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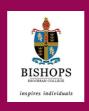
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## PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



Noell Andrews

#### General News:

Our Prayer Group met regularly during the final term and ended the year with a breakfast attended by parents from the College and Pre-Prep. The group grew under the wise and supportive leadership of Karen Nelson during 2011, and we said a sad farewell to some of our regular prayer partners as they have moved across to the Prep; however, it is with joy that we meet this year under the new and willing leadership of Thandi Moyo. We pray for God's guiding hand as we undertake the responsibility of praying for the school this year. Our Pre-Prep Music Concert

was held towards the end of term early one morning in the Memorial Theatre, allowing parents to attend before heading off to work. The theatre was filled with excited boys and parents, and once again Desiré Swanich managed to allow each musician and the choir to perform and experience, for many, their first time on a stage in front of a large audience – and they did us all proud too! We hosted a number of functions towards the end of the year – one was a tea to thank our hard-working and supportive class reps; another was a tea and party to welcome our new 2012 Grade R's to the school, together with their parents. We hosted our grade 2 parents to a reception in our foyer towards the end of term where we were able to chat and wish them well as they move across to the Prep with their sons. It was a very pleasant evening and many parents expressed their thanks and shared that their sons had thoroughly enjoyed their time at Pre-Prep, and they would miss our little school. Two readers, Robert Kotze (Gr. 1) and Matthew Byron (Gr. 2) did us all proud when they read so well and with confidence at the Prep Carol Service. Our combined Carol Service from grade R – 2 took place on the last day of term with many of the boys doing the readings and prayers. The singing was wonderful and the Memorial Chapel was filled with our families. What a wonderful way to end the year!

#### **Outreach and Social Awareness:**

We continued to support Athwood Primary in Hanover Park on Tuesdays when boys brought an extra sandwich to school. The boys were encouraged to support Bandana Day by wearing these to school. Afterwards many were donated to the Prep school where a team of mums turned them into beautiful duvets and teddies for Victoria Hospital's paediatric unit. The choir once again visited Red Cross Hospital to sing for all the young patients of the Tracheostomy Unit at their annual Christmas Party. The Book People held a sale of books in our art room and foyer during the last few days of term. We received 10% of the sales back in cash to spend on books for St Paul's. We have purchased some lovely books and once the boxes are made to house them, and they have all been coded for the correct reading levels we hope, during the first term, to deliver them to the school. Many of our boys participated in the K4K walk organized by Gray House to raise funds for charity. We also held a civvies day towards the end of term when the boys paid a 'fine' for not wearing their uniform to school. This money was collected and shared by our two

hard working but always cheerful cleaners – Mrs Sharon Alberts and Ms Siseline Hendricks. They were both extremely appreciative of the generosity of our parent body and we received a thank you card from Sharon expressing her thanks. Both these ladies assist in so many different ways at the Pre-Prep from cleaning to collecting lunches; serving at and setting up venues for functions to name just a few of the ways they provide support at this section of the school.

#### **Staff News:**

Mrs Rose Harris is on long-leave this term and her grade 1 class is being taught by Mrs Truus Grater who has, over the years, assisted us when necessary. We trust that Rose will return to school in the second term well rested. Miss Katie Mabin has joined Mandy Kowarski in her Learner Support practice — we welcome her to the Bishops campus. We wish Justine Shaskolski well as she takes up a practice closer to her daughter's school. During the last term of the year, the grade 2 and R teachers, together with Noell, attended the CAPS training offered at Herzlia. We were joined by teachers from Rondebosch Preparatory and Little Bosch. The grade 1 teachers were given internal training. Noell Andrews, Nazli Meredith, Ann van Breda and Carron Cale spent a day at SNAP observing and receiving training in supporting children with specific needs. Lindy van Stormbroek and Laurelle Fry were fortunate enough to attend the Global Leadership Summit together with staff members from across the school.

#### **Sport:**

Results from the Foundation Phase Athletics Meeting held at Rhenish were as follows – **Reyne de Klerk** 4th place in the Mixed Shuttle Relay; **Brett Horn** 4th place in the U7 80m; **Bruce Campbell** 2nd place in the U8 60m; 3rd place in the U8 80m and 4th place in the Mixed Shuttle Relay.

