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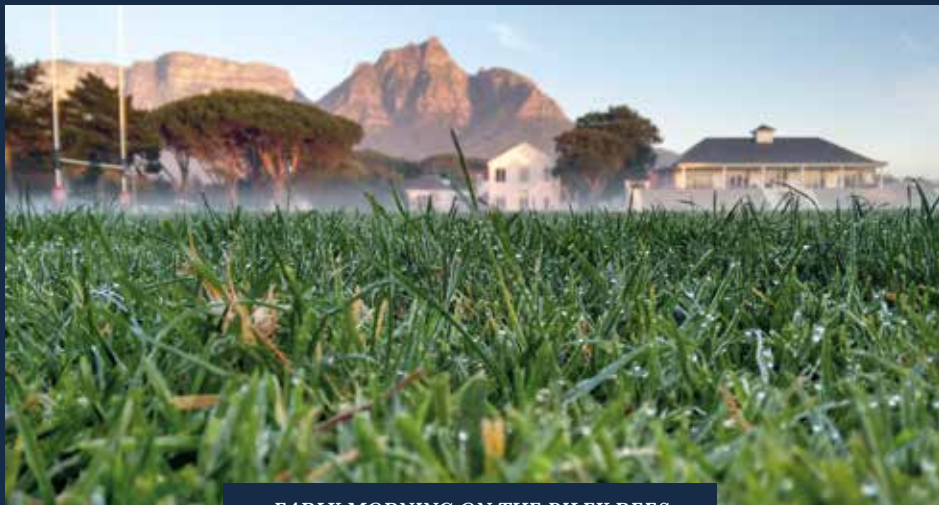
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*EARLY MORNING ON THE PILEY REES  
(Photograph: Matthew Derman, Gr 9, Gray)*

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# COLLEGE NEWS

## STAFF NEWS

**Cheryl Douglas, Warwick Richter, Burgert Maree, Sean Henchie, and Trevor Pasquallie** were away on long leave at various intervals during the term.

We bade a sad farewell to **Vernon Wood**, our Deputy Principal, at the end of the term. He has decided to pursue personal interests and we wish **Vernon**, Betty-Anne and their family all the very best for their future endeavours.

**Peter Westwood** assumes the role of Deputy Principal as of October 2016.

Dr **Stephen Sproule** has been appointed to succeed **Marcus Bizony** as Deputy Head Academics at the College with effect January 2017. Dr Sproule is currently Deputy Head Academics at Penryn College in Nelspruit. **Leon Glanvill** has been appointed to the position of House Director of School House, and **Mark Mitchell** has been appointed to the position of Deputy Head Culture, both with effect January 2017.

**Jannie de Villiers** has been appointed Head of Oakhill School in Knysna with effect 1 January 2017.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Callam Tait** had his English creative work, *The invisible man*, published in the 2016 edition of *English Alive*. 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.

The 2016 UCT Maths Competition had over 7000 entries from 150 schools. The overall result for each school is based on the scores of the top 30 students. This year Bishops was placed second overall. At the Prize Giving for Gold Award winners, Bishops had two pairs and four individuals receive awards: Grade 8: **William Vine-Morris** (4th); Grade 9: **Thomas Warner** (4th) and **Liam Foxcroft** (10th), **Andrew Williams** and **Kenau Vith** (1st as a pair); Grade 10: **Tristan Smith** and **Mark Bergh** (2nd as a pair); Grade 11: **Nicholas Featherstone** (4th). Round 2 of the UCT Mathematics Competition, the UCT Mathematics Challenge, is an invitation to the top 30 individuals and top 10 pairs in each grade. The following boys were invited to participate: Grade 8: **Jonathan Bateman, Steven Du, Robert Dugmore** and **William Vine-Morris**; Grade 9: **Jack Beare, Francois Breitenbach, Liam Foxcroft, Hamish McKenzie, Tomas Slaven, David Straughan, Kenau Vith, Thomas Warner** and **Andrew Williams**; Grade 10: **Mark Bergh, Thomas Janisch, Chris Kotze, Alaric McGregor, Okuhle Minyi, Nivar Rajoo** and **Tristan Smith**; Grade 11: **Christopher Aubin** and **Nicholas Featherstone**; Grade 12: **Nicholas Janisch, Robert Lancefield, Alexander Peile** and **Francois Stassen**. Of these, the following boys qualified to write Round 3, the UCT Mathematics Olympiad: their rankings after

Round 3 are: Grade 8: **Steven Du** (Participation 22nd), **Robert Dugmore** (Participation 15th), **William Vine-Morris** (Participation 20th); Grade 9: **Liam Foxcroft** (Bronze Award 11th), **Thomas Warner** (Participation 16th); Grade 10: **Okuhle Minyi** (Participation 20th); Grade 12: **Alexander Peile** (Participation 23rd).

**Ahmed Dhansay, Nicholas Janisch** and **Nabeel Goolam-Mohamed** represented the College at the Annual Minquiz, which is a science and maths related quiz held under the auspices of Mintek – the Council for Minerals and Technology in South Africa. They were entered in the Platinum section of the competition, which is the top tier of a two-tier structured competition and came second overall in the final oral quiz. **Nicholas Janisch** was awarded a Certificate of Distinction for achieving between 70% and 79% in the written section, while **Ahmed Dhansay** was awarded one of only three Certificates of Excellence for achieving over 80% in the written section. Bishops was also awarded a cash prize for the second place achievement of these young men.

**Ahmed Dhansay, Nicholas Janisch, Andrew Mc Adam** and **Angus Thring** were invited to the 52nd Youth Science Focus Week in Pretoria. This event hosts the awards ceremony for the National Science Olympiad. **Angus Thring** was placed 1st overall, with a score of 86%, beating the runner up who scored 79% by a significant margin. **Ahmed Dhansay** was placed 3rd, and **Andrew McAdam** and **Nicholas Janisch** were placed in the Top 50.

