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Bishops Eisteddfod 2015

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Bishops, in collaboration with Rondebosch Boys' School, SACS, Wynberg Boys' High and Junior Schools and WPPS, hosted the incredibly successful 22nd Annual IBSC Conference – *Lessons from Madiba* – during the June holidays, and delegates were challenged by plenary speakers of the calibre of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Professor Khalil Osiris, Judge Edwin Cameron, Suzie Nkambule, Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd and Rory Steyn. **Guy Pearson** writes, 'While it was a collaborative effort with the other boys' schools, the major part of the organisation was done by Bishops staff. The organising committee was chaired by **Vernon Wood** and he, together with **Sally Bowes**, **Cheryl Douglas** and **Yolanda Raman**, did most of the organisation and planning which took over 12 months. It really was a fantastic team effort by Bishops academic and support staff, together with boys from the AV crew and a number of boys who volunteered as tour guides for delegates. They were all superb ambassadors for the school. Well done to **Vernon Wood** and everyone involved in really doing us proud. One of the founding Heads of the IBSC who has attended all 22 of these international conferences told me that this was the best conference that he had ever been to.'

Jean Nolte and **Willem Steyn** have been appointments as House Director and Assistant House Director of White House as from 2016. We congratulate **Wessel** and **Aileen Theron** on the birth of their son, Jean.

John Knight was away on long leave for the third term and **Jean Oosthuizen** joined the Mathematics Department in his absence. **Wayne Tucker** was Acting Assistant House Director in Gray House in his absence.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The academic trophy for the Most Improved House (Grade) was awarded to **Gray House** (Grade 11), and the academic trophy for Best Performing House (Grade) was awarded to **Mallett House** (Grade 12).

Angus Thring achieved 15th place in the 2015 De Beers English Olympiad. This is an outstanding achievement as this is a national examination entered by over 8000 candidates and **Angus** is only in Grade 10. As part of his prize, he was invited to attend the 2015 National Schools' Festival in Grahamstown.

Soo-Min Lee was placed 28th.

Alexander Peile had his English creative work, *Descended from Wolves*, published in *English Alive 2015*. 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.

A number of Bishops boys performed exceptionally well in this year's National Science Olympiad. The competition includes around 30 000 learners from across the nine provinces in South Africa as well as the SADC countries Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe: a total of 16 Bishops boys scored in the top 200 across the SADC countries; five of these scored in the top 50 across SADEC – including one Grade 10 – which placed them

in the top 20 in South Africa; four boys were placed in the top 10 in South Africa; **Soo-Min Lee** placed joint second in South Africa – 4th across SADC, and **Jeremy Wilkinson** – first place in South Africa and first overall! Other positions in South Africa: 5th, **Liam Cook**; 10th, **Jonti Oehley**; 17th, **Angus Thring**; 39th, **Matthew Morris**; 39th, **Ahmed Dhansay**; and 59th, **Laurence Midgley**.

The Western Cape Mintek Science Quiz team won the National Mintek Quiz held in Johannesburg. The team consisted of two boys, one of whom was **Jeremy Wilkinson**.

Jeremy Wilkinson was awarded a Distinction Tie for representing South Africa at the International Youth Science Forum in London. This was his prize for winning the 2015 National Science Olympiad. He also received a trophy for winning the National Mintek Science Quiz.

Zola Baird, Grade 10, won first prize for his excellent essay, *Many South African scientists are involved in the research being carried out at the Large Hadron Collider at Cern in Europe. Do you think the research findings will benefit humankind?* As his essay was judged one of the top two in the competition, the School was awarded the RSSAF/Claude Leon Foundation Trophy and Zola's essay will be published in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of SA*.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Richard Berkeley, James Wilson, Taahir Bhorat, Tyger Thompson, Daniel Goldberg, Matt van Westenbrugge, Tristan Hermans, Trent Braga, Oliver Stevens, Kieran Cattell, Stefan Dominicus, Nic Featherstone, Wesley

Holtmann and Reece Oellermann

volunteered as tour guides during the IBSC Conference and were superb ambassadors for both Bishops and South Africa.

The Bishops Junior Debating Team, made up of **Max Tedder, Tom Janisch, Nic Vine-Morris** and **Derek Reissenzahn**, were victorious at the Western Province Debating Championships and were crowned Junior Provincial Debating Champions. **Max Tedder** and **Derek Reissenzahn** made it into the top ten junior speakers at the tournament too. **Derek Reissenzahn** and **Desmond Fairall** were selected for further training for the Provincial side.

Thirty-three boys represented Bishops at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival - 'the largest arts festival on the planet'. The boys performed to appreciative audiences in *Cold Stone Jug* and in *Simply Blue* at Sweet Venues 18, Grassmarket. After the success of *Cold Stone Jug* the following new drama awards were made: Full Drama Colours: **Graeme Irvine, Ben Steyn** and **Jordan van Tonder**; Half Colours: **Jonathan Frost, Ibrahim Kerbelker** (Technical), **Nayati Moodliar, Alexander Peile, Alexander Steyn, Ross Tucker, James van Niekerk** and **Ronald Walters** (Technical). Special mention was made of **Nicholas Peile** and **Karl Stapelberg** who were integral members of the cast, but who are not eligible for awards as yet, as they are in grade 9.

Shannon Thebus was awarded a Distinction Tie for his Music excellence: In 2011 he was selected for the National Youth Orchestra and in 2012 was asked to play principle horn for the National Youth



Posters by Freddie Child-Villiers (OD)

Concert Orchestra – a position held in 2013 as well. In February this year he was invited to go on tour with Sanyo and the Zurich Chamber Orchestra where Sir James Galway, a world-renowned flautist, featured as a soloist. Shannon also achieved a Distinction in his Grade 8 Royal School of Music, London, examination. He also holds a Grade 8 in Double Bass and will be playing his Grade 8 examination on Horn later this year. In May this year he was a soloist with the Youth Orchestra and the performance was broadcast live on national radio.

After an extensive audition process with candidates from all over South Africa, **Rhiyaan Smith** was selected to perform as a soloist with the Hugo Lambrecht Orchestra. He will perform the Mendelssohn Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor.

Luc Janssens has been awarded his Gold President's Award. He has also represented Bishops on the President's Award Youth Committee. **Stuart Bristow**, who matriculated last year, has also been awarded his Gold. Both **Luc** and **Stuart** will be part of an official Gold ceremony due to take place on the 17th of October at Bishops.

Simply Blue announced the new group for 2016: Current members continuing: **Matthew Clayton, Troy Horrell, Chris Hyslop, Nicholas Janisch, Marcus Knight, Joe Linley** and **Julien Schlebusch**. New members: **Redwald Aspinall, Lee Cooper, Tariq Dawray, Tim Dendy Young, Giuseppe Guerandi, Andrew Hodgson, Carl-Phillip Lehmann, Christian Stehlik** and **Angus Sutherland**. The new leaders are **Joe Linley** and **Nicholas Janisch**.



Zak Cadiz, 2nd from the left, and the SA Clay Target Shooting Team

SPORTING AFFAIRS

Andrew Henderson was chosen to represent South Africa in Clay Target Shooting at the World Championships in New Zealand. In the build up to the Championships, he competed in the New Zealand Nationals, shooting against the top juniors from Australia, New Zealand and Europe. He managed to win the New Zealand National double barrel championship, beating the junior world champion. He received his Western Province Colours and was part of the senior men's team that won the Interprovincial Tournament in Kimberley. He tied for first place at the

South African Grand - shooting for the title of SA Trap Champion - shooting 196/200. Unfortunately he lost the sudden death shoot off - missing his 34th target. For these achievements he was awarded a Distinction Tie.

Zak Cadiz earned his Full South African Colours for Clay Target Shooting and went on to compete in the three-man SA Junior team (U21) at the World Championships in Estonia – quite remarkable considering he is 13 years old! He was placed 33/55 in the Juniors Section, and also 235/496 overall. As a result of this remarkable achievement he was

awarded a Distinction Tie.

The following boys were selected to represent Western Province in their respective Inter Provincial Cricket tournaments in December: U18B: **Tom Richardson** and **Nathan Mngomezulu**; U17A: **Tyla Scarles** (VC); U15A: **Jono Bird**; U15B: **Gregor Bell** and **Stephan Fourie**.

Stefan Dominicus was awarded Full Cycling Colours for outstanding race results and dedication to cycling. **Kieran Cattell** and **Jason van der Linden** were awarded Half Colours for their participation and excellent race results.

The results from the FWC Eden Ranking Fencing Competition were: Cadet Men's Foil: **Jamie Diggle** (gold), **Alaric McGregor** (silver) and **Finbarr Lebona** (bronze); in Jr Men's Foil: **Jamie Diggle** (gold), **Alaric McGregor** (silver), **Finbarr Lebona** (bronze); in Sr Men's Foil: **Finbarr Lebona** (silver), **Jamie Diggle** and **Alaric McGregor** (bronze); in Jr Epee: **Soo-Min Lee** (bronze); in Cadet Epee: **Terry Kim** (bronze); and in Minim Epee: **Terry Kim** (gold). At the Fencing Commonwealth Championships, **Rhiyaan Smith**, **Soo-Min Lee**, **Shirag Maharaj** and **Winner Kazaka** formed part of the weapons check team and were integral to the smooth running of the competition. At a successful Club Championships certificates were awarded to **Jacob Holm**, **Yusef Hassan**, **Gabriel Makin**, **Ethan Arendse** and **Winner Kakaza**; bronze badges were awarded to **Christiaan Garry**, **Mweya Ruider**, **Nicholas Featherstone** and **Alan Pohl**; silver Badges were awarded to **Alaric McGregor**, **Terry Kim**, **Shirag Maharaj**,

Gunther Cloete and **Angus Longmore**, and re-awards were made to **Cade Cannon** and **Chris Steyn**; gold badges were awarded to **Jamie Diggle**, **Finbarr Lebona**, **Carl-Philip Lehmann** and **Soo Min Lee**, and a re-award to **Rhiyaan Smith**. Half Fencing Colours were awarded to **Alaric McGregor**; the Inter House Cup was won by **Mallet House**, and the Best Swordsman Cup was awarded to **Soo-Min Lee** in Epee, and **Alaric McGregor** in Foil, and the Service and Merit Cup was awarded to **Soo-Min Lee**. The Captain of Fencing for 2016 is **Carl-Philip Lehmann**, and the Vice-Captain is **Jamie Diggle**.

