

# COLLEGE



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## STAFF NEWS

The Bishops staff (Pre Prep, Prep and College) began the third term on a high note: a three-day Residential Conference at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West. Speakers included Simon Hurry, Thomas Hagspihl and Suzie Nkambule. A number of electives, ranging from *Managing Personal Stress* to *Where is Competitive School Sport Going?* made for some very interesting discussions. The forum discussion, chaired by **Mr Pearson**, and consisting of a panel of 3 past headboys, Stuart Berry, Justin van Wyk and Sam Stelzner, spanning three decades, left the delegates with much food for thought – the topic, *Bishops, with hindsight...* Outside of Conference hours, the staff enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of their colleagues, and the multi-award winning sleight of hand artist and psychological illusionist, Stuart Lightbody.

## SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

**Farewells:** This term we said goodbye to **John Manuel** who filled in as Building Manager for two months. We are most grateful to **John** for the invaluable role he played in the school during this particularly busy time.

■ **New Staff:** We welcomed **Jonathan Holtmann** as Building Manager with effect from 8 July. **Jonathan** is a qualified town planner and has extensive experience in Project Management, Property Development and onsite building co-ordination. We also welcomed **Erica Leppan**, Housemother at the Prep, at the beginning of the term. **Erica** is a qualified teacher and has two sons studying medicine at UCT. **Catherine Simelela** has been employed permanently as a Third Cook in the kitchen. **Catherine** has many years of experience in the catering industry and most recently worked at UCT. **Patricia Levendaal** will be replacing **Clarissa Pieters**, Third Cook, who is on maternity leave until the end of the year.

■ **Staff Moves:** We would like to congratulate **Myrtle Page** on her promotion to First Cook and **Angie Vula** on her promotion to Second Cook in the Central Kitchen. **Melissa Gertse** has been promoted to Assistant Housemother at the Prep, but will continue to fulfil her kitchen and dormitory duties.

■ **Congratulations:** We congratulate **Pardon Kundhlande** on his engagement.

■ **Condolences:** Our thoughts and prayers are with **Myrtle Page** on the death of her grandchild, and with **Beauty Thompson** on the death of her husband.

## BISHOPS / MY SCHOOL CARD INITIATIVE

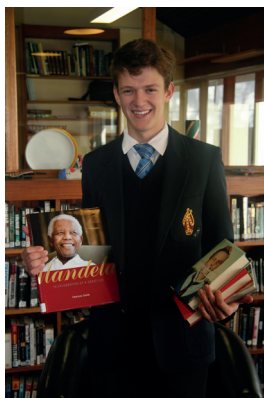
Bishops participates in the My School Card initiative which raises funds for our school. Earlier this year a special 'Swipe for Africa' initiative was held and we came 2nd in South Africa, a great achievement. Thanks need to go to our parents for their fantastic support of this initiative. The school won a cash prize of R100 000 which will go towards upgrading the Molteno Library. In addition we were able to nominate our MyPlanet animal beneficiary to receive R50 000 and we chose the Volunteer Wildfire Services to support. **Mr Pearson**



*Kirk Wernars, Mnotho Makhoba, Saleem Firfirey, Ty Wills, Guy Pearson, Jacqui Paton, Rosemary Wilke, Patrick Ryan, Helene Brand*

welcomed, from My School: Terri-Ann Schmidt (National Manager), Helene Brand (Marketing Manager), Jacqui Paton (Area Manager), and from Volunteer Wildfire Services: Patrick Ryan (VWS Marketing Director and OD) and Kirk Wernars (Marketing Manager of the Newlands Station). It is interesting to note that the Newlands Station is the oldest WVS station with just over 100 members volunteering their time

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



*Tom Vidal.*

**Tom Vidal**, winner in the 13-17 age group of the RHS and James Patterson Short Story Competition, was on hand when his prize, of books valued at R10 000, was delivered to the HA Molteno Library. As part of his prize he nominated Siyabulela Primary School to receive a further set of books to the value of R10 000. We congratulate **Daniel Fisher** and **Rahul Naidoo** on having their English creative work published in *English Alive* 2013. This is an excellent achievement as *English Alive* is an annual anthology of the best writing from High Schools and Colleges all over Southern Africa and has become one of the most popular and well-known 'products' available to all South African Schools and Colleges. Bishops won the UCT Mathematics Competition again this year. The overall result for each school is based on the scores of the top 30 students, but all 75 students who took part received either merit

or gold awards. Bishops has won the competition for the last 6 years in a row and 16 times in the last 26 years. This year 160 schools took part. At the Prize Giving, Bishops had 3 pairs and 13 individuals receive gold awards. The winners were: Grade 8: **Christopher Aubin** (1st), **Nicholas Featherstone** (2nd), **Angus Thring** (6th) and **Jamie Diggle** (9th); Grade 9: **Alexander Peile** (9th), **Boyd Kane** and **Stuart Mesham** (1st as a pair); Grade 10: Individual winners were: **Sam Jeffery** (4th), **Soo Min Lee** (6th) and **Michael Thomson** (7th); **Kieran Cattell** and **Matthew Morris** (3rd in the pairs); Grade 11: **Tom Orton** (4th), **Warren Black** (8th) and **Daniel Mesham** (10th); Grade 12: **Daniel Chung** and **John Pierre Lanser** (2nd as a pair), **Nicholas Cotchobos** (6th). **Guy Paterson Jones** came 1st – **Guy** was also placed 1st in grades 9, 10 and 11, and 3rd in Grade 8! **Guy Paterson Jones** collected the Mona Leeuwenburg Trophy for the winning school. Twelve boys from Bishops have qualified for Round 3 of the South African Mathematics Olympiad. Pupils who qualify for Round 3 are the top 100 Junior and top 100 Senior students in the country. Bishops had the 2nd highest number of students in the country who qualified

for Round 3. We congratulate: **Christopher Aubin, Nicholas Featherstone** and **Angus Thring** in Grade 8; **Alexander Peile, Nicholas Janisch** and **Jonathan Rossouw** in Grade 9; **Soo-Min Lee** in Grade 10; **Warren Black, Murray McKechnie** and **Philip van Biljon** in Grade 11; **Nicholas Cotchobos** and **Guy Paterson-Jones** in Grade 12.

We congratulate **Afika Nyati** on obtaining a distinction for his Grade 5 Royal Schools theory exam. **Ian Douglass, Nevarr Pillay** and **Ishmail Rawoot** recently represented Bishops at this year's Mintek Science Miniquiz competition. The Mintek Quiz is South Africa's premier annual Grade 12 National Science Competition. Top science students from each province compete in the regional events and the top two achievers from each regional competition are selected to represent their province in the National finals. The Bishops team performed exceptionally well in the written section of the quiz and thereby earned a place in the live on-stage oral final. This final takes place in front of an audience where five teams compete to answer 30 questions without the use of any written aids or calculators. In the end, the Bishops team triumphed over a number of our neighbourhood rivals and was placed overall second, losing out by one point to an exceptionally talented team from Worcester. **Ian Douglass** received a distinction certificate for his performance in the written competition. **Ishmail Rawoot** was the only student, out of the 140 top science students present, to achieve a certificate of excellence for scoring over 80% in the written paper. The team also won a cash prize of R850 for the school. As the top achieving student in the Province, **Ishmail Rawoot** represented the Western Cape at the National Finals. The WP Team performed exceptionally well winning both the written and oral parts of the competition. They received a trophy as the top achieving team, an individual prize of R715 each as well as a R3000 prize for the school. **Ishmail** achieved the top score in the written exam (82.5%) and was awarded a trophy as the highest achieving student in the country as well as the first prize of a Netbook. The following boys were invited to attend the 49th National Science Olympiad Youth Science Week and Awards Ceremony: Grade 12: **Guy Paterson-Jones** and **Sam Wolski**; Grade 11: **Thomas Orton**. The boys earned this invite for outstanding performances in the National Science Olympiad. The Olympiad included over 30 000 learners from across the nine Provinces in South Africa, as well as the SADC countries, Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe. **Thomas Orton** was placed 13th overall, and achieved the second highest Grade 11 score in South Africa. He has been invited to represent South Africa at the Australian Science Week in January. **Guy Paterson-Jones** was placed 12th overall and 3rd in the Western Cape. **Sam Wolski** was placed 8th overall and 2nd in the Western Cape.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Joshua Hewitson** and **Nicholas Cullinan** recently participated in the Cape Town Creative Academy 2013 Young Creatives Awards Competition. **Joshua Hewitson** was runner-up and won a R 25 000.00 scholarship for the first year of study at the Cape Town Creative Academy. **Nicholas Cullinan** received special mention in the Grade 11 category.

The Field and Stream Society awarded The Jonny Marr Trophy, named after a man dedicated to life and an example to all, to **Tim Allen** who excelled in a recent Inter Schools competition. The competition included catch, fly tying and casting. **Tim** is the first recipient of the trophy.

The following boys are congratulated on being awarded Full Music Colours: **Jake Bennett, Murray**



**McKechnie, Richard Freund, Nicholas Hyslop, Simon Thompson, Jonty Fish, Nicholas Cotchobos, Lood van Niekerk and Jonathan Smuts. James David, Soo-Min Lee, Simon Dennis, Adam Rothschild, Sean Douglas and Rayhaan Surve** were awarded Half Colours.

Fourteen boys from Bishops attended the Foundations in Philosophy course held at UCT. The programme aims to introduce students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 to philosophical thinking. The following Bishops boys successfully completed the Foundations in Philosophy course: **Jaydon Farao, Cameron Harries and Pule Nkopane.**

We congratulate **Andrew Warren** who has completed his Gold President's Award. He has been invited to an official Gold Award Ceremony that will take place in October, this year, at the Presidency in Cape Town. Jacob Zuma and Prince Edward will be the guests of honour at the ceremony.

## SPORTING AFFAIRS

We congratulate the following boys for being selected for Western Province Cricket teams: **Daniel Russell** (U19B), **Justin Rowe-Roberts** and **Jordan Flax** (U17B), **Callum Diem** and **Tyla Scarles** (U15A) and **Clyde de Beer** (v/c) (U15B).

The College Golf Championship and Inter House Challenge was held at Royal Cape Golf Course recently. **Cole Cruickshank** and **Nic Pithey** both shot 79 which resulted in a sudden-death playoff. **Cole** won the play-off with a par on the second extra hole. **Graham Welham** placed third with a score of 81. **Cole Cruickshank** was awarded the Individual Championship Trophy. The Martin Versfeld 'Rookie Golfer of the Year' (best newcomer in Grade 8) was awarded to **Ameer Tyer**. The Inter House Competition was fierce amongst the Houses. Mallett placed 3rd, Ogilvie 2nd and Gray emerged as champions, winning by 2 strokes. **Cole Cruickshank** and **Nic Pithey** were awarded Full Colours. **Shaun Clark, Liam Cook** and **Seumus Keir** were awarded Half Colours.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent Western Province at the Inter Provincial Hockey Tournament: U18A: **Alex Stewart** and **Ryan Julius**; U18B: **Luke Barker** and **Garth Turner**; U16A: **Justin Nel** and **Lloyd Gardener**; U16B: **Ross Nelson** and **Simon Kilpin**; Disa: U14: **Malachy Barbour, Christian Rohrer, Liam Dicker** and **Bulelani Ngqukuvana**; U16: **Peter Brink, Dylan Castle, Jonty Oehley, Cullen Parton** and **Wesley Gardener**; U18: **Jeremy Ryall** and **Jarryd Strydom**. As a result of their excellent performances in these tournaments, Bishops Hockey is very proud to congratulate **Alex Stewart** and **Ryan Julius** on their selection to the U18 SA Schools team and **Justin Nel** on his selection to the U16 SA Schools team.