**Kwangbem Ko** won 3rd prize in the 2016 School Science Essay Competition, hosted by

the Royal Society of South Africa. His essay was in the category 'What advances in robotics and artificial intelligence could impact on youth employment in South Africa'.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Jack Belcher, Arthur Fisher, KB Ko, Stephane Pienaar, Daniel Tate** and **Alexandros Vavatzanidis** were awarded Full Music Colours. **Cameron Braun, Terry Kim, Jeff Malherbe, Theodore Psillos, Kamal Sacranie** and **Nikolaos Tapanlis** were awarded Half Colours. The following boys did exceptionally well in the piano section of the Cape Town Eisteddfod achieving Gold diplomas: **John Steyn, Miles Boeddinghaus** (2), **Michael Wilson-Trollip** (2) and **KB Ko** (4). Also at the Cape Town Eisteddfod, **Michael Wilson-Trollip** was awarded the Burgess Simpson Cup for Best Performance (16 years and over); **Miles Boeddinghaus** was awarded the Burgess Simpson Cup for Best Performance (14 years and under); **Leo Gevisser** was awarded the Cape Town Eisteddfod Award for Most Diplomas (14 years and under); and **KB Ko** was awarded the Victoria League Prize for Best All-round entrant, the Nine Club Award for the Best Performer (16 years and over), the S.A.S.M.T. Trophy for Best Violin Recital (13 to 18 years), and the Cape Town Eisteddfod Award for Most Diplomas. **Jack Belcher** made it through to the Senior Final of the Johann Vos Music Competition. He will compete against three other musicians for the prize at the Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre. **Leo Gevisser** has also been invited to play the violin in the Hugo Lambrechts Concerto Festival following an audition. He will perform the first movement of

Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto in C major with the Festival Orchestra.

**Sebastian Prevost** and **Joshua Gray** have been appointed as Molteno Resource Centre monitors.

**Boyd Kane, James Wilson, Philip Morkel-Brink** and **Davis Her** were awarded Full Visual Arts Colours. **Luca Powell** was awarded Half Colours.

## SPORTING AFFAIRS

**Liam Foxcroft** and **David Naude** were awarded Full Climbing Colours by the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation (WCPSP). Both competed in the U15 Boys' Category at the National Bouldering Championships, with **Liam** achieving a Bronze medal, and **David** achieving a Gold medal.

At the Western Province Fencing (FWP) Ranking Three Competition, **Mark Bergh** won bronze in U20 epee, **Alaric McGregor** won gold in cadet foil, and **Mark Bergh** won silver in the same event. **Garry Christian** won silver in minims epee and **Matthew Bradley** won bronze in the same event. The fencing tour to Germany during the holidays was a great success. Nine fencers accompanied **Jacky Withers** to Tauberhofsheim Olympic Fencing Centre, in Germany, where they experienced world class private coaching and training with members of the German national team. At the Bishops Club Championships, **Terry Kim** won the cup for Best Epeeist, **Jamie Diggle** won the Best Swordsman Cup for foil, and **Carl Philip Lehmann** won the Service Cup. Ogilvie

narrowly beat Mallet in the Inter House final. **Alaric McGregor** was awarded Full Fencing Colours. **Terry Kim** and **Carl Philip Lehmann** were awarded Half Colours. The Captain for Fencing in 2017 is **Jamie Diggle** and the Vice-Captain, **Finbarr Lebona**.

The following hockey players were selected to represent Western Province at Inter Provincial and Regional Tournaments: U18A: **Malachy Barbour, Dayaan Cassiem, Wesley Gardener** and **Christian Rohrer**; U18B: **Simon Kilpin** and **Tyla Scarles**; Disas: **Bulelani Ngqukuvana**; Disas U16A: **Idrees Abdulla** and **Daniel Nelson**; U16B: **James Price**; U16 Disas: **Joshua Elliott, Murray Gordon** and **Okuhle Minyi**; U14: **Ben Cheminais, Conor Dempers, Matthew Guy, Liam Hoffman** and **Conor White**. After these IPTs, **Dayaan Cassiem** was selected to represent SA U18A; **Wesley Gardener** to represent SA U18B, and **Idrees Abdulla** to represent SA U16A. **Dayaan Cassiem** was awarded a Distinction Tie after competing for South Africa in a three match test series against Australia. **Malachy Barbour, Dylan Burke, Dayaan Cassiem** (re-award), **Wesley Gardener** (re-award), **Simon Kilpin, Christian Rohrer** and **Tyla Scarles** were awarded Full Hockey Colours. **Michael Burton, George Meadows, Max Newbury, Bulelani Ngqukuvana** and **Chris Rhode** were awarded Half Colours.

**Max Wolfson** came 1st in the Western Cape Downhill Mountain Biking Series, and 1st in the SA Series. He went on to win the Western Cape Championships, All-Africa Championships, and the prestigious SA Championships.

The following rugby players were selected for Western Province: Craven Week A:

**Lubello Scott**; Academy: **Seb Prentice**; U16 **William Rose** and **Justin Muller**.

The Independent Schools Rugby Festival was held at Bishops during the holidays where 20 independent schools from across South Africa participated. Perfect weather conditions, super support and some stunning running rugby contributed to a very successful event. Bishops 1st XV played three matches beating Eton 62-12 and Hilton College 35-31 and losing to arguably the strongest side at the festival, Kingswood 24-34, in a very exciting match. **Christopher Mewett** was chosen to represent Bermuda (his country of birth) at the U19 level in rugby. He played in the North American/Caribbean tournament in Miami and has been asked to make himself available for future tournaments.

The U15A and B squash teams are first and second respectively in the WP U15A league, at this stage, and at the recent Western Province Closed Tournament, **Glenn Yates** and **Greg Medcalf** won the U19 and U14 events respectively. Squash players selected for Western Province teams: U14: **Greg Medcalf**, **Adam Morkel**, **Luke Shuttleworth**; U16: **Jonathan Greyling**, **Charlie Yates**, **Nick Gleeson**; U19: **Glenn Yates**, **Ibrahim Kerbelker**, **Calven Wilson**. **Glenn Yates** played at No. 1 for Western Province at the squash IPT and was selected as one of the top five players in the country at U19 level. He represent the SA Schools' team on their tour to Malaysia. He was awarded his Distinction Tie. **Greg Medcalf** and **Adam Morkel** were selected to the SA Schools' U14 team.

**Michael Houlie** was selected to join the South African Olympic Swimming Team on their Italian Training Camp, and went on to participate in the Treviso Competition in Italy. Here he won three Gold Medals in each of his events and set New Championship Records in his age group. In the 50m Breaststroke, his time of 28.57 seconds was a new South African Age Group Record, for boys aged 16. As a result of these achievements, Swimming South Africa selected him to represent South Africa at the Africa Under 20 Youth Games in Angola in December.