The Bishops quartet of **Warwick Reid**, **Luke Baker**, **Alessandro Lupini** and **Nikolai Piotrowski** represented the Proteas at the World Fly Fishing Competition in Colorado and proved that they were able to go head-to-head with the best the world has to offer. The team achieved 4th place overall and individually the boys finished as follows: **Warwick Reid** (10th), **Luke Baker** (17th), **Alessandro Lupini** (19th) and **Nikolai Piotrowski** (24th).

The Captain of Golf, **Cole Cruickshank**, won the Parow Junior Open (75) as well as the Royal Cape Junior Open (70), and **Nicholas Thompson** won the B-division at the WP Championships.

Bishops boys represented WP at both U16 and U18 Interprovincial Hockey Tournaments: WP U18A: **Dayaan Cassiem**, **Lloyd Gardener**, **Wesley Gardener**, **Justin Nel** and **Tom Richardson**; WP U16A: **Idrees Abdulla**, **Malachy Barbour** and **Bulelani Ngqukuvana**. The following boys were then selected to SA National

Squads: **Dayaan Cassiem** SA U18A; **Tom Richardson** SA U18B; **Idrees Abdulla** and **Bulelani Nggukuvana** SA U16 High Performance Squad.

The following rugby players were selected to represent the Western Province at U18 level: Academy: **Tristan Leyds**, **Lubelo Scott** and **JP Smith**; Craven Week: **Brandon Salomo** and **Cornel Smit**. The Academy Week was held in Vanderbijlpark and each of the three Bishops players scored three tries during the three games played by the team. Due to injuries in the earlier games, **Joel Paarwater** was called up to join his schoolmates and duly played in the last game, meaning that there were four boys from Bishops who participated in this final. All matches in the U18 Craven Week were played on the grounds of Paul Roos in Stellenbosch. The Western Province team broke a number of records with their exciting brand of rugby. The team ended up scoring the most tries ever at a Craven Week and, in three games, posted the highest points tally ever recorded at this annual tournament; this included a record winning margin in a final, when they beat the team from the Eastern Cape by 95 points to nil. The representatives from Bishops played significant roles in the victories recorded by the Western Province.

The following were medal winners at the WP Closed Squash Tournament: U19: **Peter**

Brink (bronze); U16: **Jonathan Greyling** (silver); and U14: **Charlie Yates** (silver). Later, at a WP Squash awards evening, no fewer than 13 Bishops boys were awarded provincial colours and were selected to represent Western Province at their respective age group levels: U19: **Stefan Ranoszek**, **Peter Brink**, **Alex Green** and **Ross Nelson**; U16: **Glenn Yates**, **Jonathan Greyling**, **Calvin-Ziegler Smith** and **Ibrahim Kerbelker**; U14: **Charlie Yates**, **Nick Gleeson**, **Timothy Wright**, **Kenau Vith** and **Ross Tudhope**.

An U17 Bishops water polo team participated in a training camp and a series of matches in Hungary over the June/July holidays. The squad played two top Hungarian club teams with good results, beat the Scottish U17 national side and also beat an American club team from California. **James Morritt-Smith** and **Brandon Burke** went to Malta in July to represent SA U16. The A and B teams were entered into an U18 tournament against Malta, England and Widex – a Dutch club side. They had some very close games with the A team finishing 3rd and the B team 5th overall. **Liam Neill** and **Keanan Alexander** were selected to the SA U20 side that will participate in the FINA World Men's Junior Championships in Kazakhstan. Only 11 players were selected for this team. It is a particularly impressive achievement considering both **Liam** and **Keanan** are still U18.

AWARDS

JERSEYS

Academic

Julian Dean-Brown, **Dylan Maxwell**, **Jeremy Wilkinson**, **Stefan Dominicus**, **Matthew Morris**, **Francois Stassen**, **Derek Reissenzahn** and **Brandon Snider**

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TIES*Distinction*

Zak Cadiz (Clay Target Shooting) and **Andrew Henderson** (Clay Target Shooting),
Shannon Thebus (Music), **Jeremy Wilkinson** (Science)

Academic

Mikaeel Adam, David Bruchhausen, Kieran Cattell, Kelton Miller, Tom Murray, Justin Nel, Stefan Olbrich, Callum Parton, Alan Pohl, Christopher Mitchell, Nicholas Featherstone, Arthur Fisher, Finbarr Lebona, Mitesh Valodia, Finn Geldenhuys, Shane Goodsell, Jonathan Greyling, Francesco Guerrini, Dean Jacobs, Thomas Janisch, Junho Ko, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Labberte, Jeff Malherbe, Okuhle Minyi, Joshua Mol, Tom Newbury, Rayhaan Omar, Jonathan Pletts, Theodore Psillos, Derek Reissen Zahn, Tim Sharples, Brandon Snider, Ryan Solomons, Karl Stapelberg, Peter Thacker and Brandon Thomas

All Rounders

Arthur Fisher, Carl-Phillip Lehmann, Chris Kode, Laurence Mort and Stefan Dominicus

Service

Carl-Phillip Lehmann (Chapel), **Jeremy Wilkinson** (Democritus), **Rhiyaan Smith** (Fencing)

IBSC CONFERENCE

During the recent holidays Bishops, in association with Rondebosch, Wynberg, SACS and WPPS hosted the 22nd annual International Boys School Coalition (IBSC) conference at Bishops which sought to address the theme of “Lessons from Madiba”.

When preparation began for the conference there was an outbreak of Ebola in Africa and we were unsure whether this would affect attendance by international delegates. The IBSC told us that we could statistically expect half the delegates to be international, and they also indicated they would be happy with a total of 450 delegates.

In the end we had 600 delegates plus over 50 spouses attending and the statistical predictions were correct: half were international delegates.

We were determined to succeed at a number of levels with the conference and did. We were not responsible for the entire programme, but that part for which we were responsible we were determined was going to be “Proudly South African”. We also wanted to make sure, much like the World Cup held here some years ago, that our organisation and logistics could not be faulted.

Five of the six key note speakers were South

Africans and they were either good or very good. The conference started with Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, in probably his last ever public appearance. He ensured that the atmosphere in the chapel, where the plenary sessions were held, was electric merely through his presence, but the challenges he posed in his speech intensified the atmosphere. Justice Edwin Cameron delivered an address that was rated by many international delegates as the best conference speech they had ever heard. Wilhelm Verwoerd, grandson of the architect of apartheid, and a Rhodes Scholar (Paul Roos) spoke of his Damascus experience while at Oxford and the profound lessons he learnt from Madiba that underpin his work today. The conference closed with Rory Steyn, Madiba's bodyguard for five years, reinforcing the conference theme through the lessons he learnt from Madiba.

The organising committee was also responsible for the next level of speakers, of which there were eight. Of the eight, three were former members of the Bishops staff, another was Ian McCullum and another was a vet speaking about the plight of the rhinos. One was a contact from Australia who spoke about creating classroom spaces for the 21st century. A comment made by the Director of the IBSC, when he went to listen to Ian McCullum on the final day of the conference, was "I thought the conference simply couldn't get any better and then I went to listen to Ian McCullum and cried because I was so moved by what he shared with us".

As already mentioned the conference closed with Rory Steyn. Never before in the 22-year history of IBSC conferences had so many delegates attended the final session of the

conference.

The IBSC itself was responsible for large numbers of speakers speaking simultaneously at breakaway sessions. The Executive Director of ISASA wrote extensively about the conference in his recent quarterly report to members and had this to say about the 'breakout' sessions, in particular:

"The conference was notable for the 'breakout' sessions which were led by delegates and which we should perhaps start to explore at ISASA conferences. Of the 600 delegates, 200 delegates were presenters at the conference."

As already mentioned, we were determined to make sure our organisation and logistics were faultless. Details worth mentioning are:

Every presenter received a hand-turned pen made by a Bishops teacher, Mervin Walsh, from an indigenous South African hardwood sourced sustainably.

The Mallett Centre was turned into a social hub that looked fabulous with world class wi-fi and huge electronic displays to boot. Our thanks to the College PA for the new curtains!

Exhibitors in the Mallett Centre were ecstatic at the interest shown because delegates were continuously attracted back to the space.

The campus looked as good as you may ever have seen it. Staff worked round the clock before the conference, from every division of the school, to ensure this was the case.

The weather throughout the conference was simply magnificent, making the campus look even better.

A deputy from a really old school in the UK phoned home to say that they must include the following question in the interviews they were busy holding for an IT director: "What would you do at our school to ensure that

a conference for 650 delegates (spouses attended much of the conference) has world class ICT provision?" He told me he did this because his school could not presently do what Bishops, through Sally Bowes and her team, had managed to achieve.