Results from the Paarl Inter-schools' Athletics Meeting were as follows – **Reyne de Klerk** 2nd place in U 80m; 1st place in 6 x 80m mixed shuttle relay; **Bruce Campbell** 1st place in U8 80m; 1st place in 6 x 80m mixed shuttle relay; **Liam Harrison** 4th place in U8 80m; 1st place in 6 x 80m mixed shuttle relay.

Our squad swimmers competed in a variety of A and B league relay galas where they performed well and enjoyed the experience.

#### **Achievements:**

Rishay Thakersee finished grade 1 in December and then went on to represent Western Province



Rishay Thakersee with his chess award

at the SA Junior Chess Championships in Port Elizabeth. He played 7 matches winning 5 of them; drawing 1 and losing 1. For his outstanding efforts he was awarded the Board Prize. **Rishay** was an active member in our chess club last year.

The following grade 2's achieved places in the Living Maths Olympiad – **Bruce Campbell** 2nd place, **Daniel Holgate** 3rd place and **Khaleel Hassan** 2nd place. **Robert Kotze** in grade 1 also achieved 2nd place. They all worked independently – so well done!

Noell Andrews

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### News from Grade R



Gilly Southwood in action telling her stories!

The fourth term is a very busy time in the Grade R section of our school. There is so much to do and so little time! We were actively busy preparing for our Nativity Play from early in the term so by the time the actual day arrived it went so smoothly. It was very special and I could see some mommies wiping away tears as they saw their boys saying and singing their songs and words so beautifully. We welcomed our new boys for 2012 at a New Boys Tea and this was well attended. The parents looked as excited and happy to be entering into a whole new era in the lives of

their little ones. We played games, had delicious things to eat and ended off with a special story. Moms and dads had the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea in the Hall with Mrs Andrews. We were all looking forward to teaching our new class in 2012. Then we had the wonderful Storyteller, Gilly Southwood, who shared Tales to Tickle the Funnybone. The boys had a good giggle and enjoyed engaging in questions and actions with wonderful props. Gilly never reads but only tells her stories making use of her voice in many ways to make it exciting and fun. Thank you Gilly and we hope you come again soon! We were sad to say goodbye to our 2011 Grade Rs and hope they will enjoy their time in Grade 1 this year.

Geordie Nolte, Carron Cale and Carmen van Zyl

### News from Grade 1



Suhail Janoodien displaying his items for sale on Trading Day

The first week of the fourth term began with a very sporty flavour. The squad swimmers were gathered for training; athletics practices began; and the final tag rugby tournament went ahead on the first Saturday of term. Academically the focus was on working with money, entrepreneurship and careers. Swimming is always enjoyed in the warm, spring months and class swimming was very soon a regular part of the school week. The tag rugby tournament was enjoyed by boys and parents alike. It was a happy and festive occasion with various teams in each grade competing against each other. We were very proud of the spirit in which the games were played; this being a compliment to the energetic dads who coached the

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Jody Manus promoting his colourful pencil holders.



Nicholas and Mogammad Yusuf waiting for their customers!

teams. During the mathematics lessons the boys had experience working with real money in the grade 1 classes. This prepared them for the much loved Trading Day when pupils brought homemade articles to sell to their peers. They were able to pay correct amounts for articles and give change where necessary. The day was an amazing success and the excitement and enjoyment was tangible. In keeping with this theme of trading and occupations, the teachers organised outings for all the boys to Kiddies' Campus, where they had experiences in a mini bank, a mini Pick 'n Pay, a mini Law Court, and a mini television recording studio.

The boys took part in the Living Maths Olympiad. We were especially proud of Robert Kotze who achieved second place winning a calculator and certificate. Many of the Grade 1 boys took part in our Music Concert on 2 December, playing instruments and singing in the choir. They made us proud, too. Our Carol Service at the end of the term put us in the Christmas frame of mind and brought our year to a happy end.