The following boys are awarded Full Colours for rowing: **Jack Hanekom**, for achieving WP Colours and being part of the SA Trials and Training Squads; **Cole Barnard**, for achieving WP Colours and being part of the SASRU Junior Development Team that toured Belgium. **Piers Johnston, Simon Innes, Daniel De Freitas, Adam van Wyngaarden** and **Murray Corbett** were awarded Half Colours.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for various Western Province Schools Rugby Teams: **Saud Abrahams** (U18); **Cuan Hablutzel** (Academy Team); **Joel Paarwater** (U16).

During the holidays **Nicholas Ryall** participated in the Hobie 14 World Championship in Germany where he excelled to come 14th out of 40 entrants in his class.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected for Western Province Squash Teams:

**Derek Brink** and **JP Lanser** (U19); **Stefan Ranzoszek**, **Peter Brink** and **Alex Green** (U16); **Glenn Yates**, **Mitesh Valodia** and **Ibrahim Kerbelker** (U14).

We congratulate **Tivon Loubser** (U14), **Keanan Alexander** (U16) and **Zack Herberstein** (U19) who were named Victor Ludorum of their respective age groups at the Inter House Gala. **Keanan Alexander**'s was congratulated on his Open Water event highlights: Gold in the both 7.5km and 5km races at WP Open Water Championships; Senior WP Colours for Open Water; a Certificate of Achievement for placing 1st overall in his age group for the season.

**Max Herberstein**, **Andrew During** and **Kimon Haralambous** are to be congratulated on their reaching the upcoming National U18 Water Polo Trials. Positions are awarded on an invitation only basis and only 14 boys from the Province received invitations.



*Mrs Anneke Mynhardt congratulates Tivon Loubser,  
Keanan Alexander and Zack Herberstein.*

## AWARDS

### JERSEYS

#### *Academic*

**Grade 9: Nicholas Janisch, Daniel Tate**

**Grade 11: Nicholas Hyslop, Daniel Mesham, Rahul Naidoo, Thomas Orton.**

**Grade 12: Daniel Chung, Jaydon Farao, Afika Nyati, Ismail Rawoot, Ty Wills.**

### TIES

#### *Academic*

**Grade 9: Redwald Aspinall, Luke Baker, Ziyaad Bawa, Dylan Burke, Cade Cannon, Mitchell Christy, Tariq Dawray, Ahmed Dhansay, Nathan Fleming, Troy Horrell, Christopher Hyslop, Nicholas Janisch, Lloyd Jones, Boyd Kane, Theuns Kuhn, Robert Lancefield, Carl-Phillip Lehmann, Christopher Mailer, Akha Manjezi, Stuart Mesham,**

Christopher Mewett, Alexander Peile, Jean Pienaar, Nikolai Piotrowski, Christopher Pringle, Jonathan Rossouw, Nicolas Rubin, Francois Stassen, Daniel Tate, Tyger Thompson, Drew Turpin, Brandon van der Westhuizen, Nicholas Viljoen, Anton Volkel.  
Grade 10: Elliott Gordon, Jonti Oehley, Nicholas Pithey.

Grade 11: Luca Bersella, Matthew Boynton, Jonathan Fish, Lee Gordon, Harshil Govan, Benjamin Kilpin, Rijk Roux.

Grade 12: Shaun Clamp, Shaun Clark, Geoffrey Forbes, Simon Innes.

### *Accelerated Art*

Liam Cook, Mark Davies, Ihsaan Dawray, Geoffrey Forbes, Jamian Heesom-Baron, Boyd Kane, Allen Maimba, Nyakallo Makgoba, Oliver Marr, Katleho Morojele, Afika Nyati, Joel Steinhagen, Alexandros Vavatzanidis.

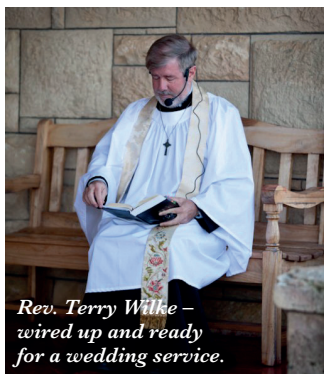
### *All Rounders*

Daniel Mesham, Graham Turnbull, Brandon Opie, Philip van Biljon, Jonathan Smuts, James David, Daniel Chung, Jamian Heesom-Baron, Laurence Hill, Thomas Orton, Kyle Richter.

### *Ensemble*

Cole Barnard, Jake Bennett, Stuart Bristow, Jamie Conrad, Nicholas Cotchobos, Ihsaan Dawray, Jonathan Fish, Richard Freund, Harshil Govan, Stephen Hodgson, Nick Hyslop, Benson Joubert, Joseph Kahn, Dirk Kotze, Chris Lea, Robert Leusink, Murray McKechnie, Daniel Mesham, Brandon Opie, Jonathan Smuts, Simon Thompson, Tom van As, Philip van Biljon, Lood van Niekerk, Samuel Wolski.

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



*Rev. Terry Wilke –  
wired up and ready  
for a wedding service.*

Cape Town winter has been at its best over the last few weeks. Days of wonderful sunshine and warm temperatures interspersed with weeks of blustery, cold and wet weather and soggy fields. Amongst the days of shine and wet, the winter term has come and almost gone. The end of May saw the exams and then the Eisteddfod in full swing followed by the Winter holidays and a busy school hosting a number of provincial hockey players competing in the Inter Provincial Schools' Festival. The normal Prayer Groups throughout the school sustained us with their prayers and included the Principal and Chaplain in a Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Jubilee Church in Observatory. These Prayer groups include the Pre-Prep, Prep, College and a Men's

Group. The latter meets on the second Tuesday of the month during term time, while the other groups meet weekly. It has been a time of great witness as the needs of the school and community are brought in prayer before the Lord and positive and lasting results have been seen in the lives of those praying and those being prayed for. These little bands of parents and staff sustain us in prayer and are always keen to add to their number. All are welcome to join, even if just for a few minutes.

Worship throughout the school has been growing too, with new leadership in place in both the Impact Wednesday SU Group and the Boarders' Cell Group. There seems to be a quiet, but growing, awareness of the presence of the Lord across both campuses with a deeper sense of spirituality being felt. Thank you too, for the prayers of the greater community as you remember all at Bishops in your prayers. Please hold in prayer the Scripture Union Independent Schools' Christian Focus week planned for early next year. We are keen to involve more parents and ODs in our on-going prayer ministry and would be keen to chat to those who could, or who would like to, include the school in prayers in a social media format.

The Chapels are starting to look and feel their age at the moment and there has been huge debate about how we can lovingly look after them. A Friends of the Chapel group has been mooted and may be worthy of some discussion. Chapel sound has been of major concern. This is not a new phenomenon as we look back to the early history books of the College and even to the architect's notes. It has been pointed out that there is an 11 second reverberation in the Memorial Chapel which is wonderful for Choir performances and brass ensembles, but not too good for speaking voices which require a reverberation closer to 2 seconds. The Audio Visual Department, under Mr Russell Drury, has been experimenting over the last year and has recently installed a set of Enderiset speakers at considerable cost. These speakers, together with the latest microphones, have improved the sound somewhat, but the sound still requires more tweaking, possibly more speakers and the expertise of a host of sound experts, architects and audio logical professionals. We also strive to purchase new chairs for the chapel on an on-going basis and trying to standardise the seating while looking at replacing benches of differing colours and designs with the same chairs throughout. Among the other thoughts for the Memorial Chapel is a slate tiled sanctuary floor, repairing the copper nameplate and side posts



***Memorial Chapel By Night!***  
(PHOTOGRAPH: MR JG WOODLAND, OD)



*Memorial Chapel Sanctuary with Altar frontal, pall and burse donated by the Tyers family .*

many families. The House Directors suggested a mid-week service instead, reasoning that all boys are at school for their usual mid-week activities and could therefore attend with minimal fuss. Mr Guy Pearson shall speak on the occasion of this Evensong Service on 14 August at 1830.

In a simple, yet moving ceremony, the Stefan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre was blessed by the Chaplain on 26 July 2013. The prayer of blessing was said in the presence of the family and close friends:

Father in Heaven,  
We thank you for this Indoor Cricket Centre  
which we are opening today.

As we remember and celebrate the life of Stefan Coutts-Trotter,  
May we practise our strokes with confidence,  
may our bowling be true and our footwork impeccable.  
May we never be caught short in the slips and always  
find the right length both in and out of the nets.  
Bless now O Lord, this building and all who use it.  
Grant that all the activities which take place herein

at the main door and new lighting within.

A close association with the Diocese of Cape Town continues. Bishops has recently hosted a Family Fun Day for and with the Diocese as a means of raising some much needed funds and as a means of creating a greater sense of unity among the churches. In this vein, Bishops also hosted a Sunday afternoon RENEW launch where the parishioners of the Dioceses of Cape Town gathered in the Mallett Centre, together with Archbishop Thabo, to launch the new season of RENEW in the three Dioceses. We were also very please to field a Bishops College soccer team (Coach and Manager Fr Terry Wilke) in the Diocese of Cape Town Inter Parish Soccer Day and to progress to the semi-finals – a fine performance by the 20 boys who took part.

College Evensong goes back to the drawing board in the third term with a new date and time. We are aware of the difficulties a Sunday evening service causes in the lives of



will build up a spirit of community among us  
and lead to the well-being of all who use it.

Father,  
we praise You,  
and ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Within the Bishops community, we have celebrated the marriage of Daniel Booysen and Sarah Hoskin (25 May) and the baptism of Michael Wiffler (9 June). We have also said our farewells to Graham Coote (Music Teacher and Founder: Brass Ensemble), Michael McMillan (OD 2008), Dinah Portuesi, Ralph (Gus) Wyhburd, Timothy Pickering (OD) and Henning Duvenhage (House Master: Ogilvie, Founder: Bishops Bagpipe band and friend to many). Please do pray for all who have died or are finding life difficult and for the confirmation candidates who will be confirmed on 1 September 2013 at St Cyprian's School.

During the past months, we have celebrated the baptisms of Oscar Weldon (6 April) and William Makin (12th May) in the Brooke Chapel, and the wedding of James Timmers to Sarah Neill on 23 March 2013. The ashes of David Hopkins, Hazel Tyres and David Eaton were laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance and the Memorial Services of Roly Cooke (OD) and Patrick Mulliner (OD) also took place. It is with great excitement that the following message was recently received from Rosemary Nupen - Archbishop Thabo Makgoba will be presenting Grant with the

### *Treasures of the Brooke Chapel*



*Silver candlesticks (donated in memory of Michael Schonegevel).*



*A copy of Raphael's Madonna della sedia*



*Picture – The Last Supper (C.S. Groves, 1930).*

Simon of Cyrene award at St George's Cathedral at the Trinity Evensong on Sunday 26 May 2013 at 7:30 pm. This is a prestigious award established in 1960. It is the highest award given by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to laity and which seeks to recognise distinguished service by lay persons. We wish Grant well as he receives this award.

*Fr. Terry Wilke*

## MUSIC

With the third term drawing to an ever-nearer close, the Music Department seems never to sleep with practices, lessons, concerts and a variety of cultural activities. A huge amount of work is currently going into the preparation, both in instrumental and aural lessons, for ABRSM examinations that will take place in the first week of September.

The musicians have also been taking part in a number of competitions, including the Cape Town and Afrikaans Eisteddfods, as well as the SACS Music Competition. We particularly congratulate Kwangbem Ko (Violin) who did particularly well in the Cape Town Eisteddfod, winning the Alfred Garson trophy for best violinist in the section, as well as being appointed to the Nine Club, for whom he will also perform at Kelvin Grove. We also had a number of boys participate in the newly formed SACS Music Competition and Kwangbem Ko successfully made it to the second round and Rhiyaan Smith (Piano) made it to the finals. Other pupils who need to be congratulated are Shannon Thebus (French Horn) being made principal horn of the National Youth Orchestra Concert Orchestra and Adam Rothschild (Saxophone) who was invited to participate in the National Youth Wind Orchestra.