**Malachy Barbour**, **Lloyd Wood**, **James Mitchell**, **Chris Mitchell** and **James Murray** were awarded Full Tennis Colours. **Francois van der Merwe**, **Ben Nel**, **Luca Powell** and **Michael Viana** were awarded Half Colours.

**Tom Lee** (U16A), **Robert Young** (U16B), **David Nivison** (U16B) and **Bingo Ivanisevic** (U16B) were awarded Half Colours for Waterpolo. They represented South Africa at an U16 level at a tournament in Malta. **David Nivison** captained the U16B team. **Brandon Burke** was awarded a Distinction Tie for his outstanding achievements. His international South African representation began in June 2015 when he represented SA U16A Waterpolo at the inaugural four nation tournament in Malta. He then represented SA U17 at the 2nd CANA zone Youth Waterpolo Championships versus Zimbabwe in March 2016. He went on to represent South Africa Waterpolo at the EU Nations Junior Men's

Waterpolo Tournament in Vienna in March 2016. The team lost narrowly to Malta by one goal to claim a Silver medal out of 12

European countries. **Brandon** was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament ahead of all the European players.

## AWARDS

### JERSEYS

#### *Academic*

**Dylan Burke** (Grade 12) and **Stuart Mesham** (Grade 12), **Nicholas Bowden** (Grade 11), **Felix Burt** (Grade 11), **Jamie Diggle** (Grade 11), **Kwangbem Ko** (Grade 11), **Gregory Schoeman** (in absentia) and **Nikolaos Tapanlis** (Grade 11), **Ryan Labberte** (Grade 10), **Joshua Elliott** (Grade 9)

### TIES

#### *Distinction*

**Dayaan Cassiem** (Hockey), **Glenn Yates** (Squash), **Brandon Burke** (Waterpolo)

#### *Academic*

**Marcus Knight** (Grade 12), **Warwick Reid** (Grade 12) and **Jason van der Linden** (Grade 12), **Zola Baird** (Grade 11), **Marcus Craig** (Grade 11) and **Andrew McAdam** (Grade 11), **Nivar Rajoo** (Grade 10), **Kamal Sacranie** (Grade 10) and **Logan Tait** (Grade 10), **Francois Breytenbach** (Grade 9), **Jack Clayton** (Grade 9), **Matthew Derman** (Grade 9), **Liam Foxcroft** (Grade 9), **Murray Gordon** (Grade 9), **Jakob Holm** (Grade 9), **Tom Liefeldt** (Grade 9), **Euan Musselwhite** (Grade 9), **Reece Oellermann** (Grade 9), **Tomas Slaven** (Grade 9), **David Straughan** (Grade 9), **Max Tedder** (Grade 9), **Tristan Turner** (Grade 9), **Kenau Vith** (Grade 9) and **Andrew Williams** (Grade 9)

#### *Accelerated Art*

**Thomas Mudge**

#### *All Rounder*

**James Aron**, **David Court**, **Jonathan Pletts** and **John van Niekerk**

#### *Ensemble*

**Jack Belcher**, **Arthur Fisher**, **Giuseppe Guerandi**, **Chris Gruber**, **Andrew Hodgson**, **KB Ko**, **Julian Mort**, **Ben Nel**, **Jack Newman**, **Stephane Pienaar**, **Jonathan Rossouw**, **Nikolaos Tapanis**, **Angus Thring**, **Alexandros Vavatzanidis** and **Alex Williams**

#### *Service*

**Gunther Cloete** (Fencing)



## A FAREWELL TO STAFF

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### **VERNON WOOD**

From the beginning of his time at Bishops, which was at the start of 2009, Vernon was clearly, in Peter Westwood's words, "a dignified, wise, caring and humble person with a wonderful understanding of education and what was really important about people". He joined the school in a new position, that of Headmaster of the College, which meant that he had responsibility for the day-to-day affairs of the College as distinct from the things that run across all three schools, which continued to be the Principal's business. This put Vernon at the head of the Executive Committee consisting of Deputy Heads in charge of Sport, Discipline and Culture, Pastoral, Academic .... so his first task was to understand the Bishops systems and customs. Coming from a large state school to our environment required some major adjustments, and it was remarkable how quickly Vernon was able to adapt. He spent much of his first week listening, talking and asking, but all too soon

there came situations which required real action and we saw some of the leadership qualities that we became used to: he consulted widely and at length, he ensured that everyone had their say and was able to give their opinion without any hindrance or pressure, and while clearly wanting to consider all the advice given to him, he was equally clearly going to make decisions himself and not simply try to negotiate a majority response. While certainly espousing the notion of collective responsibility, Vernon is not a person who would ever want to hide behind it. Despite his experience, he is much more subtle than just a user of established processes: he frequently encourages or initiates a new way of looking at things, his argument being that whatever has worked in the past will not necessarily be the best solution, and each situation has its own individual particularities. That said, process is important, and Vernon is quick to learn lessons and make sure they get applied going forward.

Vernon has always held that a teacher's first responsibility is to their classroom teaching, and he has devoted an enormous amount of energy and time to furthering that philosophy. He has spent many, many periods in classrooms observing and then giving full and constructive feedback to the teacher. He has developed the appraisal system in the school, again consulting widely and ensuring a full conversation rather than decreeing, and always sensitive to the needs of the individual as well as of the organisation. Appraisal is a hard thing to get buy-in for, and it is tribute to the esteem in which Vernon is held that the process is viewed so much more positively nowadays.



***Betty-Anne and Vernon Wood***

“The needs of the organisation” is a key phrase in Vernon’s thinking, but he is also quite clear that our responsibility as a school is unequivocally for the pupils in it, both collectively and individually, and the organisation must always work undeviatingly towards that. In fact quality assurance, not just of teaching but in all aspects of the school, was a huge thing that Vernon was asked to look after, and he managed that superbly. He also earned great praise for the way he organised the International Boys’ School Coalition conference when it came to Cape Town – that involved managing a large team of people from various schools and was a huge undertaking that resulted in what many felt was the best IBSC conference ever.