Rosemarie Harris, Anne Atkins and Ann van Breda



## News from Grade 2

The teachers were as excited as the boys to tackle our new theme for the term – Natural Disasters. The boys sat in silence as they watched Youtube clips of Tsunamis and even got to create their own volcanoes. We were extremely proud when they excelled in completing their first research

< Rowan Howard, Laine Ridgway, Daniel Holgate and Liyema Liwani checking out the worms at the worm farm. 92 Pre-Preparatory March 2012



Zain Dawood and Daniel Nelson proudly posing in front of the Christmas Tree made using all the cut outs of the boys' hands.



Bryan Habana autographing a postcard for Gray Fogarty - what excitement!

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activity on tornadoes and hurricanes. Our outing to Noordhoek Worm Farm also challenged our boys as to how we can help to save the environment. The next popular event was our Father and sons' "Camp Out". The moms were very interested to hear how the dads fared.

Here are some thoughts from the boys: **Gray Fogarty:** "I loved it when Mr Dysell-Höfinger lit up the fireworks and I started singing Katy Perry." Ilyaaz Arnold: "We set up and I played soccer and cricket with Josh and Benji. We played soccer against the dads with no Tshirts on." Matthew Reid: "On Friday night we went to the dads' and sons' camp out. At night we played soccer against the dads and we won 4-3. Then we went to bed at midnight!" Areeb Tyer: I went on camp. It was fun. We found a snake and we ran around and we had marshmallows by the fire and ate them all up! It was the 11th best day of my life and I ate all the sweets and chips and I only slept at 4 o'clock!" We could not end our year without putting in our requests to Santa: **Benjamin Audinwood:** "How did you enter the North Pole? Is it nice there? I am in Cape Town. House number 7. My dogs might see you. My sister and I are excited!" Charles Carter: "Dear Father Christmas. How are you? By the way on Christmas morning last year I found snow prints in the lounge. Please don't come down the other chimney because it's too small. Be careful, this summer; it's been raining very hard and its even been hailing. Can I ask you what your reindeer would like?" **Mikaeel Darsot:** "Dear Father Christmas. How much do you weigh? Do you have a pet polar bear? I am having supper. What are you eating? Fish? Is it winter there? How do you fly? Do you have a butler?" Laine Ridgway: "Dear Father Christmas. I was thinking about my present. It is a big problem because it is a bike and it is R4 580. It is awesome because it has 21 gears." **Solomzi Tshiki:** "Dear Father Christmas. Could you please get me a new game? I hope you have a good trip and I wish you good luck. Turn left then right then you will find Constantia 71." **Gareth Walsh:** "Dear Father Christmas. I would like a robot, so it can go and get me a drink when I'm thirsty. If you need a hand with the presents I can help you deliver them. Then when it's time for my present, I will go home." Bryan Habana received letters of praise from our Grade 2 boys just after he broke South Africa's try scoring record. The boys never dreamt that a few weeks later Bryan himself would walk into their class to come and say thank you! **Dino Vavatzanidis:** "On Friday Bryan Habana came to Bishops and he walked in with golden sunglasses and a cap." Jack Walker: "Bryan Habana spoilt us rotten and it was the best day of my life." Josh Lander: "On Friday Bryan Habana came to Bishops because we wrote him a letter." Sebastian Sturrock: "Friday was the best day of my life. I went up to shake Bryan Habana's hand and I got an autograph. It was great. He was wearing cool glasses and a cool cap. He is the best rugby player in the world for me." **Liam Harrison:** "It was awesome to meet Bryan Habana. He looked very nice." Matthew Warner: "When Bryan Habana came the teachers said it was better than Father Christmas."

From 'throwing petals at Mrs. Meredith's wedding' (**Ilyaaz Arnold**) to 'eating burgers on cowboy day' (**Max Rebe**), we certainly made lasting memories at the Pre-Prep.

May you always remember Bryan Habana's words, "dream big and work hard!" We are proud of you all.

Nazli Meredith, Laurelle Fry and Lindy van Stormbroek

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