We have also had a number of pupils participate in the Pieter Kooij Music Competition and both Jaydon Farao (Voice) and Rhiyaan Smith (Piano) have made it to the final round. We have also had a good showing in the Johann Vos Piano Competition with Rhiyaan Smith (Junior), Lood van Niekerk (Senior) and Murray Mckechnie (Senior) all making it to the final round. Congratulations to you all!

There have been a number of concerts over the past two terms. The ABRSM Preparation Concert for those boys playing ABRSM Grades seven and eight showcased some of the remarkable talents that will be assessed; and the Staff Music Concert showed just how talented and brilliant the teachers are that are teaching these boys. So too, the combination of the choir and orchestra in concert also provided some brilliant entertainment and some wonderful music to a packed Old Gym. On the horizon, we also have the Matric Recital where members of the music class of 2013 will each perform a work from their programme, as well as a Bishops Composers' Concert in the first week of next term showcasing compositions done as part of the academic syllabus. Both of these concerts promise to be absolutely marvellous and we look forward to seeing you there.

As summer draws closer, we in the Department wish those boys playing exams, as well as those taking part in the various competitions (including the Pieter Kooij and Johann Vos competitions), the very best of luck.

*Mark Mitchell*

## ACCELERATED ART

### Painting Master Class with Andrew James, Vice President of the Royal Portrait Society, 11-13 July 2013

Twelve Bishops Visual Arts pupils were privileged enough to attend an exciting extra-mural Master Class with Andrew James, held in the Old Gym. The Master Class was a unique opportunity for our boys to learn from an artist of Andrew James' calibre, someone who is truly a master of his craft. The class involved portrait painting and drawing from life, with Andrew James providing individual attention to each participant. Each day started with the artist demonstrating various techniques and methods he uses in painting portraits, followed by a time of drawing from the model, and then a portrait painting session until late in the afternoon. It was gratifying to note the importance Andrew James attaches to drawing and painting from life, as this discipline underpins so much of what we teach in the visual arts programme at Bishops. Andrew James is an inspired and inspiring teacher, and clearly enjoyed his first visit to South Africa. We hope to persuade him to return and run another Master Class at Bishops in the not too distant future. Ashley Bestbier, who made the initial contact with Andrew James and persuaded him to come out to South Africa and teach the Master Class at Bishops, deserves our special thanks for helping to make this wonderful opportunity possible.

*Peter Hyslop*

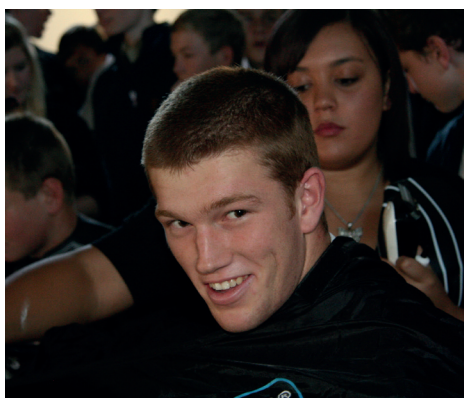


*Andrew James demonstrates!*

## CANCER SHAVATHON 2013

On Thursday 9 May, the school as a whole responded in fine fashion to the call to "Man-up" and participate in the Shavathon that is held each year in an effort to raise funds for cancer sufferers. The response from the boys and staff was overwhelming, and necessitated two hours of non-stop cutting/shaving/clipping by the ten hairstylists provided, free of charge, by Partners Hair Design Training Academy, under the guidance of Marion Counsell. Thank





*Cuan Hablutzel, Mr Burgert Maree, Anthony van Ryneveld, Seumus Keir and Gerard Pieterse get into the spirit!*

you, Marion and the hair stylists from Partners – both your participation and contribution are much appreciated! The total amount raised exceeded R8000 – a superb effort! This was from two hours of cutting and translates into approximately 250 boys and staff getting their hair cut or dyed. We stopped due to the machines burning the hands of the hairstylists!

*Leon Glanvill*

## BISHOPS/HERSCHEL KILIMANJARO 2013



*The Intrepid Explorers!*

During the June holiday a group of 21 people, comprising Bishops boys, Herschel girls and parents, set off for Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro. Preparations for the trip included a number of hikes on Table Mountain and meetings to organise the appropriate kit. We ascended using the Machame route and spent 6 days on the mountain. The route takes in places such as Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, the Barranco Wall and the Karanga Gorge. The





group had a great deal of fun together hiking and camping on the slopes of this gigantic volcano – the world's highest free-standing mountain. Kilimanjaro is a unique mountain because you move through four different ecological zones on route to the summit. Reaching Uhuru Peak was a tough, but exhilarating and emotional experience for everyone. The sunrise

over Kenya and the views of the crater and summit glaciers were spectacular. Most of the group headed home after the climb, but 6 lucky people spent 3 days 'on safari' visiting the Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara National Park and the Tarangire National Park.

*Phil Court*

## WHITE RHINO TRAIL



*Getting ready for the hike*

I am not sure if you could count the millions of stars you can see while lying on your back on the White Rhino Trail. I am not sure you can pen the emotions of standing close to an elephant;





*Mud bathing in the Imfolozi River.*



*Time for quiet contemplation!*



*The end of four glorious days in the bush.*

hearing a lion roar a few metres from where I sit guarding a fire; or the feel of the energy of the bush as a new day dawns. The White Rhino Trail through the wilderness of the Umfolozi Game Reserve is a most unusual opportunity to quietly and observe life with limited resources and trappings, alongside the animals who roam the hills and rivers in KwaZulu Natal.

Bishops had the opportunity of taking two trails in April and another two in June this year. The April group arrived in KZN just after some major rain and it looked as if the trail would be completed in the rain. However, it all cleared as we started the trail. Day 1 was from a movie script. We had excellent sightings of rhino, elephant, buffalo, kudu and a variety of small animals. The group consisted of Jamie Battersby, Matthew Reuvers, Simon Thompson, Oliver Dhalluin, Paolo Bonavera, James Beningfield, Andrew During, Chris Viljoen, Lood van Niekerk, Connor Whiting, Ciaran Gray and Patrick Mitchell. In July, the White Rhino Trail allowed a group of eight Bishops boys (Richard Freund, Francesco Paulucci de Calboli, Joshua Jameson, Oliver Burt, Michael Wright, Mnotho Mkahoba and Lee Gordon), two members of staff (Cheryl Stevens Gammon and Sebastian Stemmett) and two LEAP students (Viko Nikela and Wiseman Gqolana) the opportunity to experience all of this and more.

The group enjoyed good weather, while learning about the bush, Zulu culture and the importance of respecting the environment.

The roar of lion and power of rhino and elephant standing close invite a deep respect for these powerful animals and a desire to freeze the memories of sharing the reserve together. Nights were spent taking turns on guard alongside the fire that burned through the night, and was often the time when the energy and power of the bush was most evident. The guides, who shared their expertise and ensured that all participants were safe and informed at all times, were essential to the success of the experience, one that is highly recommended to all.

*Leon Glanvill*

## MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

**Dr Paul Murray, the College Archivist, writes about an OD – 2nd Lt Eugene B Markus:**



2ND LIEUT. EUGENE B. MARKUS, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

We are indebted to Brian Barends (OD) who is responsible for bringing the Eugene Markus (1898 – 1917) story to Bishops. It all happened when Mrs Priscilla du Toit was clearing out a lot of old family stuff and came across the Markus rugby cap, and his citation. She remembered that Brian was an ex Bishops Boy, and that he had known her late husband, Paul Du Toit (OD), and this led to her contacting Brian and asking whether he thought Bishops might like the cap, and this led him to approach the Museum. Brief mention was made of Priscilla's visit to Bishops accompanied by Brian and his wife Cynthia, in the June 2013 edition of the College magazine. What was omitted was that a special tea was given for Priscilla, at which the Markus cap was unveiled. It has been beautifully encased by a College staff member Mr Mervin Walsh and is currently displayed in the school Museum.

Brian Barends writes: 'Priscilla and her family never knew their cousin Eugene Markus. He was killed in

WWI, about 13 years before Priscilla was born. I think it was one of those normal family happenings when someone in the family is cleaning up and discarding old stuff. They came

across something they don't want but nor do they want to simply throw it away, so the cap and article ended up with Priscilla who swiftly passed it on to me because she had no real use for it. The story about young Markus is quite remarkable ... how at such a young age he found time to leave school to go and fight in the Union German South West African War from 1914 – 1915, after which he returned to Bishops for a year or two before going off to Sandhurst in 1916, and then to the battle fields of France and his sad death on 8 April 1917, at age 19. He died from enemy fire whilst trying to get through barbed wire which had not been properly cut. Despite being heavily wounded he pressed on and again was wounded. His pluck and determination set a fine example to all ranks. He was posthumously awarded the MC for bravery. He must have had so much going for him but ended up as very young cannon fodder. Makes you want to cry."

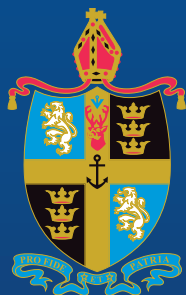
Basil Bey sent in the following extract, from the College Magazine. "SECOND LIEUT. EUGENE B. ("SONNY") MARKUS, of the 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, was fatally wounded in a bombing raid, on the 22nd March, and died in hospital in France on April 8th, at the age of nineteen. "Sonny" has been posthumously awarded the Military Cross, but we have no details. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Markus of Cape Town, and was educated at "Bishops" from 1907-1915. At the outbreak of war he enlisted with the Cape Town Highlanders, but was not physically fit to go on Active Service. While at College he played for the Under XIII, XV, XVII and XIX football teams, and was also a member of the first cricket eleven; he was a Prefect and also Colour-Sergeant of the Cadet Corps. He was nominated as a candidate for Sandhurst which he entered in April 1916, and was made Senior Corporal of his Company. While at Sandhurst he was very popular, and was Vice-Captain of the Football Team, and Captain of the Hockey Team. Last October he was gazetted to the Royal Scots Fusiliers, proceeding to France in December, 1916."

Glanville Syme an old Bishops boy wrote: "Sonny was very popular at Bishops, and I feel sure that Bishops would like to know something of his Sandhurst career. He joined Sandhurst in April last, and being a hard worker, he very soon found himself with the rank of Corporal. When in August several more of us Bishops men joined Sandhurst, Sonny at once took charge of us, and put us up to the ropes, and in a hundred and one ways helped us as only one South African can help another. When we South Africans at Sandhurst got up a Football team, Sonny was the leading forward. Needless to say our team wiped the floor with every team, picked from the rest of Sandhurst, whom we played. Sonny was the most popular South African at Sandhurst, and that is saying a good deal. He left Sandhurst in October, 1916, receiving a Commission in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Now that he has gone all of us old Bishops men on this side feel that we have lost one of the best of fellows. He was a true South African, and above all a true Bishops man."