Vernon’s courage has always been appreciated in doing what was right even when he knew boys (and probably some parents and ODs) would react negatively – the school’s quest for a more friendly and useful junior-senior relationship is one example. In fact there are so many committees and groupings that have benefited from Vernon’s clarity of purpose and wisdom; there are many well-defined tasks that he has had to perform, and there are therefore many areas of the school where things have improved,

or tightened up, because of his inclusion. But where Vernon has been so very successful is in the less measurable but nevertheless real and critical issue of communication. Time and time again a tense situation became resolved because of Vernon’s gentle involvement; so many people (and this includes staff, boys and parents) have had conversations with him in which problems once deemed insuperable have become either insignificant or solvable. He is the one they turn to, and he is the one they trust.

This is a man who is completely without any sense of entitlement and whose decisions are so much more respected because of that: they never come across as from a person exercising power, but always as the considered response of someone who cares. Many parents have found this, feeling after their meeting with him that they got good advice that was designed specifically for them and had their interests at heart. Everyone has been charmed at some time by Vernon’s ability to draw alongside, hear the concerns, share a story, suggest a possible solution ... and, being a true friend and caring for you rather than himself, he would never take offence if you chose to ignore his advice.

There have been pressured times for Vernon, some of them related to his job and some more personal, but he has always managed those with grace and dignity. Something that has earned him the respect of all who have had dealings with him is the way he can be relied on to stick to the real issues and not be distracted by his own personal agendas.

And Vernon has never let anything interfere with our joy in his companionship. Lots of laughs, anecdotes, teasing .... he is great company, and his sense of humour never deserts him. We are certainly going to miss his presence

at our lunch tables. He is, first and foremost, in private and at work, a people person.

So the image that Vernon leaves behind is of a genial, sensitive, endlessly energetic and available man who softened all the edges of the school while also strengthening its internal structure and focus. I think everyone believes that things just 'work' more smoothly than ever, that the relationships between people in all the various areas of the school are much better and freer

than they were, and in many areas we are all much clearer about who is supposed to do what. Processes have been clarified, and in many cases streamlined; but above all, as he leaves us, we feel that our school is much stronger and better than it ever was, and better equipped for the future - and that, simple as it may be to put into words, is a significant legacy, a real testament to the work and personality that Vernon brought to Bishops.

*Marcus Bizony*

## MUSIC

### MUSIC

2016 began with an intensive 10-week period of rehearsals for the College musical, "All Shook Up". This very successful production certainly kept everyone extremely busy. Once the run was over, however, there was no breather as we launched straight into our usual extended performance programme.

Term two started off with the Bishops Grade 10 Rock Band participating in the V&A Waterfront *Band Slam* competition. The audience was most appreciative of the band's spectacular playing performed in spectacular weather as well!

A week later we hosted a concert of Music for Strings and Harpsichord in the Brooke Chapel, given by Prof Shirley Gie and two of our staff members, Barbara Kennedy (Cello) and Lucia di Blasio Scott (Violin).

The following week saw the first lunchtime concert of the year which was presented by the Bishops Rock Bands. The energy associated with the rock band music performed by the two grade 10 bands, (*Yes and No* and *Amplified*) and the grade 9 band (*No Name*) was

phenomenal. What was particularly satisfying was to hear bands that had been properly trained and who were focusing not only on the traditional energetic crash and bash, but also on a sophisticated sense of musicality.

A week later, on the eve of the long weekend in April, the Orchestra and String Ensemble hosted one of our "Rough & Refined" concerts for the parents. These concerts are held at the end of a practice; the aim behind them being to increase the opportunities for ensembles to perform, even though some of the pieces played are not yet up to the usual performance standard (there is always the one exception though, i.e. the Refined part of the programme).

Ears and hearing (and protecting it) are of major concern to most musicians. To this end, we (and the Herschel music students) were privileged to have a visit by Cape Town audiologist Susan Swart. Her hugely successful talk certainly made the pupils acutely aware of the danger of exposure to prolonged loud noise. Many students also realised that, in most cases, audio loss is something that cannot be

repaired. We spent the last part of the talk measuring the decibel levels of instruments as they were played (both solo and combined into ensembles), which certainly gave the musicians a better idea of the (unrealised) sound levels associated with their instruments.

During June a number of boys played in the Cape Eisteddfod; many of them excelled and the following prizes were awarded to Bishops boys:

**Michael Wilson-Trollip:** the Burgess Simpson Cup for Best Performance (16 years and over);

**Miles Boeddinghaus:** the Burgess Simpson Cup for Best Performance (14 years and under);

**Leo Gevisser:** the Cape Town Eisteddfod Award for Most Diplomas (14 years and under);

**KB Ko:** the Victoria League Prize for Best All-round entrant, the Nine Club Award for the Best Performer (16 years and over), the S.A.S.M.T. Trophy for Best Violin Recital (13 to 18 years), and the Cape Town Eisteddfod Award for Most Diplomas.

In April, **Michael Wilson-Trollip** was awarded second place in the Rustenburg Girls High School Piano Festival.

In June the parents and pupils of Bishops were treated to a concert by the music staff of the Pre-Prep, Prep and College. The variety of genres, works and standard of performance was exceptional. One parent even asked what it would cost to put on a concert with this number of professional musicians playing - the mind boggles! Thank you so much to all the staff for their willingness to give up their time to create such a special evening.

The third term launched with the Bishops

Society Music Concert in the Memorial Chapel given by the Big Five Brass Quintet, which includes two of the Bishops Brass teachers. The evening was attended also by a number of the Bishops boys who are currently taking brass lessons – they could not have left this performance without being totally inspired.

At the beginning of the term we collaborated with the orchestras and choirs of both Westerford and Rustenburg in an evening of music making where we explored the music behind films. One of these films was a documentary called *Ocean Voyagers*, with music composed by Grant McLachlan (OD). Grant very kindly gained rights to the film and some assistance with re-editing in order to remove all the music from the original soundtrack, and then he rearranged it for choir and orchestra. The Mallett Centre was transformed into a movie house with the audience sitting, in some places, less than 30cm from the orchestra. We explored film soundtracks from Charlie Chaplin, *Tom and Jerry*, *The Mission* and *Avatar* as well. Both performances were sold out.

A week later we hosted the first ever Vocalist Concert in the newly renovated Hyslop Hall. This evening has been established to give boys who are currently having voice lessons, but who are not subject students, a chance to perform in public. The evening was presented under the title of “Singing in the Rain”, with the boys as the comperes for each part of the evening. Thank you to the vocal teachers for this amazing new initiative.