Origin Caterers, our recently appointed caterers, were outstanding. One international delegate admitted to me that he went up for three helpings of babotie!

We celebrated the fact that we were located in the heart of the SA wine lands. The Constantia wine farms collaborated with us beautifully by providing wine tastings on the opening evening and spectacular visits to their farms with dedicated wine tastings during the conference. The picture below shows the busses lining the avenue ready to take delegates to the farms.

There were enormous logistical arrangements that needed to be done in order to ensure that the right people were in the right place at the right time with fully functional and furnished venues. Cheryl Douglas led a team that ensured these logistics and many others were faultless.

Close to 40 Bishops staff, from across all three campuses, attended the conference and told us they were both inspired and incredibly proud to teach at Bishops.

There are three outcomes of the conference that should be highlighted for the purposes of this report:

The conference served to build the Bishops' brand across the world. There are 300 member schools of the IBSC and most (approx 2/3rds) were represented at the conference. The delegates were seriously impressed by the school and having the plenary sessions in the



chapel added the cherry on the top.

The organisation of the conference was a collaborative effort and as a consequence significant professional relationships have developed amongst the organising schools, which will benefit all of us.

Every South African walked away from the conference as proud as punch. We don't have to stand back to anyone when it comes to sourcing international quality speakers from within our country and providing a world class conference in terms of organisation. We realised again that we have a story to share about our country which is inspiring to the entire world, thanks to the Lessons... we continue to learn... from Madiba.

Vernon Wood

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

May 2015 – August 2015

All too soon the middle of the year is upon us. We have waved the mid-year holidays a fond farewell and are well and truly into the Winter Term. We celebrated

mid-term Eucharist on Ascension Day and moved from there to the Confirmation Camp at the Mizpah campsite in Grabouw. We combined with the girls from St Cyprian's and had a deeply spiritual time as we wrestled with God's Word and what it means to a Christian in the modern world. We were also addressed by the Rev. Canon Racheal Mash, Provincial Environmental Co-ordinator, and the Rev. Rene August who discussed the need for Christians to be involved in the world at large. Thanks go to the Rev. Natalie Simons-Arendse, Chaplain of St Cyprian's, and Mrs Sharon Witbooi, chef extraordinaire. Confirmation 2015 culminated with a beautiful service of Confirmation at the Herschel Theatre on Sunday 23 August. Twenty seven boys, a sister of one of the Matrics (Eden Paarwater) and our school Physio, Megan Petrie, were confirmed by Archbishop



Confirmation Sunday at Herschel

Thabo Makgoba.

Alpha has come to Bishops in the form of a parent-driven initiative. We have been blessed to have a group of visionary parents in the Prep College who have worked hard at creating and co-ordinating an Alpha Course for parents. This started with a reception and introduction evening in the new Woodlands Pavillion, hosted by the parents with Gray Kirsten as speaker. It was good to see a number of new faces in the crowd. Alpha is now travelling the journey of faith and discovery week by week in the Day Boys' Dining Hall with a group of about 40. Many thanks to Origins Caterers for their fine meals and dedicated service and to the wonderful speakers and leaders, under the leadership of Neville Wellington, who have made this Alpha event possible at Bishops.

It was good to meet many international visitors to the College during the holidays,



Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Guy Pearson at the IBSC

(Director of Community Engagement at Rhodes), the new Director of SUIIS (Greg Wynn) and Alan Weyer (local historian talking on the Frontier Wars). We were able to worship and to experience a number of beautiful chapels

especially during the International Boys Schools Coalition conference. The Memorial Chapel was used as the main venue and the Brooke Chapel was used for daily worship. A variety of services occurred with an average of 55 participants daily.

At the beginning of the third term, the Chaplain and Prep school Youth Pastor (Justin Woolls) were privileged to attend the annual Chaplains' Conference hosted by St Andrews, St Mary's and Kingswood College in Grahamstown. Among the highlights of the conference was meeting the Dean of the Cathedral of St Michael, Andrew Hunter, a historical tour of the Rhodes Campus and the College of the Transfiguration where Anglican clergy are in training, the Quiet Day spent with the monks at the Mariya we uMama Themba monastery, visits to the village of Salem and Bushman's River (site of the Dias Cross & the first act of Christian worship in the southern part of Africa), speakers including Harry Dugmore (of Madam & Eve fame), Diana Hornby

in the difference school and community settings and came away refreshed and enthusiastic to continue God's work in our various schools.

We look forward to the third term Evensong service which will take place on 26 August at 1830 in the Memorial Chapel. It is always good to welcome visitors and guests to this service.

Pastorally, we have said our sad farewells to Brendan Ryan, Diana Kriel, Graham English, Stewart (Peter) McIntosh and Helen Eriksen. We were also able to celebrate the baptism of Juliet Mead, Evie Carter and Leo Viedge and the weddings of James Leuner to Jo-Anne Hagen and Telisha de Villiers to Grant van Staden. May their lives together be richly blessed.

We look forward to the final quarter of 2015 and to all the services of Advent and Christmas. Please feel free to do come along and be a part of the worshiping community of Bishops at any time.

Rev. Terry Wilke

KILIMANJARO - JUNE 2015



The intrepid climbers summit Kilimanjaro.

During the June holiday **Alex Van Hoogstraten, Connor Price, Andre Truter, Tadgh Dewar and Xander Gower**, along with dads, Mark Van Hoogstraten (OD) and Kevin Dewar, and Phil Court and his daughter, Christine, travelled to Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro. Preparations for the trip included a number of hikes on Table Mountain and meetings to organise the appropriate kit. They ascended using the Machame route and spent six days on the mountain. The route took 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 five different ecological zones en 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.

Phil Court

THE BISHOPS SOCIETY

On 14 August 2015, the Bishops Society and the Music Department hosted a concert at Bishops at which the father and son team, David and Shaun Little, played a selection of classical music - Shaun Little (Oboe), his father, David, (Clarinet) and maestro Victor Tichart on the piano. The programme of works included Johann Sebastian Bach (Sonata for oboe and piano), Robert Schumann (Three Romances for clarinet and piano), Francis Poulenc (Sonata for

clarinet and piano) and Carlo Yvon (Sonata in F-minor for Cor Anglais and piano). The concert was well attended and the audience greatly appreciated listening to fine music from the trio of accomplished musicians, a rare treat. It was commented that the Yvon piece was not one easily heard played here. The next concert is in March 2016, for further details please contact Paul Murray: pmurray@bishops.org.za

Paul Murray



Shaun Little



David Little





EISTEDDFOD 2015

Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.'
Edgar Degas

Education is often an uncomfortable process; it is a process shrouded in 'chance', but this concept of 'chance' often can lead to some of the greatest creative moments in one's life; when one puts down everything one knows and attempts something new – there is nothing more humbling, yet also more exciting! I am sure that a large number of boys experienced this on the days of the 2015 Bishops Eisteddfod (22nd – 24th June) when attempting something which they maybe had to-date not yet tried. This is core to the Eisteddfod experience and where the real value of this cultural celebration lies.

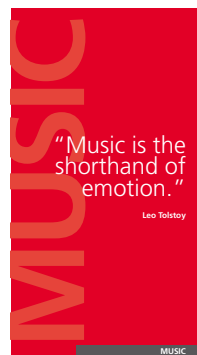
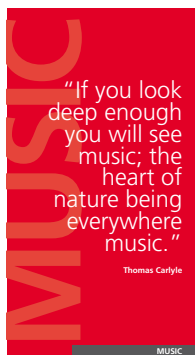
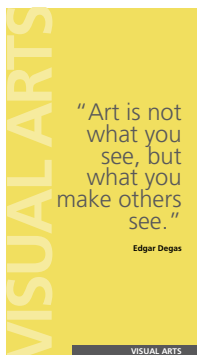
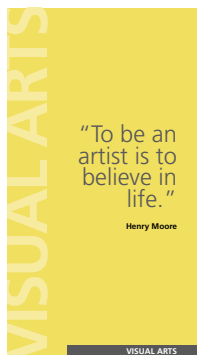
So, if we see the Prelim process as that 'chance' experience, then there were 1459 'chances' taken before the Eisteddfod Day (Music 695, Speech 764, Artworks 429) and it was amazing to see the talent that emerged from all corners of the Bishops campus!

This year was no doubt the best managed (from the boys' side) Eisteddfod ever. The Prelims ran almost seamlessly and the communication of

the boys to their peers was absolutely fantastic. It has been a fascinating process, over the past few years, watching the boys learn to manage the entry process, the Prelims and then the run-up rehearsals. And then they begin to understand the principles behind project management. This was one of the most rewarding aspects of this year's Eisteddfod.

The greatest growth this year was certainly around the Drama and, particularly pleasing, the quality of the plays written by the boys. The theme this year was 'Courage Does Not Always Roar'. All Houses seemed to approach this topic with a sense of innate understanding and sophistication.

The Inter House Singing competition was also once again taken to a new level by the boys with the slickness of performances by all of the Houses being awe-inspiring. What was even more rewarding to see was the unbelievable growth in the overall standard presented by the boarding houses – I look forward to the year when a boarding house takes the Singing Owl –





"Creativity takes courage."

Henri Matisse

VISUAL ARTS

"When words fail, Music speaks"

H.C. Anderson

MUSIC

"Speech belongs half to the speaker, half to the listener."

Michel de Montaigne

SPEECH

"Don't act. Be."