The following is from the British Roll of Honour, about Sec Lt E B Markus. On St George's Day 1917 an appreciative address was delivered in the Chapel at Bishops, in honour of Eugene 'Sonny' Markus. He was known for his modesty, was gentle and manly, and surely received the grace given to the lowly heart, and has found rest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Paul Murray*



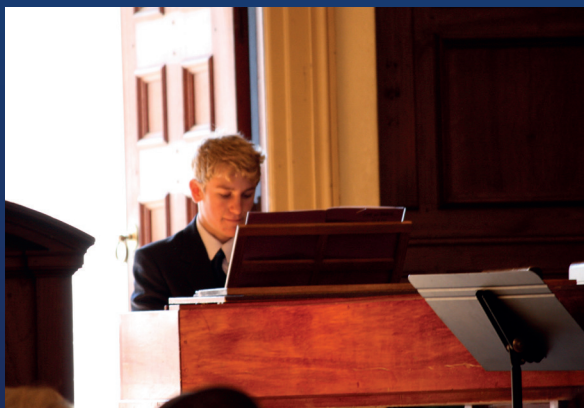


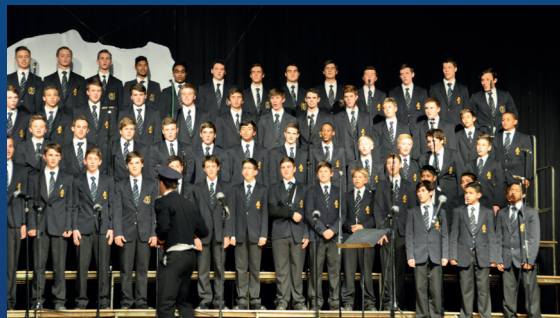
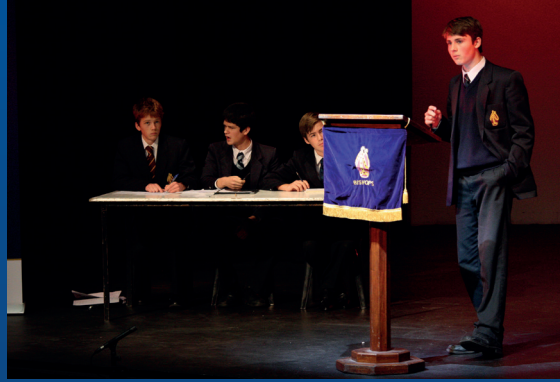
# EISTEDDFOD

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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## BISHOPS EISTEDDFOD 2013

More and more today our society needs individuals who can inspire others to achieve the 'out-of-the-ordinary'; we need people who can take a vision and bring it to it fruition. This was certainly the case years ago when there was a meeting of the minds of one Dr Colin Basey (an Eton teacher who shared the inspiration of the concept of the Eisteddfod while visiting Bishops) and Mr John Peake (Bishops Principal from 1983 – 1988) who had the vision and 'braveness' to take this concept and make it a reality. This collaborative experience is the perfect example of what we at Bishops hope the Eisteddfod can be – to develop the collaborative and creative ability in all the boys who are fortunate enough to be part of this amazing time in the annual Bishops calendar. The 2013 Eisteddfod was, once again, a cultural extravaganza. There was huge increase in both individual and group entries, with the House Leaders managing the entry system and the maximizing of this to perfection. This year was the 27th year of the Bishops Eisteddfod in its full form (with a total of 60 categories) and also the 43rd year of the 'ultra-competitive' Inter-House Singing Competition.

Over the past two years there have been a number of innovations with regard to both the branding and content of the Eisteddfod. This year the development continued; on arrival the first thing to be noticed would have been the addition of the second marquee. This Visual Lounge was there to display the works of the photography finalists; to offer an opportunity to watch the DVD of the 2012 Eisteddfod; and also to give visitors another slightly quieter and more luxurious space in which to relax. This year also saw the addition of the countdown posters displayed at both the entrance to the school as well as in all of the Houses. However, the main focus of the developmental strategy was to enhance the learning of the boys with regard to the skills and systems required to project-manage such a diverse and intense process. Besides the normal guiding of the boys through the Cultural Portfolio channels, this year saw an enlarged launch meeting in the beginning of February aimed at advising and offering management techniques in how to approach the four months that were to follow. This, without a doubt, saw an amazing growth in success with boys in this area and a greater overall involvement of boys in the Houses. We always try and do something slightly different each year and this year it was represented by an extremely large banner covering the Memorial Chapel window. Within three minutes of it being installed it went viral, with boys taking pictures of it and using it as their profile on Facebook and BBM – what a great way to advertise and create the hype which is so deserved of the Bishops Eisteddfod.

This year we were faced with the dilemma of venue availability which forced us to move the first day of the Eisteddfod to the Public Holiday. This was done with serious trepidation by all those concerned but the response was overwhelmingly positive and the foot count on the first day was way beyond any of our expectations! This year's strap line for the Bishops Eisteddfod was 'Standing on the Edge'. I think that from both the staff's perspective as well as that of the boys we certainly did stand on the edge and at times rather uncomfortably so, but as we always realise in the aftermath that it was what should have been – an understanding that is a fundamental personal expectation on the path to success and the asset that every one of boys should be to society in the future.

Finally, I would once again like to thank BDO and, in particular, Antonie van der Hoek, Managing Partner of BDO, Cape Town, for their continued sponsorship of the event, and to Christina Castle

for her incredible support.

After all was practised and performed the following were the results of the 2013 Bishops Eisteddfod:

For a full set of results and pictures from the Eisteddfod please visit: [www.bishops.org.za/eisteddfod](http://www.bishops.org.za/eisteddfod)

*Mark Mitchell*

### FINAL AWARDS

- Visual Arts Owl
- Performance Owl

**School House**

**Ogilvie House**

**Drama – Ogilvie House**

**Movement – Ogilvie House**

- Speech Owl

**Mallett House**

- Music Owl

**Gray House**

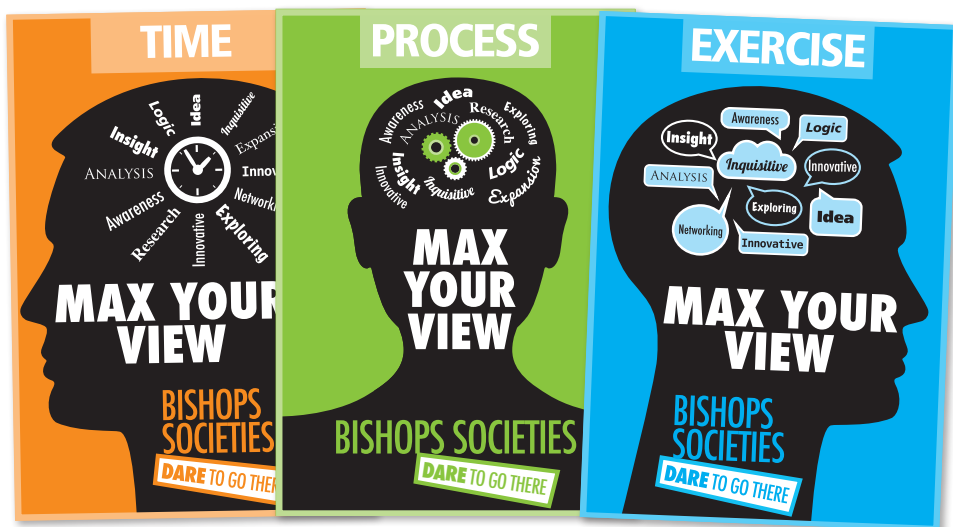
- Inter House Singing Owl

**Ogilvie House**

- Overall Eisteddfod Owl

**Gray House**

## SOCIETIES



### ACCELERATED ART PROGRAMME (AAP)

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Ms Katherine Spindler*

The Accelerated Art Programme runs as a series of Friday afternoon workshops that are designed to develop the technical skills and knowledge of those showing exceptional talent and/or commitment to the visual arts. The workshops are open to students across the grades in the college whether or not they take art as a subject. During 2013 AAP students have participated in a range of exciting and diverse projects (as detailed below) and have been introduced to several visiting artists who are experts in their area of interest.



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■ **Drypoint Project:** This project is composed of several parts: conceptualising through making small sculptures within boxes, documenting the work photographically, making use of appropriate documentation to create/arrive at interesting images that will inform a series of Drypoints. Later this term the boys will be introduced to South African artist Lyndi Sales who will give them a Master class in which she will demonstrate working with Drypoint in addition to introducing them to her own work.

■ **About visiting artist Lyndi Sales:** (b.1973) Lyndi Sales is an artist based in Cape Town, South Africa. For the past couple of years, she has been working on a series of installations and artworks that seek to investigate the circumstances surrounding the controversial Helderberg plane crash. These constructions, made of intricately cut, pinned paper and rubber often shed light on the fragile nature of our existence, temporality and how chance plays a role in our lives. She has held solo shows internationally at Galerie Maria Lund in Paris and Toomey Tourell in San Francisco. And locally in South Africa at the Goodman Gallery, Bell-Roberts Contemporary, Joao Ferreria and Gallery Momo galleries. She has participated in group shows in South Africa, USA, Austria, London, Holland and Denmark. Her works can be found in major collections in South Africa as well as collections in the USA and Europe. She has taught as a visiting lecturer at Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town and University of Stellenbosch. Sales received both her BFA (1995) and MFA (2000) from University of Cape Town, both with distinction. Sales was a merit award winner in the ABSA Atelier. She was a recipient of the Vermont Studio Center grant and participated in residencies at the Vermont studio center as well as the Frans Masereel Center in Belgium.

For more information please see her website: <http://www.lyndisales.com>.

■ **Paint And Process:** Last term the boys were introduced to various approaches, strategies and processes associated with painting. Boys completed numerous short tasks that were designed to strengthen their skills as many of them anticipated their participation in a wonderful workshop with visiting painter Andrew James (UK) (organised by Ashley Bestbier) from 11-13 July.

■ **Cyanotype Project:** In the first term of 2013 boys helped to set up a temporary dark room & studio in the lower part of the Simpson Centre. Boys were introduced to a short history of photography and photographic techniques (in particular, Cyanotype) by visiting artist Dominique Edwards. Together with Dominique Edwards and Katherine Spindler, the boys produced a series of cyanotypes relating to the theme: Self Portrait.

■ **About visiting artist Dominique Edwards:** Dominique Edwards was born in Kimberley, South Africa, 1980 and raised in Barkly West. She holds a MFA from the Michaelis School of Fine Art (2012), a post graduate certificate in education from the University of Cape Town (2003) and a bachelor in Fine Art from the University of Stellenbosch (2002). Formerly the Head of Cape Town School of Photography, Edwards has taught and continues to work with a broad spectrum of students at various FET and tertiary institutions in Cape Town. As an artist she is interested in the repetitive activity of human labour and notions of time and place which she explores by means of drawing, installation, video and photography.

For more information on Dominique Edwards please see her website: <http://www.dominique-edwards.co.za/>. Those interested in joining AAP are encouraged to apply by sending an email to [kspindler@bishops.org.za](mailto:kspindler@bishops.org.za).

*Katherine Spindler*



## AFRICAN RELATIONS

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Will Steenkamp*

**Chairperson:** *Mnotho Makhoba*

The African Relations Society discusses Africa in general, current affairs and how Africa relates to the rest of the world, celebrating ubuntu, as well as learning from guest speakers and about African culture. The Society meets fortnightly on Wednesday, during Open Period, unless there is no agenda. The African Relations Society has had several guest speakers including: Mr Lawrence Masha: Former Tanzanian Minister of Natural Resources and Minerals – ‘The mining crisis in relation to Africa and South Africa’; Dr Fundile Nyati: CEO of Proactive Health Solutions – ‘BEE and the development of the South African economy’; Mr Craig Charnock: ‘Building the bridge between South Africa’s diverse cultures, and how this can help us build our country as a whole’; Bra Vick – African beliefs, sangomas and how these beliefs affect the society we live in.

The Society has also been on excursions to Moyo (Stellenbosch), the African Dining Experience in town, as well as the Iziko Museum and Parliament. We also attended several cultural evenings at schools around Cape Town, including Rustenburg Girls’ High, SACS, Rondebosch Boys’ High, Wynberg Boys’ and Wynberg Girls’. We also hosted the Bishops Cultural Evening. The society hosted a very successful evening in April of this year, with Mr Craig Charnock as guest speaker.

One of the successes the African Relations Society has made a successful transition from African Languages to African Relations and this transition meant that the society no longer only focused on African cultures and languages, but also African economies, politics and societal matters facing Africa. The Society has grown this year and introduced an African Relations tie too.