Each year the Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre holds a Concert Festival. Following an audition process, **Leo Gevisser** was invited to play the violin. He will perform the first

movement of Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto in C major with the Festival Orchestra on 28 August.

**Jack Belcher** (saxophone) made it through to the Finals of the Johann Vos Music Competition. He will compete against three other musicians on the 30th August at the Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre.

We had a number of boys enter the Pieter Kooij Music Competition and two of our musicians, **Leo Gevisser** (Violin) and **KB Ko** (Violin) have made it to the finals.

Over the August long weekend Simply Blue spent the weekend entertaining the

communities of Franschhoek and Hermanus and, in their usual fashion, wowed them.

In the next week we begin the ABRSM practical examinations. This year we have 104 boys being examined over five full school days – this is the largest entry we have had in the history of the Music Department.

The term continues apace as we also host the annual Matric Recital and are in the rehearsal period for the yearly Bishops Composers' Concert, which takes place on 18 October ... and the music-making continues into the fourth term.

*Mark Mitchell*

## RANGER COURSE



Bishops is a great school for many reasons. One thing that helps this school stand out from the crowd is the ability to do activities

far beyond the bounds of the classroom and campus. The Ranger Course is one such activity. It started in 2105 as an educational



bush adventure for Grade 9 moms and sons. A very important component of this educational adventure is the inclusion of a community project.

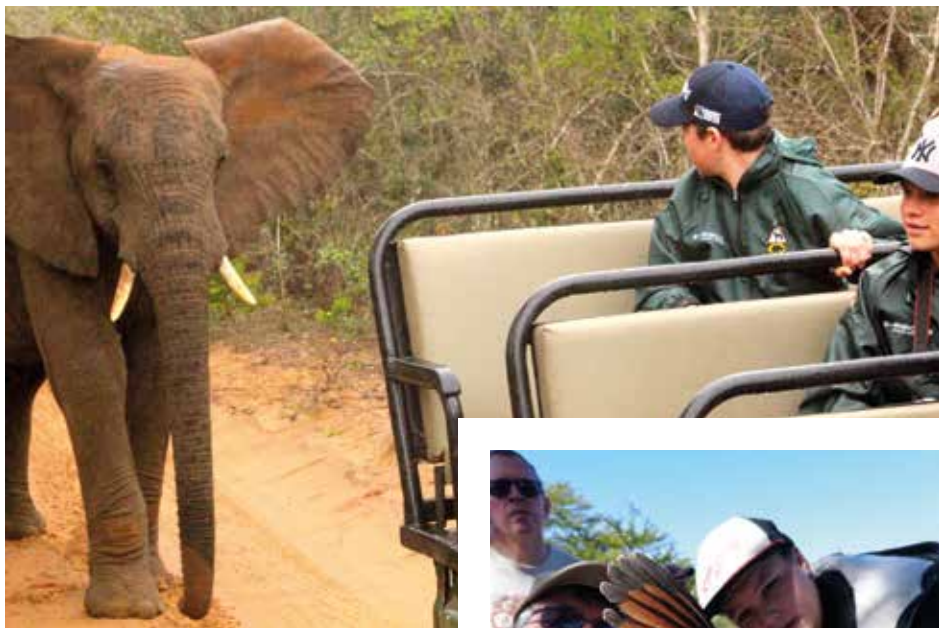
2016 saw a total of 11 boys and 10 moms travel to KZN to complete the Ranger Course. The course is equally divided between two venues: Bayete camp in Phinda and Somkhanda Game Reserve. The Phinda portion focused on geology, archeology and game management, with a number of game drives and talks included. The group ended the stay with a cook-off between moms and sons. The Somkhanda focus was on tracking, bird-ringing, staying at a rather rustic bush camp for one night and community work. The latter was amazing. The group, led by the moms, managed to raise R70 000,00 towards building a pre-school classroom at a very rural primary school called Cotlands. It is a most



inspiring feat and demonstrates the power of the Bishops family in making change happen. Many of the stories and hard work are shared on the following Facebook site: Bishops/ Somkhanda rural school fundraiser.

The group that went on the course were: Amanda Graham and **Aiden Murphy**, Gina and **Cameron Good**, Candice and **Isaiah Wharton**, Jo and **Finlay Casey-Smith**, Tersia and **Jordan Velosa**, Claudia and **Berkley Hollingum**, Belinda and **Murray Gordon**, Alison and **Thomas Warner**, Shelley and **Ross Hyne** as well as Samantha, **Tyr** and **Tane Krauss**. One of the aspects of the course was completing discussion topics (between moms and sons). Megan de Beyer gave input on how this should work. Special thanks must also go to the Godfrey family. Simone Godfrey helped initiate the first Ranger Course and was gracious in





assisting with the logistics on this course. The middle day of the course was the day the groups swapped. Both groups were witness to rhino tagging. The boys who raised money towards rhino conservation were present for the tagging of two rhino calves. The boys helped in the actual tagging process and then went on to Thula Thula Game Reserve. They donated R30 000,00 towards the feeding of a rhino calf that hopefully will be released into the wild in January 2017. Jack van Essen made a video of this. The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5JIlfYQ4rI&sns=em>. Megan Carr was very kind to help the cyclists to get to and from Nkonka. Her commitment to conservation is appreciated.

The dates for the 2017 Ranger Course have been booked. The programme will follow a very similar approach: conservation,



community and the mom/son relationship. By exposing boys of different grades to the natural environment and providing opportunities for self-discovery, this course, the EPIC and White Rhino trail focus on the boys in grades 9 to 11. Eventually we hope to extend various programmes to also include grades 8 and 12.

*Leon Glanvill*

## WORLD FLY FISHING



*Murray Gordon, Anton Volkel and the SA Team*

Spain was the host country of the 2016 World Youth Fly Fishing Championship. The tournament was held in the Galicia region, which is situated in the north-west corner of the country. The South African team, comprising six anglers, arrived a week in advance to practise on the Galician waters. We stayed in a local hotel in the middle of Santiago de Compostela. The competition consisted of five sessions. Each session was three hours

long and fished on a new river. The river was divided into 10 sectors, one for each competitor. Competitors aimed to catch as many fish as possible. Size was also important as competitors got 100 points per fish and then 10 points per centimetre after that.