April Henry

DRAMA

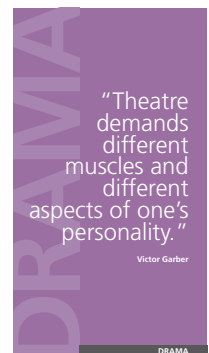
and this is not too far off!

Finally, we as the Bishops community would once again like to thank BDO and, in particular, Antonie van der Hoek (Managing Partner of BDO, Cape Town) and Charne Dry for their incredible support and their continued sponsorship of the event.

Mark Mitchell

After all was practised and performed, the following were the final results of the 2015 Bishops Eisteddfod:

<i>Visual Arts Owl</i>	Birt House
<i>Performance Owl</i>	Ogilvie House
<i>Drama</i>	Ogilvie House
<i>Movement</i>	Birt House
<i>Speech Owl</i>	Ogilvie House
<i>Music Owl</i>	Gray House
<i>Inter House Singing Owl</i>	Mallett House
<i>Prelim Owl</i>	School House
<i>Boarding Owl</i>	School House
<i>Overall Eisteddfod Owl</i>	Ogilvie House





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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE



Bishops Touring Party

The biggest arts festival in the world? That's a pretty big claim, but the Edinburgh Festival Fringe has the amazing facts to back it up. Here are a few: 3314 shows were staged for the 2015 festival; 50 459 performances were scheduled in 313 venues; 1778 performances were world premieres; tens of thousands of performers, representing companies from 49 countries appeared; a total of 807 free shows were included in the programme; a total of 2 298 090 tickets were sold, and, at the very least, one million visitors were expected! So, pretty big then?

After an exhausting 24-hour journey 33 relieved Bishops boys, and five even more thankful staff members, arrived in the city of Edinburgh to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe - 'the largest arts festival on the planet'. Over the next six days the boys in *Cold Stone Jug* and in *Simply Blue* busked

on the Royal Mile, charmed festival-goers, and performed to appreciative audiences at their Grassmarket festival venue. When they were not performing, they enjoyed the talents of other festival performers ranging from comedians to musicians and acapella groups, from a raw production of *Rent* to a rollicking production of *Noises Off*, culminating in the magnificent spectacle that was the Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2015 – complete with pyrotechnics and a cast of hundreds. They also immersed themselves in the sights and sounds of Edinburgh, with a couple even going to extraordinary heights to enjoy the spectacular views, explored the catacombs beneath the ancient city, climbed all 287 steps of the Scott Monument, marvelled at the Castle, perched high above the city, enjoyed the majesty of Holyrood Palace, summited Arthur's Seat, which was conveniently situated



Bishops conquers Edinburgh!



Edinburgh Military Tattoo



Show Posters



Grassmarket: Venue 18



Home for a week

right behind our residence at Chancellor's Court at the Edinburgh University, navigated the public transport system, and the personalities that come with it, came to love the sound of the bagpipes that could be heard 24/7, and pretty much lapped up every precious second of what was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The tour ended with two days in London where *Simply Blue* impressed the ODs at a performance in the historic Museum of the Order of St John. We navigated the London Underground, shopped till we dropped in Oxford Street and Regent Street, visited Harrods, Camden Market, Piccadilly Circus and Covent Gardens; and bathed in the

history of the vibrant city. A highlight of the London leg of the tour was attending the thrilling production of *Miss Saigon*, on the West End, where we were amazed by the talented cast and the special effects which included a helicopter landing on the stage! The cast of *Cold Stone Jug* was incredibly moved by an excellent production of *Billy Elliot* too.

It was a happy and successful tour and we commend the boys on the level of professionalism in their productions, their impeccable behaviour and for being excellent ambassadors of both Bishops and South Africa.

Wayne Tucker and Marion Bradley

BISHOPS FRENCH TOUR 2015



The tour party in a beautiful square in Uzès

At the start of the recent winter vacation, another College French Tour set off for the *Côte d'Azur*, where fifteen boys were to spend the next three and a half weeks. This trip was to become a resounding success on all levels: the young men saw and did a great deal as they ticked off the many different excursions on their jam-packed programme; they ate especially well, making many culinary discoveries *en route* (including frogs' legs, *tapenade* and even *anchoïade*!); and, as an added bonus, their French improved significantly with every passing day!

Their first two weeks were spent in beautiful

Nice, the jewel of the Riviera. Here the boys were hosted by local families while attending morning lessons at a downtown language school. Each afternoon was spent visiting nearby attractions and places of interest. During these excursions, the pupils spent time in local museums and markets, travelling up and down the coast, from Cannes in the west right across to Menton (on the Italian border) in the east. On bicycles and boats, in trains and buses, the young tourists ensured that hardly a stone was left unturned! Having been to Antibes and Juan-les-Pins, having visited Vence and Monaco, they found it a real challenge to



Kayaking in front of the Pont du Gard



In Menton, at the tomb of William Webb Ellis



Canyoning!

settle on their favourite outing during this time ... as always, however, the beautiful town of Villefranche probably ended up on top of the pile!

After this initial fortnight, the tour party

then travelled some 300 kilometres away from the sea to reach the very heart of Provence: their next base was to be near the charming market town of Carpentras at the foot of Mont Ventoux (a regular challenge for cyclists on the annual *Tour de France*). Here again, they got to see a great deal of all that is on offer in this lovely region. They cycled through lavender fields in full bloom, they kayaked under the famous Roman aqueduct at the Pont du Gard, they attended the spectacular Bastille Day celebrations hosted by the nearby town of Malaucène and also went on a guided tour of the medieval Abbaye de Sénanque.

The last three days of the tour provided the real highlight, however: having relocated to the quiet Provençal town of Castellane, the tourists went on a full-day canyoning adventure in the Gorges du Verdon, an amazing outing which the boys will surely remember for a very long time. Wrapped up in wet-suits and jackets, wearing helmets and carrying water-tight drums packed with drinks and picnic goodies, the youngsters spent an hour following a trail that led them right down to the water; the rest of the day was spent swimming in and out of deep and dark canyons, occasionally stopping to jump off high ledges into the cool turquoise water ... all in all, this was indeed a most magical experience.

Throughout the tour, the young men received compliments from all manner of folk: the headmistress of their language school, restaurant managers, bus-drivers, tour guides ... all seemed most impressed by the visitors' manners and courtesy! Well done to them!

Warwick Richter

BISHOPS SOCIETIES

AFRICAN RELATIONS SOCIETY

Chairperson:

Rayhaan Surve

Teacher-in-

Charge:

Mr W. Steenkamp

The society focused on the African continent, African economic and social development as well as African politics.

The society met regularly as well as attended various culture evenings at surrounding schools, like Rhenish Girls' High School. Plans for our own cultural evening are underway. The following members earned their ties in 2015: **Siya Qamwana, Tristan Leyds, Yazini Dube, Musa Nyangiwe, Akha Manjezi, Lubelo Scott, Menzi Cetywayo, Dylan Evans, Duma Gcabashe, Sisa Liwani, Nathan Maimba, Lukhanyo Mntonintshi, Sanele Mayosi, Lindani Ngcokoto, Bulelani Ngqukuvana, Siya Sonja, Andile Themba and Ronald Walters.** I would like to thank the outgoing executive: **Rayhaan Surve, Avela Biko, Phiwe Mayosi** and **Ross Willis** for their hard work over the past two years. I would like to congratulate the new Executive for 2016: **Akha Manjezi** (Chair), **Musa Nyangiwe** (Vice Chair), **Yazini Dube** (Secretary) and **Sanele Mayosi** on their respective appointments.

Will Steenkamp



ASTRONOMY

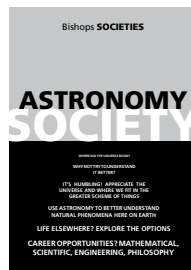
Teacher-in-

Charge:

Mr G. Robertson

Astronomy is a society where students with a keen interest in all things interstellar, whether it be quasars or black holes or aliens, gather to

listen to interesting speeches by various speakers and contribute in forms of debate and discussion. We kicked off this year with an interesting topic, 'What is the biggest object in the universe?'. This seemed to set the mode for the year as curiosity drew more students this year than were members of the society, while those who couldn't attend hinted to other students that they wished they could have attended. We were fortunate enough to have Ms Hunt, a student teacher with a vast background in astronomy, who gave brilliant and captivating talks, and deeper insight into various topics. We wish to say thank you to her for answering our endless questions and her beyond-helpful help. It has been an interesting year in the study of astronomy and next year we believe it will be even better. Any student interested in joining the society can email Mr Robertson at grobertson@bishops.org.za *Renda Tshifularo, Soo-Min Lee and Alan Pohl*





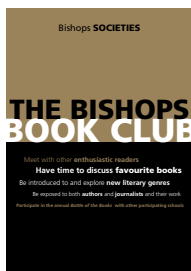
The Battle of the Books: Taahir Borat, Alexander Peile, Tyger Thompson, Miles Boeddinghaus and Angus Longmore

BOOK CLUB

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mrs N. Freund

The Book Club meeting this term was an informal one at which we chatted about books that had been and were being read by the members. Discussion was lively and ended up with a debate as to whether the *Games of Thrones* books were well-depicted in the television series or not (consensus was that it was as well done as possible, although left out a lot of detail). The quality of writing in the infamous 50



Shades of Grey was even mentioned, although it turned out that none of the boys had actually read it! I was heartened to know that all the members are avid readers (both books and e-books) and that some of the seniors have sophisticated reading tastes. Some of the members of the Book Club were part of the Bishops' team that participated in The Battle of The Books, which took place in April at Bergvliet High School. Our team came 4th out of 20 schools, a fantastic climb from last year's position of 10th. The evening was hosted by John Matham and questions ranged from Shakespeare to fantasy to animal stories, amongst others.