*Mnotho Makhoba*



## BAK

**Onderwyser-in-Beheer:** *Mnr Wessel Theron*

**Voorsitter:** *Jack Hanekom*

Taal is meer as bloot woorde, betekenisse en kommunikasie. Taal is gewortel in kultuur en Afrikaans as taal en voertuig vir kultuur vorm deel van ons erfenis, ons verlede en ons toekoms. Afrikaans is ‘n inheemse taal van Afrika en beleef tans ‘n bloeitydperk ten opsigte van musiek, kunstefeeste, literatuur, drama, films en beskik oor ‘n sterk teenwoordigheid in die Suid-Afrikaanse sportwêreld. Ons hier by Bishops is trots Afrikaans en wil hê elke seun moet die belangrikheid, skoonheid en diversiteit van Afrikaans beleef en geniet. Ons hoofdoel is om te sien hoe Bishops-manne die taal gebruik en aanwend in hulle lewe by die skool, buite die skool en na skool. Hierdie jaar se eerste Gatsby-aand het gefokus op Afrikaans by Bishops en op hoeveel mense, onderwysers, grondpersoneel en seuns Afrikaans is of Afrikaans magtig is. Daar is ‘n video gemaak en onderhoude gevoer met



*Die groot wag voor die gatsbies afgelewer word.*





*Leo en Cornel eet laat die stof staan!*

verskillende mense en 'n meeste seuns was verras met die groot aantal lede van die Bishops gemeenskap wat Afrikaans is of vlot Afrikaans praat. In die tweede kwartaal het 'n groep van ons weer die geleentheid gehad om na die Heuwels Fantasties op Stellenbosch te gaan luister. Heuwels Fantasties is een van die bes verkoopte rockgroepe in Suid-Afrika. Ons het in die derde kwartaal die kans gehad om 'n OD te hê wat met ons kom praat het oor hoe hy na Universiteit in die Paarl gaan werk het. Hy het gou die belangrikheid van Afrikaans besef en moes weer vir Afrikaanse lesse gaan om binne sy werksomgewing te oorleef en aan te pas. Mag die Bishops-

seuns aanhou om hulle woordeskat te verbeter en hulle horisonne te verbreed.

*Wessel Theron*



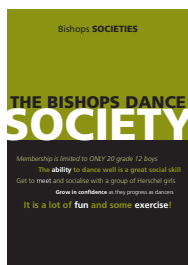
## **BISHOPS ECONOMICS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (BEE)**

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Sean Henchie*

The Bishops Economics and Entrepreneurship Society was created earlier this year in order to remedy the lack of a society dealing with economic issues and the application of economic principles to current affairs in South Africa and abroad. It also sought to present this knowledge in an interesting and understandable manner to the student body, exposing the boys to applicable and fascinating theories. So far, the society has been a great success, attracting a vast membership (at least 60 boys at the last meeting in particular boys in

Grade 10) and hosted two successful meetings, with very interesting guest speakers – Ravi Naidoo and Peter Baird (the former spoke to us about cultural innovation and development in South Africa and the latter portfolio management and investment theory). The full aims of the society have unfortunately not been achieved, however. These included another meeting a term (potentially set up and run by the boys) and an introduction of the members to various economically orientated competitions (E.g. Sanlam Investment Challenge). There is currently 1 meeting per term, and outings have also been proposed, such as a trip to Johannesburg and a chance to attend the announcement of the Budget. We look forward to seeing the society grow in the future.

*Adam Smith, Joseph Kahn and Nevarr Pillay*



## **DANCE**

**Teachers-in-Charge:** *Mr and Mrs Phil Court*

The Dance Society continues to follow the same format as we have used in the past with 'home' and 'away' meetings with the Herschel girls. The classes came to an end with our formal dance evening held in the Old Gym. Everyone dressed up for the night; the lights were turned down; members had to book dances with one another using 'dance cards' and there were three competitions in which to participate. Damon Lurie and his partner were



**Dance Society 2013 and Partners**



**Rock n' Roll Winners: Damon Lurie and Partner**

the rock 'n roll champions of 2013! The evening was enjoyed by everyone and all too soon we were dancing the 'last waltz'.

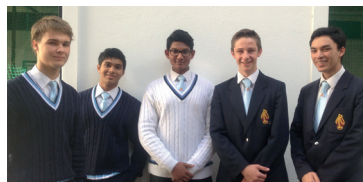
*Phil Court*



## DEBATING

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Ms Jo Stielau*

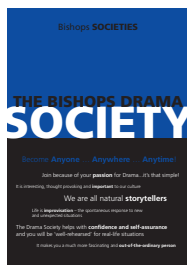
Debating continues to attract many Bishops boys. In recognition of its popularity and to reward top speakers, it has been proposed that a 'top speaker tie' be introduced to honour the quality of speakers performing in the Senior Internal



**Bishops Seniors at WP Debating Competition:** *Tom Orton, Rahul Naidoo, Nikhal Narismulu, Stefan Ranoszek, Muhammed Razzak*

League. A number of our members have qualified for provincial and national trials this year. Desmond Fairall accompanied the SA team to Thailand recently and Joe Kahn ranked 2nd in the world earlier this year. Grade 8, Grade 9 and Senior Internal League Debates are on the go through the 3rd term with external adjudicators from UCT and 3 trophies up for grabs! The highlight of this term is the Western Province Debating Championship weekend held in August. Bishops seniors made it through to the quarter finals, but went down to Springfield. However, Tom Orton, Desmond Fairall, Rahul Naidoo and new comer, Alex Peile are going forward to Provincial Selection trials at UCT.

*Jo Stielau*



## DRAMA

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr C.W Tucker*

**Chairperson:** *Justin Wyatt-Smith*

Our society members were treated to three animated, and dynamic, workshops over the past two terms, and we thank Angela Doidge (Vice Principal of the Helen O' Grady Drama Academy); Melissa Sanderson (local actress); and Sunette Strydom (Drama Teacher at the Helen O' Grady Drama Academy) for facilitating these workshops and sharing their expertise and passion for their craft with the boys. Theatre sports, improvisation and characterisation formed the core of these workshops. Our fourth society meeting was an outing to Artscape where we enjoyed a slick production of *Jersey Boys*.

Once again, both the Eisteddfod Drama and Movement sections were of a high standard. Both

events had the Memorial Theatre bursting at the seams as everyone crowded in to see the different Houses perform. The topic for the 2013 Drama was: *Big Boys Don't Cry!* The Drama was adjudicated by Angela Doidge, Melissa Sanderson and Sunette Strydom – all extremely well-versed in the nuances of performance and the dramatic arts. The Movement Section was adjudicated by ballet, modern, jazz, tap and contemporary dance legend, and choreographer extraordinaire, Roxy Levy, and dancer and FHM choreographer, Caely-Jo Levy. We were indeed very privileged to have adjudicators of such high quality again this year. Ogilvie House won both the Drama Section and the Movement Section, and, as a result, were the overall Performance Owl winners. Oliver Marr (Ogilvie) was named 'Best Actor' and Gray House was awarded 'Best Director'. Another excellent year for Drama at Bishops!

*Wayne Tucker*



## FIELD AND STREAM

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Leon Glanvill*

The main outing of the society was to Eikendal. The society participated in a fishing competition against Tafelberg High School. A total of 9 Bishops boys competed. The competition was divided into three sections: fishing for trout, fly tying



*Tim Allen: first recipient of the Jonny Marr Floating Trophy.*

and casting accuracy. The competition was difficult due to the inclement weather; however, the Bishops lads did well. The competition was won by Tim Allen. Chris Hill and Lawrence Hill came second and third respectively. This was the first time the Jonny Marr Floating Trophy was awarded. Pictured below is Tim Allen (School House) with the Jonny Marr Floating Trophy. The society is looking at having a fund raising evening for a Rhino Orphanage. This is scheduled for early 2014.

*Leon Glanvill*



## FORUM

**Patron:** *Professor Taffy Lloyd*

**President:** *Dr Paul Murray*

**Chairperson:** *Peter Anguria*

At the first meeting of the Society' season, we were privileged to have Mr Chris Taylor present a talk on the Rhodes Scholarship. The evening lasted for approximately 60 minutes and was followed by questions and refreshments. Approximately 30 boys



*Patron: Prof. Taffy Lloyd*

attended, and they were fortunate to get a very special impression of Mr Taylor's own views on the Scholarship together with the historical context into which he placed it.



***His Excellency Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe formally addresses Forum and Guests.***

his initiative, and thank all who assisted in making the visit by His Excellency possible, not least the Principal, Mr Pearson; Mrs Rosemary Wilke; Mr Seb Stemmett; Mr Donovan Murray; Mrs Caroline Pekeur and members of staff who assisted.

The third and final meeting took the form of a discussion group led by Peter Anguria. The topics that were discussed were “Fascist Theocracy” and “Are we on the Brink of World War III?” Debate centred on the political situation in Egypt (Muslim Brotherhood and the proposed new constitution), and on the topic of Russia and the United States potentially on the verge of a proxy war in Syria (America’s support for jihadist rebels versus Russia’s support for Assad’s government), as well as various other global factors. Regarding WWII, it was felt that the world today is much more dangerous than the Cold War-era. Whilst we might not be faced with the intense military confrontations of Checkpoint Charlie or the Crisis of ’62, it is argued that the world is a much more dangerous place because of the fact that enemies are no longer, to a large extent, nations – they are fundamentalist extremists, jihadists, and freedom-fighting organisations.

*Paul Murray*



## **FRENCH**

### **Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mrs Alexandra van Selm*

**Ciné-Club:** Once a term, the French Department holds a French ciné-club, usually on a Wednesday evening, starting at 19h00. Depending on the age and level of the audience, the films have sub-titles or not. The boys who attend get a numbered ticket and a lucky draw takes place. This year, so far, the boys have been able to watch *Au revoir les enfants*, a poignant movie set during the Nazi Occupation in a boys’ convent school.

On that specific evening, we invited pupils from Westerford to join us. We congregated in Mr Tucker’s room as around 30 pupils attended. Our first lucky draw winner, Sean Tobias, went home with some macaroons and a CD of French music. Our second movie was *Les Choristes*, another film set in a boarding school (for difficult boys), where a new teacher assembles a choir and brightens up the boys’ lives. Our lucky draw winner, Finbarr Lebona, also

received some macaroons and a French book. Finally, we watched *Les Visiteurs*, a real cult movie. When it came out, this comedy was a number 1 box office film. It recounts the funny story of a 12th-century knight and his servant travelling in time to the end of the 20th century and finding themselves adrift in modern society. Our lucky draw winner, Robert van Biljon, won a pen in the shape of the Eiffel Tower and an A4 book with a French cover. The boys have all enjoyed watching different, but interesting movies through the year and it is invaluable in exposing them to a small part of French culture, watching some French scenes and hearing words or sentences that they can understand. Our next ciné-club is set for Wednesday 16 October 2013.

*Alexandra van Selm*

**Soiree:** On the evening of the 7th August, grade 10-12 French students from Bishops and Herschel gathered in the Old Gym in various French-flavoured clothes for a relaxed dinner with some fun and games thrown in. The hotly-contested General-French-Knowledge quizzes were attacked with earnest, and several highly creative and extremely hilarious solutions came up! A three-course meal à la Française was served, consisting of poulet basquaise, salade verte et fromages (of course!), and mousse au chocolat. The audience was regaled with songs: some amusing renditions by the Bishops boys performing Aux Champs-Élysées, and the Herschel girls *Je ne veux pas travailler*, along with Loren de Koker singing a beautiful, melancholy piece (*J'ai pas besoin de Joyce Jonathan*) while playing the guitar to much admiration from both the watchers and the teachers! Great fun was had by all!

*Sam Wolski*



## GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK (GIN)

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mrs Cheryl Douglas*

**Chairperson:** *Damon Lurie*

Global Issues Network (GIN for short) is a society focused on raising awareness about global issues and in turn finding solutions to these issues and attempting to implement them to the best of the society's abilities. That being said, GIN is a very active and busy society that meets regularly for bi-weekly meetings as well as scheduled evening meetings. It is at the bi-weekly meetings that most of the planning for our projects is done,

as well as society members discussing various issues that have come to their attention. These meetings are meant to be relatively informal and aim to act as brainstorming sessions. The evening meetings give time for the members of the society to present projects and presentations to the other members. Along with this, external speakers often come and give presentations regarding various current global issues as to inspire our members and raise more awareness among them about these issues by gaining deeper insight into them.