After our practice sessions we had a rest day to tie flies and prepare for our sessions. The team had a parade through the town that finished with an opening ceremony in





the town centre. The competition started on Wednesday. Our team did very well even though we had some tough beat draws. On Thursday we only fished one session. Friday was our best day as we won the final session. The team finished 6th overall. It

was an educational experience. We were fortunate to experience a new culture, new food and a new lifestyle. It was also great to fish with our Spanish guides and learn new techniques from them.

*Murray Gordon*

## BISHOPS IN BOTSWANA

In the mid-year holiday Phil Court, **Ethan Ellis**, **James Howard**, **Derick Reissenzahn** and **Andre Truter** along with parents Bronwyn Howard and George Reissenzahn set off for a week of camping out under the stars and exploring the Okavango Delta (Chief's Island in the Moremi Game

Reserve). We were transported along the waterways of the delta in mokoros - a most peaceful and tranquil form of transport. We had close encounters with elephant, buffalo, hippo, crocodile, lechwe and reedbeek on the water along with the ubiquitous fish eagle, saddlebilled stork, African jacana and the like.



We went on game walks on the islands, even tracking lions at times! We took turns to keep a fire burning throughout the night and checking that no wild animals strayed into camp: we were

visited by hyena and elephant. The Delta is an extraordinary wilderness area teeming with game and bird life - a very special place to visit.

*Phil Court*

# COLLEGE CULTURE



*Boyd Kane and James Wilson*



*The Accelerated Art Programme hard at work*

## BISHOPS SOCIETIES



### ACCELERATED ART

**Chairperson:** James Wilson

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Katherine Spindler

The Accelerated Art

Programme (AAP) takes place from 2:45pm to 5pm every Friday afternoon, and is open to students of all grades – even if they don't take Visual Arts as a subject. We aim to enrich students with exposure to new mediums, methods and ideas that go much further than general classwork. The class (currently 25 boys) is a profusely productive bunch, thanks to the lively and energetic atmosphere that surrounds every Friday session.

AAP – About Pets: We are already into the third term of the school year, and our first termly project of the year went very well. Having been informed prior to the first session of term 1 of

our theme, we were well prepared to get going as soon as possible. The theme for the term was “Pets” and the group responded excellently to the task at hand. The project involved the studying of photographs of each individual's pet (or any other domestic animal) and making a set of monotypes (a single print taken from a design created in printing-ink on glass or metal) of their specific animal. The project was certainly a success; the boys handled the medium very well, and a staggering number of works were produced in the short duration of the project – they were displayed in the Molteno Library.

There were other exciting and ambitious projects: the second term involved animation in drawing, an eye-opening experience for the Accelerated Art members who worked to create their own short animated pieces as well as a collaborative work.

‘Last Thursday’ was an art exhibit on

25 February 2016, held in the Molteno Library. The artworks exhibited were all created by the boys of Bishops, and the exhibit itself was organised by a Bishops matric boy, **Boyd Kane**. Approximately 35 artworks were on display and many were for sale through a silent auction (similar to that used by the Michaelis art students in their final exhibit). The artists displayed works largely made out of class time, and according to whatever discipline or medium they enjoyed using. Artists who exhibited were, **Matthew McKirby, Michael Beckurts, Tristan Turner, Boyd Kane, James Wilson, Rayhaan Ahmed, Davis Her and Thomas Mudge**. It was a great success and a testament to the quality and diversity of art at Bishops.

*Luca Powell and Boyd Kane*



## **AFRICAN RELATIONS SOCIETY**

**Chairperson:**Akha Manjezi  
**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Ms A. Kritzinger

The society

focuses on the African continent, African economics and social development as well as African politics. The society met twice a month and attended cultural evenings hosted by Springfield Convent and Rustenburg. We also invited speakers to address the society – a highlight would be Craig Charnock's (OD) outstanding talk on the importance of speaking Xhosa, and cultural appropriation versus appreciation. Unfortunately,

due to various planning mishaps, we were unable to host our own cultural evening. I would like to thank **Musa Nyangiwe** (Deputy Chairperson) and **Yazini Dube** (Secretary) for aiding me in leading the society, as well as the other matrics for their efforts. We will soon have an end-of-year function and I wish the incoming matrics the best of luck with their year in charge of the society.

*Akha Manjezi*



## **ASTRONOMY**

**Chairperson:**Lloyd Jones

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr G. Robertson

In April this year, the society toured to Sutherland. This was a much anticipated trip. Twenty-two boys and an exchange student, Chad Palmer, whose host parent, Darryl Vine, brought him through, and Mr and Mrs Robertson, driven by Tony Noon, left on Saturday morning and, four hours later, arrived at SALT, the largest optical telescope in the southern hemisphere. We spent a few hours exploring the gigantic telescope and our



*The Astronomy Society at Sutherland*





guide made the whole experience extremely informative and worthwhile. That evening we enjoyed a braai at the hotel followed by star-gazing, led by local Sutherlander, Jurg Wagenaar. This was a unique experience for the group as we saw the night sky through professional equipment in one of the most renowned star-gazing sites in the southern hemisphere. We could clearly see the red spot of Jupiter. On our return we stopped over for lunch at the historic Matjiesfontein. The tour was a great success and the society hopes that it will become an annual tradition.

*Lloyd Jones*



## **BEE SOCIETY**

### **Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr K. Kruger

As a group of passionate apiarists, we introduced a bee hive to the Bishops campus

in late 2015, and formed a bee society.

The vegetation that makes our school so

picturesque provides a perfect foraging ground for our bees, as well as the many wild swarms that call Bishops their home. We aim to educate Bishops boys about the importance of bees in the environment, as well as to allow boys the opportunity to take part in the fascinating and inspiring experience of tending to bees. Although we have had a few minor issues with the hive, like a hive beetle outbreak, the bees have been resilient and have provided a great learning experience to the society members. Bringing bees to Bishops has been a rewarding experience. We are all now excited to harvest our first batch of honey. We are also planning to present relevant topics to the school, in conjunction with the GIN society.

*Callam Tait*



## **DANCE**

### **Teachers-in-Charge:**

Mr and Mrs P. Court

We have had a most enjoyable 'Dance Society year' this year.