Nella Freund

*Dance Society 2015**New Dances Take Concentration***DANCE****Teachers-in-Charge:***Mr and Mrs P. Court*

The Dance Society follows the same format each year with 20 Bishops boys and 20 Herschel girls meeting three times a term to learn various dance steps – the waltz, foxtrot, rumba, cha-cha, rock n' roll, jive and langarm. This year's 'intake' has made good progress. They are enjoying dancing and getting to know one another.

Phil Court**DEBATING****Chairperson:***Desmond Fairall***Teacher-in-Charge:***Ms J. Stielau*

The Bishops Senior Rotary league team
(**Alexander Peile, Lloyd Jones, Taahir Bhorat, Ziyaad Bawa, Nikolaos**

Tapanlis and Desmond Fairall) did not make the break for the Octofinals, but the Bishops Junior League team made it through to the semi-finals. **Desmond Fairall** represented the SA Schools side in Singapore. We were invited to enter Senior and Junior





Andrew Attieh (OD) and the victorious Bishops Junior Debating Team

sides in the Provincial Debating tournament. The Bishops Junior side, comprising **Max Tedder**, **Tom Janisch**, **Nic Vine-Morris** and **Derek Reissenzahn** took first place. **Max Tedder** and **Derek Reissenzahn** made it into the top ten junior speakers at the tournament. **Derek Reissenzahn** and **Desmond Fairall**, as junior and senior speakers, respectively, were selected for further training for the Provincial side.

Jo Stielau

DEMOCRITUS Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr K. Warne

Democritus is one of the lesser known societies at Bishops, but nonetheless its members become (happily) consumed by its projects. It is the science society at



Bishops, named after the creator of basic atomic theory. At Democritus we build and experiment with scientific projects, often learning material way past the Matric syllabus in the process. At the moment, we have the hovercraft project, the rocket project and most recently we have begun working on a nuclear fusion reactor. The hovercraft has been a relatively successful project; we have designed and built a one-person circular hovercraft, roughly a metre in diameter and have spent many open periods on a blanket of air in the old gym. Currently we are trying to include a steering mechanism into the hovercraft. The model rocket has probably had the most studying done, and we have spent many nights looking into aerodynamics, Cold-War era documents (as model rocketry really took off around that time) and literal rocket science. So far we have launched a few small model rocket kits with varying degrees of success. We previously wanted to use H_2O_2 as a fuel, but unfortunately handling the concentrations needed is illegal without a permit that even the UCT Chemistry department has not been able to get. At this point in time we are changing leadership as well as looking into importing commercial model rocket fuel packs (usually called 'rocket motors'). We will install these into a rocket body made by ourselves with a target altitude of 500m. The launch date will be announced closer to the time. Finally, the Fusor Project. Still fairly young by Democritus standards, the fusor is less a practical project and more one that promises heavy research and some very weird mechanics. We have created a 'low' power version, but are looking into upping the power while respecting the energy. Every Thursday, in week B, we

host an interest session where students can come along, watch some interesting YouTube videos, and discuss what they want amongst the members, and it is a great way for enthusiastic students to further their knowledge. Finally, Democritus also provides its members, with first bid over some amazing outings that are organised by universities and other organisations each year, which this year included two particle physics masterclasses. Any student interested in joining the society and being involved in its projects can email Boyd Kane at bkane@bishops.org.za or Jeremy Wilkinson at jwilkinson@bishops.org.za
Boyd Kane and Jeremy Wilkinson

DRAMA

Chairperson:

Sozon Sarandis

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr W. Tucker

Our society members were treated to four animated, and dynamic, workshops over the past two terms, and we thank Sunette Strydom (Vice Principal of the Helen O' Grady Drama Academy) for facilitating these workshops and sharing her energy, expertise and passion for her craft with the boys. Theatre sports, improvisation, vocal techniques, monologues and characterisation formed the core of these workshops. The workshop in the third term was facilitated by Sharief Petersen and saw society members learning stage fighting techniques – great fun was had by all and a boisterous and sweaty group devoured the cokes and doughnuts



after the exhausting session. 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 2015 Drama was: *Courage does not always roar!* The Drama was adjudicated by Duncan Rice, Gavin Pollock and Sunette Strydom – all extremely well-versed in the nuances of performance and the dramatic arts. Once again the directors were given a comprehensive list of dos and don'ts by the adjudicators, before the event, and this certainly helped the quality of the final product. The Movement Section was adjudicated by Caely-Jo Levy and Deb Jardine. We were indeed very privileged to have adjudicators of such high quality again this year. Ogilvie House won the Drama Section and Birt House won the Movement Section. The overall Performance Owl winner for 2015 was Ogilvie House. Mitchell Christy (Birt) was named 'Best Actor' and Ogilvie House was awarded 'Best Director'. For the second year, a 'Best Script' award was announced. School House won the award. Another excellent year for Drama at Bishops!
Wayne Tucker

FORUM

Chairperson:

Jordan van Tonder

Teacher-in-Charge:

Dr P. Murray

At the first meeting, Mandy Johnson, an industrial psychologist, spoke on, 'What is mindfulness and why



does it matter?’ She explained mindfulness as a largely misunderstood innate capacity in all of us. She explored and expelled myths that exist. Together we can begin to taste what this ‘way of being’ feels like by engaging in specific introductory practices, such as an attitude of curiosity, and by suspending judgement. Ms Johnson took members through strategies, which proved interesting and useful to all. One of these was to learn ways to create a better understanding of how we can be more skillful in the face of adversity and how we might enhance the mindfulness in ourselves for the sake of others.

The second talk of the season was by Dr Mariette Wheeler, who at the time was teaching in the Biology Department at Bishops. The topic of her talk was, ‘Through snow and ice to seabirds and seals at Marion Island’. It consisted of a presentation on her research, life and adventures as part of the research team on sub-Antarctic Marion Island, with a PPT to illustrate. The talk created great intrigue and enhanced an understanding of scientific research by an expert in her field.

Jordan van Tonder

GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK (GIN)

Chairperson:

Jeremy Wilkinson

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mrs C. Douglas

The last six months of the GIN society have been filled with many exciting activities and prospects. The committee’s goal for this year was to get involved with more schools in our outreach and although



initially unsuccessful, inspiration struck at an unexpected time. The headmaster of a local disadvantaged school, Thomas Wildschutt Primary, came to talk to our GIN society one evening and immediately gained our attention with his kind nature. Subsequently the GIN society can proudly say that it has set up collaborations between Bishops and Thomas Wildschutt, with them now being a part of the Grade 10 Civics Outreach Group and an Atlas and Recorder Drive on the go, to try and raise the facilities of the heart-warming school. Rhiyaan Smith organised a Jazz Band Concert to raise funds for this school. Michael Thomson inspired us with his short notice firefighter sticker drive, where he sold stickers at the Cape Argus to raise money for the fire fighters who fought in the recent mountain fires, and a group of Grade 11s has collaborated with Mr Noel and Mrs Douglas on the Working with Nature Project wherein they studied complexity theory and how to apply biomimicry to various issues. The coming months look busy and exciting for us as we turn a new leaf of leadership and the Grade 11s look to begin taking responsibility. We have exciting new projects ahead of us from rhino sculptures to fund raising concerts.

Jeremy Wilkinson

HISTORICAL BENCH

Chairperson:

Robert Lees

Teacher-in-Charge:

Dr P. Murray

Term 2: Our topic was the recent Crisis in Ukraine and the conflict within that area. We then also



discussed a few issues surrounding the Rhodes Statue at UCT. The meeting was very well attended and many of the boys had clearly done research on the topic as they had well-informed opinions and thoughts which allowed for active and thought-provoking debate. Term 3: We addressed the topic of the 2015 general election in the UK and the issues surrounding it. There was an excellent response from the boys; they engaged actively in the topic and expressed well-thought out ideas and opinions. There has been a clear improvement in the intellectual level at which members are discussing the topics.

Robert Lees

HISTORY

Chairperson:

Aiden Bizony

Secretary:

Daniel Goldberg

Teacher-in-

Charge:

Dr Rodney Warwick

We have hosted several meetings so far this year, the first being on 25 February when Dave Stewart, the Executive Chairman of the FW de Klerk Foundation and once a Bishops parent, spoke about the then topical issue regarding one of Cape Town's motor freeways being named after this former President. There had been some adverse comment thereon in local newspapers, with which Mr Stewart



Tony Leon Cartoon by Michael Beckhurts



disagreed, but he also explained aspects of South African nineteenth and twentieth century history, which in his opinion, required careful contextualisation concerning our comprehending how often directly polarised popular historical understandings result in the average citizen's mind only imbibing a single and usually exclusive variation thereof.

On 4 March 2015, Tony Leon, the former leader of the DA opposition and recent South African Ambassador to Argentina, discussed his current life of writing and



A breakfast held by the Centre for Constitutional Rights and the School of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch, supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation: Aiden Bizony, William Baldwin and Jarryd Lurie

by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The guest speaker was Justice Albert “Albie” Sachs, formally of the SA Constitutional Court. Much of Justice Sachs’s talk focussed upon his perceptions of former ANC leader Oliver Tambo being a champion of democracy and non-racialism, besides how the Constitution was a bulwark protecting all South Africans rights. My own comment to Justice

political consulting. Mr Leon spoke in particular regarding his strong belief in a meritocratic society where libertarianism forms a central component, besides the vital role of education receiving priority in South Africa, but freed from the encumbrances of left-wing ideologically driven and damaging trade unionism. Mr Leon fielded a range of questions from the audience concerning current SA politics.