At the evening meetings, we have had many interesting speakers recently such as Anthony Schneiderman and Luke Metelerkamp speaking to us about food security and sustainability respectively. These two underlying topics of the two presentations have seemed to be the two hottest topics in terms of global issues being discussed at our society recently. In fact a few members of our society took part in starting a project aiming to address these issues, a report on this by Michael Thomson follows:

“In the second and third term, Mrs Douglas found a new project for a few of GIN’s members to take part in through the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). The project, called the Environmental Sustainability Project, or ESP, required us to arrange ourselves into groups of three in order to collaborate in the form of a 14 page research paper. We made two teams – one consisting of Siseko Maweyi, Luc Janssens and Jeremy Wilkinson and the other of Christian Cotchobos, Michael Thomson and Stefan Ranoszek. The paper required us to research three different major global issues, (topics were given for us to choose) and then discuss their relationships with each other. After showing how they were related, we needed to investigate two case studies – one local and one global – that demonstrate all three of the chosen topics. We were then required to try to think of intuitive and original solutions to help solve these problems. Despite the fact that the latter team dropped out due to time constraints, we have all learnt a huge amount from this project. (Some of which is time management!) Team Siseko, Jeremy and Luc will hopefully be moving forward to the next round after entering their essays – where we all wish them the best of luck!”

### **Cole Barnard reports on a project in which other members are involved:**

“Recently six students in Grade 11 Life Sciences and members of the Global Issues Network embarked on a project dealing with Human Impact on the Environment. The project has been taken up by 12 schools from the Western Cape, and we have been working collaboratively to tackle different aspects of environmental impact. The climax of the project will be to present a movie, which we have created that illustrates the problems and solutions we have found, to the City of Cape Town. Bishops and Leap are working together for their contribution which will be on Human Impact on water availability and quality. The project entails trips to the West Lake Catchment area and Langa, as well as weekend workshops.”

The aim of GIN is for its members is to develop knowledge, research and problem solving skills around relevant and contentious issues and to make them more aware of the world around them. We welcome anyone to our society who is interested in learning more about and solving problems that affect the world that we live in. Please speak to Mrs Douglas if you are interested in finding out more.

*Damon Lurie*



## **HISTORY**

### **Teacher-in-Charge:** *Dr Rodney Warwick*

During a History Society meeting held in the middle of last term, our guest was Mr Michael Morris, an experienced journalist from the *Cape Argus* who edits the daily letter page and also contributes to or collaborates in the writing of the editorials. Mr Morris is involved in similar roles with the *Weekend Argus*. He described the process by which letters are selected for publication, with priority usually given to correspondence that replies directly to issues currently under debate within the newspaper’s articles

or editorials. Mr Morris who has worked for the *Argus* over three decades, also referred to the changes of ownership in South African newspapers during this period. And to reasons why the



*Cape Argus* shifted last year from an evening “broadsheet” to the “compact” format, now selling two editions during both morning and afternoon. Mr Morris discussed issues regarding his own concerns of the Secrecy Bill, which was at the time still in the process of being formally ratified. Mr Morris has also completed two books: One on the history of the *Cape Argus*, besides a pictorial representation, with an accompanying text, on twentieth century South African History with emphasis being upon the rise and fall of the previous government’s racial policies. Mr Morris kindly presented copies of both books to the History Society. Students attending – some forty in all, found particular interest in Mr Morris’s explanation and illustration of journalistic shorthand, used for rapid note taking during pre-technology days when journalists worked armed just with a notebook and pen.

Shortly after the beginning of the third term, the History Society hosted Mrs Hilary Van der Vyver, a local resident and retired teacher, who in years gone past did occasional teacher substitution for Bishops staff. Mrs Van der Vyver gave an illustrated presentation on Squadron Leader Pat Pattle, one of the leading Commonwealth fighter air aces from the Second World War. Pattle was a South African who in pre-war year had battled to get admission to flying training with the tiny South African Air Force. He subsequently joined the Royal Air Force and became one of its fighter pilots, being posted to Egypt shortly before war broke out in Europe. Pattle therefore did all of his wartime combat flying in the western desert and Mediterranean theatres of the Second World War. Pattle was a pilot of superior skills, particularly aerial marksmanship, besides his considerable leadership ability. He was killed in mid-1941 while fighting over Greece during the Nazi invasion of this country. Mrs Van der Vyver recently donated a plaque in Pattle’s honour to his old school, Graeme College in Grahamstown. Her talk demonstrated that besides being an informative outline of a long-forgotten South African war hero, it also illustrated how this and other conflicts provided many remarkable personal stories of courage and endurance. As Samuel Wolski said at the conclusion – probably none of the students present would ever have heard about Pat Pattle – one pilot from a global war fought seventy years ago. But one useful biographical study considering our grade nines study World War Two in some detail.

*Rodney Warwick*



## INTERACT

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Peter Hyslop*  
**President:** *Ismail Rawoot*

The Bishops Interact Club is linked to Rotary International, and our parent club is Rotary Claremont. We are a club dedicated to social and community service and seek to uphold the ideals and goals of the

Rotary organisation. We want to engage with society, so for example, over many years, the Bishops Interact Club has been involved in outreach projects to Koeberg Primary, a



*Packing food Parcels for the St Thomas’s Church Fikelela Aids Project.*

school in Maitland that serves an extremely marginalised community. Many of the pupils are the sons and daughters of refugees, of the unemployed and those just struggling to make ends meet. The Principal of Koeberg Primary, Ms Shanaaz Majiet, who is doing so much to develop her school, has told us that many of the pupils at Koeberg arrive at school fighting hunger, and struggle to concentrate in class. Thus Bishops Interact Club helps to provide sandwiches for Koeberg Primary pupils every Wednesday. Further, in response to a very generous offer from Rotary Claremont to provide funding for a dedicated Interact project, we are starting a project to promote and develop recycling at Koeberg Primary (starting with tins and plastic). This is something that would not only be a practical educational project for the learners at the school, but also something their Principal is keen to involve the local community in as well.

We also continue to support the St Thomas' Church Fikelela AIDS project. Members of our club, led by Jamian Heesom-Baron, go to the church once a month and pack parcels of food and basic necessities for families that are affected by HIV/AIDS. There are a number of other projects that we are currently working on. On an administrative front, the Interact Club is in the process of undergoing quite a transformation. We recognise that most boys are really interested in community service, not attending meetings. To remedy this, we have tried to do two things: firstly we are planning the more "hands-on" activities that boys are more interested in. Secondly, the leadership group meets representatives from organisations and plans meetings and events. The leadership group then conveys the information to the rest of the club members. We feel that this allows the majority of the boys to do the community service that they enjoy, and only the keen take the leadership positions.

In the third term, we assist at the annual One-to-One Fun Day for the mentally handicapped to be held on the 18th August. By running a stall as one of the entertainments of the day, Bishops Interact Club members will there to lend a hand, and to act as friends to the mentally disabled children and adults who will come along to enjoy the day.

**Pupil Leadership: President:** *Ismail Rawoot*; **Vice-Head:** *Ishtiyaaq Rawoot*; **2nd Vice-Head:** *Pule Nkopane*; **Secretary:** *Katleho Morojele*.

*Peter Hyslop*



## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Teacher in charge:** *Mr Phil Court*

**Chairperson:** *Michael du Plessis*

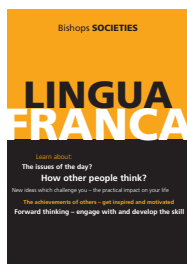
Mr Mark Mitchell (staff) came to speak to the society in the second meeting of term 1. Mr Mitchell and his wife spent 3 months travelling through South and North America during their long leave last year. He chose to focus his talk on the time they spent in Bolivia and Peru. It was a most interesting, informative and inspiring talk. He took us 'to' La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Copacabana, Isle de Sol, Tiahuanaco and the amazing salt desert of Salar de Uyuni, all in Bolivia. They then travelled to Cuzco by Perurail where Mark hiked the Inca trail to Machu Picchu. Mr Mitchell is a self-confessed 'travel junkie' and shared his philosophy about, and passion for, travel with the boys. This is one of the quotes he shared

at the end of his speech: "Without new experiences, something inside us sleeps. The sleeper must awaken."

Mr. Jannie De Villiers (staff) was our guest speaker in term 2: he came to tell us about the trek he did to Everest Base Camp in the Easter holiday, along with Mr. Mitchell, 9 Bishops boys and 5 dads. This trek was reported on in the March 2013 Bishops magazine. We all enjoyed hearing more details about what life was like on the trek and seeing his photos of this spectacular part of the world.

Ms Fiona Mallett (staff) spent 2012 working and traveling in South East Asia and she came to tell us about her adventures. She taught English at a primary school for several months in Bangkok, an experience that really tested her (both the teaching and living in Bangkok!). Of all the places she visited she named the following as her favourite 'must see' places: Gili Island and Bali Island in Indonesia; Angkor Wat in Cambodia; Hoi An, a small town in Vietnam known for its tailored clothes; and Ang Thong National Park in Thailand. Here is one of the quotes she shared with the boys: "There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered".

*Phil Court*



## LINGUA FRANCA

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Dr Paul Murray*  
**Chairpersons:** *Ty Wills and Rupert Hickman*

The meeting we had in the second term attracted a big turn-out. Lawyer, William Booth, expanded on the career of a lawyer, telling us about his own life as a lawyer and how one

can go about qualifying. Mr Booth gave numerous practical examples and also a number of personal cases he has been involved in. Judging by the questions from the floor, Mr Booth's talk to the society was very successful, and one can only think that coupled with the enthusiasm that accompanied the talk, many young persons might enjoy the investigative nature of the work that a lawyer such as Mr Booth has to do. Unfortunately at the time the reports for societies went to press, the second meeting (the third term) of the semester had not yet taken place but we will report on this, in the next issue of the magazine that covers societies. At this stage we say a big thank you to Ty Wills and Rupert Hickman for the very successful term they have had in bringing very exciting topics to the boys.

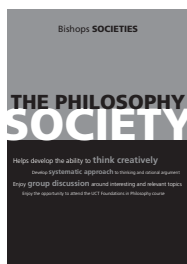
*Paul Murray*



*William Booth speaks to the Lingua Franca Society.*



*Lingua Franca members hang on William Booth's every word.*



## PHILOSOPHY

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mrs Cheryl Douglas*

The Philosophy Society aims to create an environment where boys are challenged on many fundamental philosophical topics, broadening their perceptions of themselves in today's society. The discussions are presented in varying styles depending on the speaker, and boys will often find themselves in the middle of heated debates, more likely than not internal as well as with others! Since the last report, Mike Peel did a video presentation and reactive discussion around the Messiah, in Christianity and various other religions as well. Father Wilke

enlivened the discussion with his profound knowledge and patented wit! Damon Lurie led a discussion on existentialism, one of the deeper philosophies dealing with our human life and purpose. Tristan von Zahn, OD, was a guest speaker and presented on the misunderstandings the world has about Marx, showing us that our classic label of "communism" is far from hitting the mark. Siseko Maweyi led what will perhaps go down in history as the most head-scratching meeting of all time, a discussion on the philosophy of being, and how it relates to non-being and whether either of those concepts actually exist. Each of these meetings, while stemming from greatly differing spheres of philosophy, left the boys wondering long after their conclusion... In addition to the evening meetings, many boys attend the UCT Philosophy Department's annual Foundations in Philosophy course, an introduction to what university-level philosophy is all about. The theme for this year's course was "Good and Evil", and the course consisted of presentations and discussions in both small and large groups, as well as formal reasoning, philosophical history and logic skills. Please contact Mrs Douglas, [cdouglas@bishops.org.za](mailto:cdouglas@bishops.org.za), if you would like to find out more about the Philosophy Society.