*A night to remember at the  
Woodlands Pavilion*

The group of boys and girls enjoyed one another's company and made good progress in their dancing. The final evening was a formal event in the Woodlands Pavilion with dance cards and various dance competitions. All too soon we were dancing the 'last waltz'.

*Phil Court*



## **DEMOCRITUS**

**Chairperson:** Boyd Kane

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr K. Warne

The third quarter of 2016 has been a good one on the whole

for Democritus. Recently we received the last component needed for the construction of the quadcopter and so what is left is to pull the parts together into one single flying machine. Also, with regard to the projects' side of Democritus, many of the juniors are showing a renewed enthusiasm in the hovercraft project which will, with some planning, result in more drive for that project and innovation from

the boys in developing and continuing the hovercraft project. The interest sessions which make up the majority of our meeting time have also been successful, with the members of Democritus contributing towards video links which are viewed and discussed in the meetings. We have been amazed and inspired by videos and discussions around: 'How to crash into the sun', 'The most dangerous stretch of water in the world', 'Creating artificial intelligence', and 'Prince Rupert's Drop'. At the end of the third term I step down from the position of Chairperson of Democritus. My successor is yet to be elected. It has been a privilege to lead the members of Democritus and I wish the society all the best for years to come.

*Boyd Kane*



## **DRAMA**

**Chairperson:** Mitchell Christy

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr W. Tucker

Our society members were treated to five animated, and

dynamic, workshops over the past two terms. We thank Sunette Strydom and Alastair Kingon (Vice Principal and teacher of the Helen O' Grady Drama Academy respectively) for facilitating three of these workshops and sharing their energy, expertise and passion for their craft with the boys. Theatre sports, improvisation, vocal techniques, monologues and characterisation formed the core of these workshops. We also thank Physical Theatre artist extraordinaire, Richard Antrobus, for sharing his immense talent and words of wisdom in two extraordinary workshops: Character Chaos, and Mime over Matter

— great fun was had by all and a boisterous and sweaty group devoured the Cokes and cupcakes after these 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 2016 Drama category was: 'Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.' G.B. Shaw. The Drama was adjudicated by Melissa Sanderson, Lesley Boxall and Alastair Kingon – 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 Anni Goedhals. We were indeed very privileged to have adjudicators of such high quality again this year.

Kidd House won the Drama Section and Birt House won the Movement Section. The overall Performance Owl winner for 2016 was Kidd House. **Alexander Peile** (Kidd) was named 'Best Actor' and Gray House was awarded 'Best Director'. The 'Best Script' award was won by Ogilvie House. Another excellent year for Drama at Bishops!

*Wayne Tucker*



## FORUM

**Chairperson:** Taahir Bhorat  
**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Dr P. Murray

The meeting featured Adam Fine, Founder and CEO of

Fives Futbol who addressed the society on his experiences in this emerging company, in an ever changing South African market. Mr Fine provided valuable insights into transitioning an established model of five-a-side football, from Britain to South Africa and his experiences with the South African private sector. The focus on social development through his company gave a valuable side to the talk as it alerted the members of the potential for social responsibility. A further point of inspiration was that he started his company at the tender age of 17! The second meeting was not yet held at the time of writing up this report. The planned meeting is for a visiting Senior Mathematics Lecturer employed at Cambridge University, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, to address the society to share something about the life of a university student at St John's College, Cambridge. It is felt that it would be of interest to boys at Bishops to know something about university life, not least, at such a historic academic institution.

*Taahir Bhorat*



## GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK (GIN)

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mrs C. Douglas

The GIN Meeting, held on

17 May, was an extra special

occasion. Bishops hosted the Rock Girls, and delegates from Herschel, Springfield and Reddam. Michelle India Baird is a human rights lawyer and activist who has worked on women's and children's rights for over twenty years. She is also the Rock Girl founder. The Rock Girl Facebook page says the following about the group: 'Rock Girl connects girls and



*The Rock Girls and Michelle India Baird meet Guy Pearson*



women to champions in government, business, the media, sports, fashion, and the arts who can help them design, implement, and fund their projects. Rock Girl seeks to reduce violence against women and girls through the creation of safe places. It empowers girls to stay in school and encourages women to become economically independent so that they

can live healthy and risk-free lives. Through Rock Girl's initiatives, women and girls gain the self-confidence and skills needed to become agents of social change in their own lives. Rock Girl engages boys and men in our efforts to create a safer South Africa.'

In an email to the Principal after the meeting, Michelle India Baird wrote, 'The discussion with the boys and other girls from Herschel, Springfield, and Reddam was lively – and there are plans to have a second session to continue talking and perhaps find some common solutions. For me, it was truly ground-breaking to have teenagers from so many different communities together, boys and girls, talking about some of the biggest challenges facing South Africa. Huge kudos to the boys of the Global Issues Network, to Cheryl Douglas, and to Bishops for making this possible.'



## **HISTORICAL BENCH**

**Chairperson:** Joseph Linley  
**Teacher-in-Charge:** Dr P. Murray

**Joseph Linley** presented the topic for the Historical

Bench meeting in Term 2 of 2016, which was "Brexit. Should Britain leave the EU?" He wrote as follows: "The topic was chosen due to the referendum being held in Britain in July of this year on whether it/they should leave the EU or not. My aim for the talk was to make sure the whole society was aware of a huge event which was about to take place, and which would go down in all the history records. A brief history and introduction of the topic was given to the members of the society, before it was opened up for debate.



Both sides of the argument were thoroughly covered, and there were strong opinions from many of the members on whether Britain should stay or leave the EU. It was my most enjoyable meeting of the year, and everyone enjoyed their Cokes and doughnuts at the end of the meeting.” The second meeting had not yet been held at the time of writing up this report. The planned meeting is for a visiting Senior Mathematics Lecturer employed at Cambridge University, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, to address the society to share something about the life of a university student at St John’s College, Cambridge. It is felt that it would be of interest to boys at Bishops to know something about university life, not least, at such a historic academic institution.

*Paul Murray*



## HISTORY

**Teacher-in-Charge:**

Dr Rodney Warwick

## Military History Tour To France And Belgium Commemorating The

## 1<sup>st</sup> South African Infantry Brigade's Epic Stand At Delville Wood

During two weeks of the past holidays, 15 grade 9s and four grade 10s, together with Dr Rodney Warwick and Mr Warwick Richter, formed the Bishops Military History tour complement which toured predominantly military historically-related sites in France and Belgium. Our chief aim was participating in a centenary commemoration marking the battle of Delville Wood, but also to remember all South Africans who died during the First World War and particularly the 112 OD fatalities. We were visiting northern France

during the numerous other Somme battle commemorations marking 100 years since this massive campaign by British Empire forces to defeat the Germans.