On 20 May several of our students attended a breakfast held by the Centre for Constitutional Rights and the School of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch, supported



Justice Albie Sachs and Gabriel Makin

Sachs was that a number of eminent current South African historians would not quite share his descriptions of either Tambo or his organisation’s history. The breakfast was very enjoyable and the boys attending closely followed the question and answer session between audience members and

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Justice Albie Sachs.

On 4 August we were addressed by Professor David Benatar, Head of the Philosophy Department at UCT, who took a close look at the terms “transformation” and “decolonisation” – these with regard to recent loud, highly publicised protests at leading South African universities by students demanding the purported urgent need to accelerate both the above, particularly regarding university curricula, and that SA universities students and staff profiles must reflect South African racial demographics. Professor Benatar explained that as far as curricula were concerned, the onus rested on those seeking dramatic change to identify what was supposedly obsolete, offensive.... and demonstrate why particular clearly identified “decolonised changes” were desirable. This was of course bearing in mind that universities teach a very wide range of disciplines – probably more that are scientific based than ideologically more “flexible” humanities or law. Equally, according to Professor Benatar, there was no easy way around the reality that only a small proportion of local school leavers were really suitable for university demands and that short of applying some kind of crude social engineering to force university racial demographical change, it was “wishful, delusional thinking” to imagine staff and student demographics would change rapidly at UCT. There was much in Professor Benatar’s presentation that was fresh and logical regarding taking a clearer and rationally argued set of position on “transformation” and curricula change – unfortunately there is not the space here to do his talk justice; nonetheless the boys attending

listened to and questioned him with clearly great interest.

On 12 August well known South African historian RW Johnson addressed a large gathering of the History Society regarding his latest book: *How long will South Africa survive? The Looming Crisis*. Bill Johnson, as he is better known, gave the boys a fairly complex lecture in recent SA economic history whereby he explained, amongst many other points, how the government over the past 20 years has spent very heavily on securing the unquestionable loyalty of “deployed cadres” in the public service and in public political office, while also repeatedly raising a comparatively high state expenditure on civil service salaries, plus the widely utilised social grants by the poor – these also all partly aimed at bolstering political loyalty. Along with a disturbing trend by the government to advance tribalism and African nationalism to the current president’s advantage, SA is weighed down by complicated labour law including that which is racial in conception, which inhibits both local and overseas investors. Bill Johnson in short, postulated that within two to five years the SA government, with huge reluctance, would have to accept an International Monetary Fund bail-out, inevitably accompanied with strict conditions regarding labour laws and future state spending. The boys asked many questions and were encouraged by myself to consult the book in order to attain a deeper understanding of the issues discussed.

We will probably have another History Society meeting before the terms end; it will be Chairperson Aiden Bizony’s last meeting after two years in this position. Besides often ‘fetching’ speakers from in front of the

Memorial Chapel, and introducing them to attending members, besides regularly reminding me of things still to be done, Aiden brought several innovative features into the society's marketing and administration, including keeping a very detailed spreadsheet recording meeting attendances and creating a Facebook page for the Bishops History Society. Certainly Aiden has been the most 'techno-savvy' chairperson over the past 12 years of the society's existence. Aiden has been a most active, reliable and helpful History Society Chairman to work with.

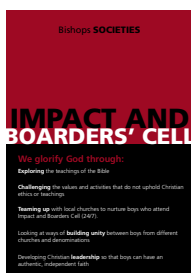
Rodney Warwick

IMPACT Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr K. Warne

Impact is the name given to the acting Christian Union at Bishops, a society which meets every Wednesday open period in the library.

We aim to make an 'impact' on the school and in the community around us in the name of Jesus. We meet weekly to strengthen our faith in God and explore what it means to have a meaningful relationship with Him, celebrating the life we've been given. In addition to weekly meetings, we occasionally organise evening gatherings, participate in other Christian events and socials with other schools in the vicinity of Cape Town. The Impact Café held last term was a great success. Impact hosts the Impact Café outside the library termly, and apart from the usual accompaniment of pancakes, muffins and coffee. It was also a wonderful opportunity to talk to other people



and share the Word of God while at the same time raising some money for charity. Impact was privileged to be invited to join Rustenburg and Rondebosch on their annual camp held at the Rocklands Centre in Simon's Town. After an entertaining weekend enjoying the facilities, powerful worship and the awesome talks given by guest speakers while meeting and bonding with other Christians from the schools, it was clear that everyone returned refreshed and revitalized after a weekend filled with the presence of God. Each term a joint event is held which brings together all the CUs from the surrounding schools. These have been a great opportunity to interact with CU groups from the other schools. These are hosted alternately between Herschel and Bishops every term. We have gained incredible insight and knowledge about how we should be living our lives for Christ. Interacting with other schools has been very helpful with the growth of our society as we have adopted new ideas, met amazing people and has given us vision of where and how to move forward. The impact organising committee members for 2015: **Daniel Tate, Drew Turpin, Nathan Flemming, Nicholas Janisch, Carl-Philipp Lehmann, Josh Smith**
Keith Warne

INTERACT Chairperson: *Saadiq Brey* Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr P. Hyslop

The Bishops Interact Society has many success stories to tell this year. Thanks to our motivated head of



Interact for 2015, **Saadiq Brey**, we have had a committed team of 56 boys helping people in the broader Cape Town society. In the first term, we hosted the annual Fun Frenzy event where we celebrated Rotary's 110th birthday and invited other local Interact Clubs to erect stalls and entertain underprivileged children with activities such as face painting, touch rugby, obstacle course racing, etc. Some of the Bishops Interact members supported the BRIC 25-hour Cyclothon held at the V&A Waterfront in aid of Habitat for Humanity. They were able to build an entire house (R 50 000) with the funds raised from the event. Later that term, three interactors went on a district Interact Camp. In Term 2, our major initiative was the Femme Kits Project. Our aim was to provide underprivileged school girls with essential toiletries. The toiletries collected were packaged into a box called the "Femme Kit". Thanks to the support of the Bishops Community, this project was extremely successful and we were able to provide hundreds of school girls with a Femme Kit. In Term 3, we were fortunate enough for Rotary to accept and fund our R15 000 project proposal for Koeberg Primary School's library refurbishment. Since then, we have had Interact work parties at the school and the project is nearing completion. Koeberg will also be supplied with a computer, barcode scanner and software to manage their stock and the lending of books. Simultaneously, a book drive at Bishops College collected ±1400 books for their Library. Also in Term 3, our Interact members took part in the One-to-One event for mentally challenged folk held at the Milnerton Trade Centre. From 08:00 till 16:00, our stall was a popular attraction with the guests thoroughly participating in the

throwing game and receiving a prize for their efforts. Interact is also involved in other regular service projects. On one Thursday afternoon per month, a group of members help to pack food parcels for child-headed families with the St Thomas's Church Fikelela Task Team. We also meet with Rustenburg Girls' High School pupils on some Friday afternoons to clean up the Black River. 2015 has been an extremely successful year for Bishops Interact. This is largely due to the continued support of the Bishops community. Thank you Bishops!

James Wilson (Head of Communications)

INTERNATIONAL

Chairperson:

Edward Murphy

Teacher-in-Charge

Mr P. Court

Our first speaker in

2015 was **Vernon**

Wood who spent the

evening sharing all

sorts of interesting and entertaining stories and

insights with us from the travelling experiences he had through Europe and America during his long leave last year. It was most informative and enriching to 'see the world through his eyes'.

He encouraged the boys to take opportunities when they come their way. **Mark Mitchell**

was back in South America in January this year to climb Aconcagua (6960m). He came to tell us about his incredible 16-day journey on this stunning mountain. Through thorough preparation, attention to detail, a great deal of stamina, fortitude, guts, hard work, grind and a dose of luck Mark made it safely to the summit and back. He spoke of great companionship, severe cold, gale force winds, spiritual times and



all the other ingredients of an expedition of this nature. One of the quotes he left us with was 'Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing' (Barry Finlay). **Cai Nebe** (OD and past member of the International Society) joined us in term 2 to tell us about his university exchange experience in the United States and about the lengthy road trip he did across the country at the end of his stay. The boys were interested to hear about exchange opportunities that are available at university level. Cai's road trip took in so many well-known sites, but also lots of interesting and beautiful places most of us did not know about. **Ram Barkai** and **Toks Viviers** (both current Bishops parents) gave us a fascinating talk about ice swimming! Together with some other Cape Town swimmers they started the International Ice Swimming Association and have swum in icy waters around the world. The challenge is to swim an Ice Mile unassisted with a pair of goggles, cap and standard swimming costume in water that is below 5°C! It was very interesting and informative for the boys to hear all about what it takes to participate in an extreme sport: planning, preparation, team work, grit, camaraderie, calculated risk and so on.

Phil Court

LINGUA FRANCA Teacher-in-Charge:

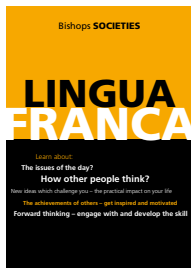
Dr P. Murray

The first talk of this season was given by **Dr Anthony Makin**, a parent in the College. He spoke about his involvement and experiences as a current affairs



Dr Anthony Makin

documentary producer and director working in the Middle East for the last decade or so, covering the Iraq War, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States and of his experiences, including meeting and interviewing the head of the Saudi Intelligence. The stay there and the work he did informed his knowledge as to the root causes of the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and the creation of the Islamic State (ISIS). The analysis he gave the members of the society was truly riveting and enabled them to appreciate the immense complexity of the topic. The second talk of the season was by **Dee Ferrandi** (OD) who is in his Honours year in Economics at UCT. The topic of Dee's address to the members was to provide an overview of options other than the normal ones which so many of our boys at school go for once they go up to university. It might be, according to Dee's analysis, that factors other than



purely financial will generate greater utility and enjoyment for their careers and this in turn would lead to an overall happier life. As one can see from the above two talks, the boys have been very fortunate to be exposed to brilliant speakers sharing complex information that will enhance their awareness in these fields.