*Samuel Wolski*



## PUBLIC SPEAKING

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr John Holtman*

**Chairpersons:** *Joe Kahn and Nick Marine*

2013 has been a tremendously successful year for the Bishops Public Speaking Society, both for the group and many of the individuals within it. Bishops has once again affirmed its place at the top of Public Speaking in South Africa, and ranks among the best schools in the world. Membership has grown from a small tutor group of

boys (as seen in previous years) to around 50 boys attending individual meetings on a bi-termly basis. Meetings have been particularly successful under the strong leadership of Nick Marine and Joe Kahn. Meetings focused on impromptu speaking, as well as developing style, critical thinking and speech writing through coaching, speed debates and video exposure. 2013 has without doubt seen the highest public speaking achievements in Bishops and even South



**Team SA:** *Nick Marine, Joe Kahn, Mr John Holtman, Rahul Naidoo and Nic Cullinan*

African history. Joseph Kahn ranked 2nd at WIDPSC (World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships) and won the Individual Debating category and Nick Marine ranked 3rd at WIDPSC and 3rd for Individual Debating out of a field of roughly 120 people from 20 countries. It is very rare that a country (let alone school) can have two out of the top three Best Speakers in the world. Rahul Naidoo and Nic Cullinan also represented South Africa with Rahul ranking high in the Persuasive Speaking final, and both representing the school exceptionally well.

Public speaking now shifts its focus to the National Competition, to be held at St Swithian's in Johannesburg from 20 - 23 September 2013, where a team of six Bishops boys (Rahul Naidoo, Nick Cullinan, Nikhal Narismulu, Daniel Mesham, Desmond Fairall and Mitchell Christy) accompanied by Mr Holtman will try out for the 2014 National Team to head to Worlds in Druskininkai, Lithuania. One more meeting is scheduled under the leadership of Joe Kahn and Nic Cullinan, after which leadership of the society will shift to Rahul Naidoo, and Nic Cullinan. While the society has indeed gone from strength to strength, it can be improved in the future, in terms of further speaker development (particularly with those members unable to attend NIDPSC) by running competitions between WC schools; inviting in guest speakers; having master-classes; and perhaps running a few joint meetings - Herschel/Bishops immediately comes to mind.

*Joe Kahn and Nick Marine*



## **SURF CLUB**

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Dave Mallett*

**Captain:** *Josh van Niekerk*

The opening surf club weekend of 2013 was one to be remembered. Leaving during school on Thursday, the boys were very keen to get into the water at Betty's Bay and we were greeted by pumping surf on the first afternoon. The rain was coming down

in sheets, but the lads were able to find cover in the huge number of barrels on offer. After our first surf, the club retired to the house, which was generously rented to us by the kind Starke family. The surfers woke up early the next morning and quickly downed a few cups of coffee and climbed into our cold wetsuits. We were greeted again with pumping surf and big barrels. We returned home and wolfed down some eggy-bacon and then let the food settle before returning to the surf until dark. Saturday followed the same pattern as Friday, with slightly more rugby and boule being played. Sunday morning greeted us with small surf and glassy conditions. The decision was unanimous; we were off to surf Onrus. The surf was very average compared to the first three days, and we returned to our kombi to find that some very aggro locals had written some choice words on the windscreen and windows of the bus. This did little to sour the moods of the *very-stoked* surf club and we returned to school, salt-covered, red-eyed and surfed-out after an awesome trip. Thanks to Mr Mallett, Mr Noel, Ms Mallett, Greg Mallett and Pavo for making it such a memorable week-end.

*Josh van Niekerk*



***The Betty's Bay Surfers!***





## TEN CLUB

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Mr Vernon Wood*

The Ten Club meets five times a year, with meetings spread between the first three terms. At each meeting two members speak. Boys are free to discuss any topic of their choosing and speeches are about 15-20 minutes long, although they are usually followed by lively question and answer sessions. Eight of our ten members have given their speeches, with the final meeting, to which parents of the members of Ten Club are invited, already planned. We have had a variety of mentally stimulating and enlightening topics. In the first meeting, Ismail Rawoot spoke about languages and the concepts of language learning. Afika Nyati spoke about the advancement of technology from the ancient times to modern and beyond. Daniel Chung spoke about the secrets of the mind and some un-explained mental phenomena; JP Lanser delivered his speech on global positioning technology and its current and future applications. Oliver Marr informed us of the development of the human and its capabilities and Ty Wills gave his speech on how foreign aid is doing more harm than good to Africa as a continent. Paul Ferrandi informed the club about the ethics of research and how those lines have been crossed in the past and what future issues may be. Muhammed Saleem Firfirey gave his speech about Islam during Ramadaan, quite appropriately. At the last meeting, Nevarr Pillay will talk about the concept of radical honesty and look at whether the world is ready for it, and Joe Kahn will give the final speech on the radical and revolutionary “Hactivist” group, Anonymous.

*Vernon Wood*



## THE HISTORICAL BENCH

**Teacher-in-Charge:** *Dr Paul Murray*

**Students-in-Charge:** *Samuel Wolski and Joseph Kahn*

The Historical Bench was established in 1999 in the year Bishops turned 150. The Historical Bench, one of the few entirely-student run societies at Bishops, has seen a sustained membership and meeting attendance over the last two meetings. Nick Marine was the Acting Student-in-Charge for the meeting held in Term 2, leading a discussion on the emerging world and state capitalism, focusing on China, Brazil, and South Africa. The meeting for the third term was led by the Student-in-Charge, Sam Wolski, and this took the form of a discussion on Freedom, focusing first on intellectual freedom and copyrights, and then on the deeper, philosophical meaning of freedom in society. The discussions were deep and thought-provoking, the first, opening eyes to the global economic situation, and the second, to the forces that govern our everyday lives. A hallmark of this society is that it is not only the more senior students who participate, but younger members are encouraged to contribute, and this happens de facto.

*Samuel Wolski*

It is without doubt due to the great enthusiasm, efforts and capability of Sam Wolski and Joseph Kahn that this society has had such a successful season. Sam Wolski has ensured the society has remained active and energetic and he has made a particularly great effort to grow the society – it went from just a handful of members to membership around 30. Ultimately Sam must receive the credit for this, and we thank him very much. The incoming Student-in-Charge is Daniel Mesham.

*Paul Murray*

# COLLEGE SPORT

## FENCING

### **ALL AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 25 - 29 JUNE 2013**

Bishops fencers were very fortunate to be given the opportunity to witness the Senior African Fencing Championships which were held at UCT at the beginning of the June holidays. This international-level competition is the highest arena for competitive African fencers and so it was a unique occasion to experience the inner workings of a formal competition of this magnitude, as well as witness spectacular fencing from the best in Africa. Alex Collings, Robert McGregor, Soo-Min Lee, Rhyiaan Smith, and Jeremy Wilkinson volunteered to assist and were involved in tasks such as time- and score-keeping, weapons-control assistance, and camera gripping. Sam Wolski was selected to fence, which is an incredible achievement as he qualified for senior national colours while still at school! He only just made it out of poules and ended up getting knocked out by the number 1 seeded fencer from Egypt, but considering the relative exposure South African fencers get, this is still a significant result.

### **BISHOPS FENCING TOUR TO GERMANY: 30 JUNE - 13 JULY**



*The Group in sunny Germany!*

On the morning of the departure, a rather motley crew gathered together at the airport: the seniors were reminiscing about how times had changed since the tour to Poland in 2009; the juniors were eager and excited for the unknown. Landing in Frankfurt, we were immediately struck by the German efficiency (that is to say, we got told off by the drivers), and the polished, 100% approach was to hound us laid-back South Africans for the entirety of the trip! (Some say it rubbed off on us by the end, but we'll never know for sure!)

Tauberbischofsheim is one of the premier fencing locations in the world, and we were immediately awestruck by the trophies and glittering photos which adorned the walls. The equipment in the training halls was equally impressive, and many a spare hour saw the Bishops fencers training of their own accord purely to take advantage of the rare facilities. The training schedule was extremely rigorous compared to what we were used to: an individual lesson; a plyometric session; and a weapon-specific group training each day! The group's different coping mechanisms would probably make for the best memories, including the excessive use of the sauna; excessive use of the indoor pool; and excessive singing and dancing to "Macho Man" in true Bishops fashion!

In between, we got time to explore the rustic village and attempt to break the language barrier in different ways (including, but not limited to, points and gestures, polish/french hybrid words, "ROBERT!", and, of course, raw charm!) Our training time was further punctuated with enjoyable activities Mr Maree organized on the fly, such as river-paddling and day trips to see old towns and castle ruins. Rothenburg stunned us with its pristinely-preserved walls and old architecture, a highlight being our visit to the world's largest year-round Christmas shop in the baking heat of the

European summer! Würzburg showed off the splendid architecture of the Royal Residency, with the most unbelievable ornate room decorations.

With all the extras, it is easy to forget the hard training that went in, and the lessons learned. Every boy was exposed to an extremely high standard of competition regardless of their own level, and everyone was well motivated and ready and willing to take advantage of the amazing opportunity. It was a truly wonderful and unforgettable experience, especially from the perspective of the juniors, who got a glimpse into the world of “serious” fencing as it’s done in Europe. A lot of fencing went in, and a lot of our unique Bishops and South African style that came out made our German hosts either chuckle or frown disapprovingly depending on their sense of humour, and our coaches and closest friends were very sad to see us go. Needless to say, we can’t wait to go back!

*Jackie Withers*



***Routing in Tauberbischofsheim.***

## GOLF



***Matric golfers: Max Alexander, Shaun Clark (Captain) and Seumus Keir.***

The 2013 season has been another good one for Bishops Golf. As always, whether for the first or third team, the boys showed incredible determination. Their willingness to give it their all until the very last putt was absolutely inspiring. Despite disappointment over the cancellation of both the Sun City and the Garden Route Tours, the boys continued to participate whole-heartedly throughout the season. The first team has seen better times, but is performing admirably considering the high level of golf being played by schools like Rondebosch and Reddam. Many of our top golfers play rugby and hockey in winter and we are therefore up against it on match-days with regards to depth and the quality of the players that are able to represent the school. The most encouraging thing to see as Captain is that a number of the top golfers at the moment are to be found in the lower grades. Our Individual Champion for 2013, Cole Cruickshank (Grade 10), is a testament to this. The future for Bishops Golf looks extremely bright and it has been a pleasure and an honour to be the Captain for the year. We want to thank: Mr Walsh (1st team), Mr Coombe (2nd team) and Mr Gibbon (3rd team) for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

*Shaun Clark*

## HOCKEY

The 2013 hockey season is perhaps best defined by the tour to Europe – where 28 boys and 4

coaching staff, making up 2 teams, travelled to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany for 16 days of matches and high quality coaching. The experience of world class hockey, coaching and facilities remain an inspiration to all involved. (See full tour report for more details). The U14A side also travelled, to Durban, for a pre-season festival where they played 6 games.

Back home, it was always going to be a challenge to meet the levels of success achieved in the 2012 season, particularly for the 1st side. They have however, performed admirably in the league, and are currently still in the knockout tournament. They have played 15 games and have won 9 and lost 4. The other sides have all shown significant improvement during the course of the season, with the U14As performing particularly well. From an organisational point of view, Bishops Hockey has 13 hockey teams this year; up from the 11 of the last several years. All players have at least one practice slot on the Woodlands Astroturf. All A teams have a ½ hour longer than previously scheduled and the 1st team has an additional conditioning slot in the gym this year. Each team has at least two “staff” attached to it, either coaching or managing or both. There are now 13 outside coaches, including two overseas hockey professionals - a young Englishman (Ed O’ Mahoney) and a young Dutchman (Bert Remmerswaal) – both of whom stooge in White House. Ed will be with us for 6 months, but Bert will be here for a year. They have a “roving” role assisting all sides, as well as coaching the U14As and the U15As, but are also involved in goalkeeper training, individual coaching and video analysis. Both of them have added significant value so far. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the coaching staff and umpires for all of their passion and hard work during the season. I believe that strong foundations have been laid this year, and Bishops Hockey looks set for a healthy future.

