, *Disney's Aladdin Kids* being in the forefront of everyone's minds. Ethan Probert said, "This story is about a poor boy that meets this princess and doesn't know she is a princess." Nashe Chahwahwa proudly reported that he "liked it when [he] was on the stage. The worst part was when it was over!!!" The boys mesmerised the audience with their excellent acting skills and their beautiful costumes. Fabian Gaertner said, "I wore a monkey outfit. I looked like a giant rat with a hat." Although the production kept us busy throughout the term, we made sure we had time for other fun and exciting events. We set off on our outing to the Magic Classroom where Hasheel Govan says, "Prof Bayla took money out of the boys' ears." The boys were intrigued by many illusions. Jamie Chester was excited to 'make an infinity mirror' and Ziyaad Moolla said his favourite part was, "when Prof Bayla juggled the swords!" To end off the term we participated in Readathon Week. The rainy weather did not dampen our spirits for our Readathon picnic. Michael Kruse loved it because he "got to drink hot chocolate and relax!" Nicholas Macdonald loved "dipping his biscuit in his hot chocolate" while Devon Marshall was more excited about "bringing his own blanket to school." We were also entertained by the *Hooked on Books* people and the cast from *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Ben Norton sums it up by stating so simply, "It was just so funny!"

Laurelle Fry, Lindy Brien and Heather Mills