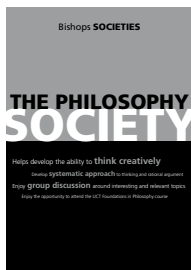
Paul Murray

PHILOSOPHY

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mrs C. Douglas

The society aims to create interesting, interactive discussion about a variety of topics and to inspire students to think critically. Last term was the busiest of the year and, as a result, we only had one meeting. During the meeting the society watched short videos about Artificial Intelligence (AI), followed by a discussion. The discussion dealt with many facets: the morality of creating an AI, how the world would change if AI existed, and whether humans would be safe. 12 society members attended the Foundations in Philosophy course run by UCT Philosophy Department over three Thursday evenings. The topic this year was, 'Should we believe in God?'. Certificates were awarded to those boys who wrote an essay on completion of the course. On Monday 24 August members of the Philosophy Society attended a talk hosted by the South Africa Institute of International Affairs. Msusi Maimane spoke on *Restoring a Foreign Policy based on Human Rights* -



particularly in relation to Africa. An interesting and stimulating question and answer session followed the presentation.

Lloyd Jones

TEN CLUB

President: *Mr V. Wood*

Secretary:

Jonti Oehley

Four times this year, the members of the Ten Club have sat enraptured by one of the other member's presentations. These meetings were enjoyed with pizza and scrumptious desserts and were graciously hosted in the Mr Wood's home. Two members presented at each meeting and each presentation was around 20 minutes long. Preparing these presentations was a lesson in itself, and will come into great use later in life. With an incredible variety of topics, the presentations this year were riveting and sparked much discussion and debate afterwards. The Club kicked off the year dispelling myths about psychology and learning tips from **Michael Thomson** about how to get smarter. We hear and use sound every day to communicate, but **Soo-Min Lee** taught us about how sound can be weaponised to form effective crowd control devices. **Liam Cook** spoke about his life in China and the lessons we can learn from their society and ideals. **Sam Jeffery** talked about social construction and to what degree our world is made by the joint understanding of it. We spend our lives working and playing, but never stop to think about what our consciousness



actually is. **Josh Knipe** presented on this thought provoking topic. **Jonti Oehley** did his presentation on taste and how your other senses, not only taste, affect the final flavour of food. What is the true value of human life? **Christian Cotchobos** gave a presentation on the relative value of human life. **Stefan Ranoszek** gave his very interesting presentation on the economics of sex and the effects and economic value it has in society. We will soon hear from **Desmond Fairall** and **Jeremy Wilkinson** at our next and final meeting. As per tradition, this last meeting will also be attended by the parents of the Ten Club members. It has been a stimulating and thought-provoking year and an experience that we will all remember.

Jonti Oehley

WRITING

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mrs N. Freund

The Writing Society aims to help boys improve their writing skills within a workshop environment, and to create a space to practise writing and receive constructive criticism.

This is a new society that was only formed partway through the 2nd term. It was held every second week and, as a result, we didn't have many meetings. We started out looking at the various elements of writing a good short story and how to improve on them.

We plan also to look at poetry, transactional writing, essay writing, and flash fiction, amongst others.

Nella Freund

COLLEGE SPORT

GOLF

2015 proved to be an excellent year for Bishops golf. 2015 also brings the 'end of an era' as we bid farewell to the Cruickshank family. The **Cruickshanks** have been synonymous with golf here at the College for the past 13 years as **Chad**, and subsequently, younger brother, **Cole** (our present Captain of Golf), have done duty with distinction.

Cole's exploits on the golf courses of South Africa have been nothing short of wonderful. He represented his school and his province with distinction. He captured numerous junior titles throughout this year alone and continues to work hard at his game. Cole currently plays off plus two. His 5th place at the International Dainfern Challenge was commendable when

one considers that he was up against boys who play full-time golf at the likes of the TUKS Sports Academy and the Ernie Els Golf Academy. Most recently, he successfully defended his title at the Bishops Golf Champs and Inter House Challenge held at Royal Cape Golf Club. Cole won this title in his Grade 10, 11 and 12 year – a remarkable achievement!

At the time of writing, our 1st team has lost only one match in the league. Our second team has similarly only lost one match while our third side played eight, won four, lost three and drew one, playing in the B-league! We are encouraging our boys to play golf throughout the year. To this extent, we have joined forces with THE GOLF LAB in Steenberg where boys will receive coaching and play indoor golf



Mervin Walsh congratulates Cole Cruickshank - Bishops Golf Champ 2015

on a variety of courses throughout the year – even at night!

Duncan Cruickshank deserves special mention for his support of Bishops golf. He set a great example for other parents to follow and many of the wonderful prizes that the boys were able to walk away with from our golf days were thanks to his generosity. Special mention must also be made of Mr Glen Gibbon (2nd team) and Mr Joc Wensch (3rd team) for their support and encouragement throughout the season. Congratulations to all!

Mervin Walsh

HOCKEY

2015 has been an exciting year for Bishops Hockey. It has seen the opening of the magnificent new pavilion and stands, coupled with a new water-based synthetic turf. We can now boast a world-class facility – so much so that international sides have expressed interest in holding summer camps on our turf (the Chinese are bring two sides out in February 2016). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Council and Executive for their support in seeing this vision come to fruition.

BISHOPS WP REPRESENTATIVES:WP U18A: **Justin Nel, Lloyd Gardener, Tom Richardson, Dayaan Cassiem and Wesley Gardener**WP U16A: **Idrees Abdulla, Malachy Barbour and Bulelani Ngqukuvana**WP Disa U18: **Chris Rhode**WP Disa U16: **Liam Dicker, Daniel Nelson and Tom Warren**WP Disa U14: **Chris Clarke, Ziggy Dalton and Kieran Seggie**

Due to the delayed construction work, our pre-season was slightly curtailed. The 1st team, U16As, U15As and U14As made use of the UCT turf in preparation for the usual festivals over the Easter holidays. The 1st team travelled to St Suthian's for the Easter Festival before returning to host successfully the Independent Schools Hockey Festival – held jointly at Hartleyvale and on the brand new Woodlands turf. The U16s travelled to St Andrew's, the U15s to York and the U14s to Uplands for their pre-season festivals.

From an organisational point of view, Bishops Hockey has fielded 14 hockey teams this year. We have continued to enter three U15 sides and three U16 sides in the U16 league – with mixed results. We also negotiated a reciprocal arrangement with UCT where Bishops has made use of their turf in the afternoon and UCT has used the Bishops turf in the evening. This has meant that all teams have at least two hours on synthetic turf, with the A and B teams having three hours and the 1st team four. Each team has at least two “staff” attached to it, either coaching or managing or both. Mr Wayne Hendricks has continued this year as a full-time goalkeeping coach and video analyst. Mr Jason Mulder remains the 1st team assistant coach, but has extended his role to that of technical coach and has provided valuable input with the junior sides.

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.

A number of Bishops' hockey players played in various representative teams during the June holidays. While the U18 Western Province teams performed below expectations, the U16A side did well to defend their title at the respective interprovincial tournaments.

As a result of their excellent performances in these tournaments, Bishops Hockey is very proud to congratulate **Dayaan Cassiem** on his selection to the U18A SA Schools team and **Tom Richardson** on his selection to the U18B SA Schools team. In addition, **Idrees Abdulla** and **Bulelani Ngqukuvana** were selected to the SA U16 High Performance Squad. Team reports and results will be published in the next edition of the magazine.

Sean Henchie

ROWING

Several grade 9s attended a residential camp hosted at Eton College and the rowing course at Dorney Lake in the United Kingdom at the end of the June/July holidays. This is the fourth year that Bishops rowers have attended the camp, which has proved to be

very successful for the development of the boys, showing in the results locally following their return. Three boats took part in the annual 'Melk Run' on the Berg River just upstream from Velddrif. It is a 22km race. Bishops entered an U19 4x, a composite U19 8, with boys from Rondebosch and SACS, and an U15 8. The composite 8 finished first with the 4x narrowly finishing second. It was a lovely, relaxed event where all kind of crafts came and enjoyed the festive event. The Club recently took delivery of the first ever coxless four. This will be a new event introduced to the SA Schools Rowing Programme from 2016, following the success of SA in this event at World and Olympic level. The 1st VIII is currently preparing for their tour to the USA to race in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Massachusetts. The event is the biggest annual regatta in the world drawing entries from schools, clubs, universities and national crews from all rowing nations. This is Bishops' first-ever appearance at the Regatta and our boys will be racing in the Men's Youth Eight and Single on the 18th of October.

Samuel Wells

RUGBY

This article simply serves as a brief outline of our rugby programme and the main summation of the season happens in the next edition.

We remain first and foremost an academic institution that does a whole range of wonderful, dynamic and extraordinary things, including rugby as one of them. We are very comfortable with the fact that we will not be in the top echelon of rugby schools in South Africa on a regular basis. That would just not be realistic and frankly superfluous. What we

desire is for our boys and teams to be properly coached, conditioned and motivated to play our particular brand of rugby synonymous with the school's history, and for the boys to always play with passion, pride and enjoyment.