Season to date: Bishops Hockey teams have played 142 games of hockey so far this season. They have won 90 of them, scoring 442 goals and conceding 172. 19 Bishops hockey players played in various representative teams during the June holidays. All of the Western Province teams did particularly well in their respective tournaments, with both the U16A side and U18A side winning the interprovincial tournaments.

Bishops WP Representatives: U18A: Alex Stewart and Ryan Julius; U18B: Luke Barker and Garth Turner; U16A: Justin Nel and Lloyd Gardener; U16B: Ross Nelson and Simon Kilpin; Disa U14: Malachy Barbour; Christian Rohrer; Liam Dicker; Bulelani Ngqukuvana; Disa U16: Peter Brink, Dylan Castle, Jonty Oehley, Cullen Parton and Wesley Gardener; Disa U18: Jeremy Ryall and Jarryd Strydom. As a result of their excellent performances in these tournaments, Bishops Hockey is very proud to congratulate Alex Stewart and Ryan Julius on their selection to the U18 SA Schools team and Justin Nel on his selection to the U16 SA Schools team.

*Sean Henchie*

## HOCKEY EUROPEAN TOUR

During the Easter holidays, 28 Bishops hockey players, who made up a first team and a development side, travelled to The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany – the centre of world hockey – for 16 days. The team’s first base was in The Hague in the Netherlands. Whilst there, the teams played two matches, travelled through to Rotterdam Hockey club (one of the biggest hockey clubs in the



*The Touring Party.*



*Post Game Photo Opportunity!*

world) for two training sessions with three Olympic players and senior Dutch coaches; watched a premier league hockey game and did a boat tour of Rotterdam Port, the largest in Europe. Our next stop was Antwerp in Belgium, where the teams played their next two games. Whilst in Belgium, the team visited Ypres and some of the battlefields of WW1, as well as the beautiful city of Bruges. The next stop on tour was Cologne and Dusseldorf in Germany for another premier league hockey game, a match and training session. The boys also had a day of fun in a theme park, climbed the 533 steps of the bell tower of the magnificent Cologne Cathedral and ate a traditional German meal in a local brauhaus. The teams returned to the Netherlands for the final leg of their tour. On the trip back, they had one last training session at Den Bosch hockey club with Frank Stoffell, who coached the South African Women's side for the 2012 Olympic games, and met Austen Smith, the SA Men's hockey captain, who plays for the club. The tour party were based in Amsterdam for the last few days of the tour, where they played another 3 games. The boys also watched the quarter finals of the European Hockey Club League, had an enjoyable canal cruise, visited the Anne Frank museum and enjoyed the sights of Amsterdam and surrounds. Both sides played 8 games. The first team won 6, drew 1 and lost 1, and the development side won 5, drew 1 and lost 2. All in all, it was a very successful tour. The players were exposed not only to different European hockey styles, but world class coaching too, wonderful facilities and even played hockey in the snow. They also experienced the generous hospitality of the hockey clubs, experienced beautiful cities and some European history and culture.

*Sean Henchie*



*Teachers on Tour!*



## RUGBY

**“The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
the ceremony of innocence is drowned”**

*William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)*

Yeats could so easily have been referring to the onset of professional rugby structures into the South African schoolboy game when he wrote these words. The sad reality is that the professional era is so embedded in our schoolboy rugby structures now that we have to accede, adapt or drown. Drowning is not an option; neither is acceding to the ‘rough beast’ of professionalism – so adapt it is.

The central strategy for 2013 has been to develop and re-ignite our ‘famous’ brand of rugby throughout the College, so that each and every team is playing ‘Bishops’ rugby. Many have asked ‘What is Bishops Rugby?’ To answer this question you can now refer to the Rugby Vision which has been published on the new Rugby Sports page. More importantly, the challenge is out there for coaches and players to aspire to the Bishops Rugby Vision. This is the start of a process to unify our playing style.

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## ISHOPS RUGBY VISION

**“To inspire and unify Bishops through continually striving to improve,  
and challenge rugby with innovation,  
while firmly holding onto our heritage  
of playing a fast paced, highly skilled,  
support based attacking game  
while being unbending in our defence”**

Every effort has been made for the lower teams to have equal access to very good coaching and coaches. Obviously, it is not always easy to get this balance right, but we have certainly made strides in the right direction. Just look at the U19 age group’s overall results and style of play and it is evident that these structures are paying off.

Stephen Knoop (OD) was employed as our re-start coach where he travelled from team to team, right down to the E’s, coaching the players and the coaches the art of re-start play; scrums, kick-offs, lineouts, rucks and he also contributed to the defence strategy employed by many of the sides. Stephen unfortunately left to start a new life in Holland in July. He will be very tough to replace. We are looking to extend the travelling coach idea in 2014 with the addition of an ‘attacking’ coach who will be responsible for all attacking facets of the game which are particularly apt for the continuation of our brand of rugby. Coaching the coaches is pivotal to the strategy to improve Bishops rugby.

Starting the season off with two colossal encounters against Paul Roos and Paarl Boys was not ideal. On top of this, our pre-season preparations were shortened with a prolonged summer sport season and Easter holiday. It was very apparent that our conditioning was way behind where it should have been and it took most of the 2nd term to start getting into the

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rugby shape that we should have started in. To play our style of rugby we need to be much fitter, faster and more agile. It is my belief that we are 20 percent off the mark in this facet of the game, especially at the junior level.

Rugby conditioning is a vital component of the game and every team has specific demands that need attention in terms of conditioning. The pole gym, or 'pyn tuin' as it is affectionately known, was built last year at the far end of the Piley Rees field to help develop strength, explosive power, speed and agility. This year two trainers have been employed to take teams through the 'pyn tuin'. The idea is that each team would get specific level-appropriate training at the 'pyn tuin'. We are looking to improve other aspects of conditioning in the off-season with the employment of Rugby IQ, a specialist rugby conditioning company, on a full time basis from September through to February for the top teams while extending the expertise of our in-house biokineticist and conditioning expert at the gym, Tiaan Campher, for the lower teams.



**U14C: 'The Giant Slayers'!**



**5th Team League leaders after the Paul Roos victory.  
Coach Paul Cohen (OD and 1st XV 2006) is on far right.**

Starting at the lower end of the school, the U14 section has really struggled, especially against the bigger Afrikaans-speaking schools where they have literally been steam-rolled for the most. Against our Southern Suburbs rivals they have fared better, but with little success. Bishops boys are notoriously known to be late developers and judging by the incongruence in physicality between our boys and most opposition, it seems little has changed. On top of this, many schools are loading their U14 age groups with bursary talent to obvious effect.

Highlights of the U14 division were clearly the U14Cs colossal win against Paarl Gym and the U14As draw against a very strong SACS outfit. There is no lack of commitment and enthusiasm amongst all the U14 teams.

The U15 age group started slowly, but have arguably been the most improved age group as they

have matured on both the physical and skill levels. From the A's through to the C's, they have played with enormous skill and tenacity. Evidence of their development has been the age groups' clean

sweep victories against both SACS and Rondebosch. What is specifically noteworthy about the U15's is their resolve and determination to win whilst striving to develop their overall style of game.

The U16 division has also taken massive steps forward this year and if they had not had the injury woes they have had to contend with, they would have definitely secured greater honours than they have. Highlights of their season have been the 16As wins against Paarl Boys and Pretoria Boys and their draw against Paarl Gym. The depth in talent is obvious with both the Bs and Cs also triumphing over Gym. There is clearly a mass of depth in this division.

The senior division's results and style of play from 2nd to 6th team has been extraordinary. The quality of rugby right down to the bottom of the age group is superb and if any division has grasped the Bishops Rugby concept these sides have. Testimony to this has been the mercurial performances of the 5th XV who have only lost to Paarl Boys thus far. In all U19 matches against local rivals SACS, Rondebosch and Wynberg, a staggering 80% of the matches have been won to date with two to go at the time of writing. Sadly the woes of the 1st XV have prevailed this season. How different things could have been had the referee not missed the try against Pretoria Boys in Johannesburg, or if they had held out against Paarl Boys after being up for most of the game and beaten not drawn to Paul Roos in their first two Premier League fixtures. 'Confidence comes naturally with success, but success comes only to those who are confident' (anonymous) is a wonderfully ambiguous truism that perhaps applies here. Despite the huge disappointments they have endured the 1st XV have only been resilient and spirited right to the bitter end.

Finally, the question can be asked - Is Bishops Rugby drowning? A categorical 'NO!' is the answer. This is plainly evident in the statistic that as a school we have won near on 70% percent of our matches against our local rivals SACS, Rondebosch and Wynberg to date. Things are not falling apart; the centre is most certainly holding, adapting and evolving.

Full reports from all teams will follow in the next edition.

*Angus Firth*

## SQUASH

Squash continues to thrive at Bishops. Our five courts are the envy of other schools and clubs around the Cape. In fact, we are constantly being asked to host tournaments and squad sessions for WPYS as well as national events. We even hosted a marking and refereeing course earlier in the season. The school teams all did well this year in their respective leagues and more detailed results and those who participated will be available in the next issue of the magazine. The following players were selected for WP honours at various levels at IPT in June: U19A: Derek Brink; U19B: JP Lanser; U16A: Stefan Ransozek, Peter Brink; U16B: Alex Green; U14A: Glenn Yates; U14B: Mitesh Valodia, Ibrahim Kerbelker. Stefan Ransozek also deserves special mention for his selection for the SA squad having been placed tenth in the national U16 rankings.

Thanks are due to the catering department for providing refreshments on Friday afternoons and to the other teachers who so willingly drove teams around the peninsula once again: Mrs van Selm, Mr Pasquallie, Mr Kerbelker and Mr Lanser bore the brunt of this while Mr Russell was never happier than running the home matches – often ably assisted by our intern, Darren Osborne.

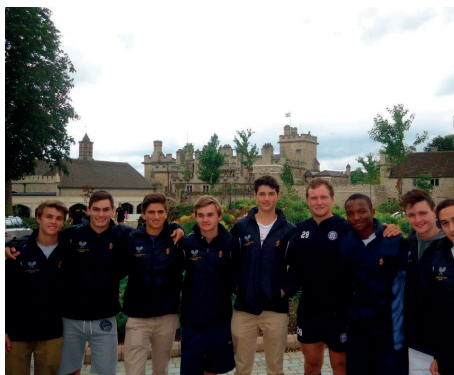
*John Knight*



## TENNIS UK TOUR 2013



*Bishops boys and Nick Koster at Farleigh House.*



*Match day against Kingswood Bath.*

During the June/July holidays eight boys from the College, accompanied by Mr Theron and tennis coach, Tony Fawcett, travelled to the UK to play against outstanding independent schools: King's School Canterbury, Eton College, Wellington College, Magdalen College School, Whitgift, Kingswood Bath, Abingdon School and Tonbridge. The team performed well, individually and collectively, and had to adapt to different surfaces. Some of the best tennis was played on grass courts in Oxford at Magdalen College School. Astro and clay courts kept the lads on their toes and demanded that the players acclimatise accordingly. We also joined up with Nick Koster at Bath rugby club to watch some pre-season training and to enjoy lunch at Farleigh House. The team learnt a lot from being hosted and about hospitality, humility, sportsmanship, team work and travel. We used self-driving vehicles and soon learnt that the M25 can easily turn into a car park. We spent three days in London during the middle of our tour and stayed close to King's Cross Station, St Pancras. Our



*Enjoying a three course dinner at King's School Canterbury.*

itinerary included: The London Eye, Madame Tussauds, War Horse (West End), a pit stop at Wimbledon and sailing from one end of London to the other using the underground. The touring team was also well kitted out and a special thanks is bestowed on Stephen Gregory from OPTIMIN. The success of the tour can be attributed to good team morale, brilliant weather, competitive fixtures and a passion for tennis.

*Wessel Theron*