We have 16 academic staff members who are either managers or coaches. We are extraordinarily lucky in that all our A teams have a teacher on board to manage, as well as a coach for each team. In most teams we also have two outside coaches (most ODs or stooges) to assist the teacher-in-charge. Each one of these teachers has a steady head of experience and is wholly passionate about the game and how we play it. One only has to watch the practices and matches of the U14Ds and Es or the U15Ds to appreciate the really good things happening even in our lower age groups. On top of this, we have Wes Chetty (scrums and lineouts) and Mike Bayly (backline and skills) who work with all the sides as professional coaches, coaching the coaches while also adding input in all areas. All in all, we have 48 people involved in coaching and managing our 19 sides or 135 boys! That's quite an investment.

Rugby is both gloriously graceful as well as being an uncompromisingly brutal game at times. Medical support is critical. We are blessed to have such a wonderful medical support team. The fabled Doc (Dr Geoff Huber) who is on duty every Saturday for home matches from 8am to the end and for all 1st XV away matches (including tours). On top of this, Doc also works at UCT rugby matches every Saturday! He has been the face of our match day medical programme for years now. Also working tirelessly behind the scenes are Gerald Muller and Megan Petrie, our physiotherapists. They work on a daily basis

running their practice from Bishops, but also have the same hours and functions as the Doc on a Saturday. We also have an ambulance and eight professional paramedics on duty every Saturday morning who are supported by about ten of our qualified first aiders. We also have our resolute sanatorium sister, Sharon Hicken, on duty every afternoon, just in case. Our boys are definitely well looked after.

Conditioning of our boys is an area I have a huge concern about. I say this on the back of Mr Richard Smith's research conducted during Life Orientation using base line and progression testing from grades 8 to 10. Simply, he has found that the gap in conditioning between our elite athletes (A team sportsmen and above) and the others is polarising at an alarming rate. The mass of our boys is becoming less and less conditioned and more sedentary. Draw your own conclusions as to the reasons why. Despite this, we have a conditioning coach, Steve MacKintyre, and a biokineticist, Tiaan Campher, on board. Both work with our A team squads during pre-season and in-season. Our gym is just not capable of dealing with the mass demand so our conditioning programmes in rugby are focussed sadly only on the elite teams! The pole gym, at the back of the Piley Rees field, has been revamped to help all teams with their in-season conditioning. Wouldn't it be wonderful if boys had to attend cross-fit gym sessions for structured conditioning classes during Open Period or after school on their non-sporting days in a massive gym space built primarily for this process? I think all our sport would wholly benefit.

In any match it is difficult, if not impossible, for coaches to notice and remember all the key events happening in the match, armed only with our innate powers of observation.

Thanks to the Bishops 'Rugby Supporters' Club who paid for R50 000 worth of top quality equipment to make this possible. Each age group has a camera and tripod with all the required APPS to improve this method of feedback and analysis.

Reffing has become a colossal challenge due to the ever growing complexity of the laws, safety issues and fewer crowd annoyances. Thankfully, we have a few stalwarts who have supported us in this endeavour, but more and more we have to get in professionals and obviously reimburse them. This has meant that it has become essential to encourage our boys to get involved and thus far we have three very promising grade 11 lads who have qualified themselves through the union and reffed a number of games at the College and at the Prep. We will be looking to develop this programme and create a formal BRC (Bishops Refs Club) by 2017 where boys who are unable to play rugby due to injury can choose to join the club as a sports option or just join and continue to play their sports. They will condition, train and analyse. This is a very exciting development. I do hope to see a vast number of our games in the future being reffed by our qualified and knowledgeable boys. Who will be our first International ref?

Angus Firth

The processes we are putting in place take time and the players only really grasp the many skills needed to play rugby the way we want them to in the open age group. One only has to look at these results to realise it is working. We encourage the boys to play our brand of rugby from an early age. Our highly-skilled, fast-passed support base game is a huge challenge for the boys and many mistakes are



U14 A just after dawn kick-off on the Sahara

made, especially at the younger age groups. This is all part of the process because, at the end of the day, our boys love playing this way. There is great enjoyment and a freedom to be able to make their own decisions during a match. Of course, we play to win, but it is more important for us to play Bishops rugby and win than to grind out wins playing unattractive, structured and boring rugby. There is no enjoyment in that!

Despite the losses, all taken gallantly of course, and some of the momentous victories, thus far we do believe that Bishops rugby is in a good space. Amongst players and coaches, passion, enjoyment and especially pride in our rugby abounds despite the difficulties we face. One just needs to look at the U14As, in

particular, who despite massive misfortune have shown unbelievable courage and fortitude to arrive week after week, figuratively bleeding, from the weekend to practice with full commitment and with a smile ... amazing! They have remarkably improved as a team.

Mike Bayly

SQUASH

The 2015 squash season has been a successful one, on all counts, with Bishops entering ten teams into the Western Province Youth squash leagues. The two teams in the Super League – who play their matches on Thursday evenings, at Bishops – have both done well. They had the better of Wynberg and SACS in each term, but fell short of toppling Rondebosch

from their perch this time around and lost narrowly to Paarl Boys. The enthusiasm for squash and the talent coming through the school now, though, augurs well for the future of these encounters.

The College was also well represented in the IPTs in July. Four of our players represented WP at U19 level: **Stefan Ranoszek** and **Peter Brink**, in the A team, and **Alex Green** and **Ross Nelson** in the B team. At U16 level, **Glenn Yates** and **Jonathan Greyling** represented the A team, and **Ibrahim Kerbelker** represented the B team. It is also encouraging to see a number of boys represented at U14 level. **Charlie Yates**, **Nicholas Gleeson** and **Timothy Wright** all represented the A team, and **Kenau Vith** represented the B team. Many other players are waiting in the wings as well to make sure that next year we look to be the top squash school in WP.

Individually, as well, these boys had a successful time. **Glen Yates** must be congratulated on his number one ranking in South Africa at U16 level and his superb results at the IPT. An excellent achievement. Also deserving of mention is younger brother Charlie, who was ranked number 10 in the country in the U14 age group.

Our various teams have performed well in their respective leagues, with both the U19A team and U15B team winning their leagues and our super league teams ending second and third respectively. It is also interesting to note that all four junior teams ended in the top two positions in their respective leagues – another indication of the depth of squash at Bishops and the fact that we can look forward to the next few years with eager anticipation. In a few years this group of talented players should

inspire others to play better squash as well.

Approximately 100 boys play squash as a winter sport at Bishops. We have excellent facilities – no other school has five courts of their own to practise on. The coaching staff was bolstered this year with Daniel Thompson training the top six players as well as Lionel White who once again came in to coach some of the beginners in the junior section. We are most grateful to them for their help. Mr Theron, Mr Kerbelker and Mr Russell have continued to work with the juniors and it has been a pleasure to watch the talent pool grow. Mr Knight, Mr Lanser and Dr Murray have worked with the seniors and their hard work reflects some excellent team results. Mrs van Selm has continued to provide assistance with the reserves making sure that they have worthwhile court time. We are also grateful to Mr Pasquallie for driving the teams to away matches on a regular basis.

Overall, the squash at Bishops is in a healthy state and we look forward to the two summer festivals our top players will participate in: The WBHS Stayers in October and then the annual FNB St Andrews Bloemfontein event in February 2016.

David Russell

SURF CLUB

Elands Bay: the Surf Club embarked on the annual Elands Bay surf camp ... just after the very stressful June exam period. The camp kicked off with an early rise on Saturday morning which saw fragile bodies arrive in dribs and drabs to get the bus packed and ready to leave. After the three-hour bus trip, we arrived at our exceptionally pleasant accommodation, unpacked, and headed up the coast in search of a few waves. With low



***Back Row: Dave Mallett, Jeremy Gebers, Tadhg Dewar, Liam Neill, Stefan Olbrich, Aidan Neill, Tristan de Chalain, Jack Harrison and Max Harrison
Front Row: Ivan Stassen, Glen Yates and Tristan Korte***

expectations for the waves, Mr Noel used his local knowledge to pick out a secret spot called 'Bones'. Despite the name, we suited up and decided to take on this absolute gem of a wave. In the evening, after a tiring, but great surf at 'Bones', the 'young guns', consisting of grade 9s and 10s, decided they had enough energy to go out for another surf, leaving the fragile matrices collapsed in the bus!

The next day began with an excruciatingly cold and early start. With chattering teeth, the boys climbed into their frostbitten wetsuits and headed to the Elands Bay point where they were greeted with classic 3-4ft waves rolling down the point. The day consisted of flat-out surfing with a brief break for lunch and then straight back out for another session right up until it got dark.

On our last full day the waves unfortunately didn't quite deliver, but we still made the most

of it with three of us managing to surf in stormy conditions at 'Bones' and then heading back to Elands Bay for a fun afternoon session. The day finally ended off with the ever-enjoyable meal at the local Witmosselpot restaurant.

By the end of the camp everyone was completely surfed out and absolutely shattered, perfectly indicating how successful the camp was. Although the surf was outstanding, what also made the camp so enjoyable was the great food (thanks to Miss Mallett), the usual entertaining campfire chats, messing around when we weren't surfing and just chilling with a great bunch of guys. With this being the matrices' last surf camp, Mr Mallett, Miss Mallett and Mr Noel managed to pull out all the stops in making this our most enjoyable camp yet.

Jeremy Gebers (Surf Club Captain 2014/15)

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