The first part of our tour was orientated towards the Second World War; after landing at Paris we headed for the Normandy region and were located for the next five nights at a basic, but comfortable hotel in Caen. We visited the Caen Peace Memorial Museum, this being the boys' first introduction to the outstanding museum services available in France where every effort is made to curate for visitors of all ages. Static exhibits and technology usage are meticulously combined for effective remembrance and education. French official preservation and remembrance of their past through their heritage industry could teach much to their South African counterparts.

During World War Two directly after the June 1944 Allied D-Day landings, Caen and the surrounding region were at the centre of heavy fighting between German, British and Canadian forces. Other memorable locations visited in this region included the Normandy Beaches of which the highlight was arguably Omaha Beach with its enormous and poignant American military cemetery. Our party was also struck by the American Ranger Monument at Pointe-du-Hov, which after more than seven decades is still vividly pock-marked with craters from Allied aerial bombing and naval shelling. Besides the historical significance, Pointe-du-Hov, like many of the sites we visited, ensured there was plenty of walking that was often rewarded with spectacular views. Throughout the tour boys and staff were on a very full



*The group next to the Tommy statue at the Somme Trench Museum. Because of the historical context the boys were asked not to smile.*



*Kyle Deans and James Frankenfeld mount the Thiepval Memorial during the Delville Wood Battle Centenary Commemoration to lay a wreath of behalf of all ODs killed during the First World War*



*The 2016 Bishops Military History Tour group in front of the Delville Wood Memorial*



*Bishops and Pretoria Boys' High students line up to lay crosses at the Thiepval Memorial during the Delville Wood Battle Centenary Commemoration to commemorate their respective school's First World War dead*

programme and we always returned to our hotel well exercised in both mind and body.

Besides military historical sites our group had many opportunities to reflect upon history connected to Medieval and Dark Ages France. Two related highlights during our time in the Normandy region were

visits to Bayeux where we viewed the 11<sup>th</sup> Century tapestry of the Norman Conquest of England; an historical epic that any educated mother-tongue English-speaker should know about. The other was our visit to the magnificent, but haunting, Mont-St-Michel, founded as a 6<sup>th</sup> century Gallo-Roman



*The 2016 Bishops Military History Tour group at the Thiepval Memoria*

commune, later a French fortress during the One Hundred Years War against the English, and later still a French Revolutionary prison. Not least were our explorations to several magnificent Cathedrals, in Bayeux, Laon, Reims and elsewhere; extraordinary places of worship exhibiting the acute piety of medieval men determined to reach God through buildings of enormous size and Gothic architectural beauty. What a pity our boys and South African students generally, in properly understanding World History, do not get more lesson exposure to the indisputable significance of European historical culture.

At the beginning of the second tour week, we relocated further north to Amiens where we were lodged at a friendly, well-equipped Holiday Inn. En route to Amiens we made an important stop at the Arques-la-Bataille military

cemetery, for here are buried dozens of the men from the South African Native Labour Corps, who felled trees and did other vital war-related labouring work during 1917-18. Like all Commonwealth War Graves Commission sites, this is a beautifully tended resting place for Sotho, Zulu and Xhosa-speaking men who travelled thousands of miles from their African home to serve in a European war in which many perished from illness or drowning during the troopship SS Mendi's sinking in the English Channel. The boys and staff had the opportunity to write messages in the cemetery's Book of Condolence.

During our first foray from Amiens we explored the massive French military cemetery at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette with its thousands of graves and several ossuaries; a sombre testimony to the First World War

human cost regarding the French military. During the afternoon we visited Vimy Ridge, the site of an epic stand by Canadian troops during 1917. Other locations included the Somme Trench Museum and the enormous Lochnagar Crater – the result of a huge mine detonation by Royal Engineers tunneling under the German front on the eve of the first day of the Somme campaign.

We made an important trip into Belgium and to Ypres; a name that echoes the epic and costly fighting by British Empire and German soldiers in this region nearly a century ago. The South African 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade are specifically commemorated on the 9<sup>th</sup> Scottish Division Memorial located on the Frezenburg Ridge about six kilometres north-east of Ypres – this division being commanded by a South African, Major-General Tim Lukin whose statue is located next to the Delville Wood Memorial in the Cape Town Gardens. A kind Belgium tourist official drove me to this point where I was able to locate the approximate site of my great-uncle's serious wounding at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres in September 1917 – Lance-Corporal George William Warwick of the South African Scottish – 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> SA Brigade. At the enormous Thiepval Memorial to 72246 British Empire troops recorded as missing with no known graves, Mr Richter viewed the name of a relative who served with the British Army. The boys' official tour tie includes the badge of the 1<sup>st</sup> SA Infantry Brigade with its Springbok head insignia.

We travelled twice to Delville Wood, this being the place of an enormous South African military sacrifice in mid-July 1916, when the 1<sup>st</sup> SA Brigade in its first action

against the enemy held out against continual German infantry attacks and artillery bombardments, losing 2682 dead or wounded from the Brigade's original strength of 3432. During our visit to this site, known as one of the most beautiful of all World War One Western Front battlefields, we held a short service during which the tour party solemnly read out each name of the 112 ODs killed during the Great War while serving in South African or other British Empire forces. Only around 60 of the Brigade's dead have graves in the Delville Wood cemetery; for most of the South African fatal casualty remains from the battle were lost, buried and disintegrated by shellfire amidst the hell of six days and nights of continual fighting; their grave is effectively the Thiepval Memorial mentioned above.

Thiepval was therefore the appropriate location for a Delville Wood centenary commemoration on Sunday, 10 July; a service organized to accommodate most of the South Africans who had travelled to France for this purpose. This was undoubtedly the high-point of our tour, as alongside various South African veteran and regimental associations, our Bishops boys laid a wreath on behalf of our OD fallen, while other tour parties of boys from Pretoria Boys High and Maritzburg College did likewise. The presence of so many uniformed South African school boys at the commemoration was very well received by the organizers and others in attendance.

**Kyle Deans** and **James Frankenfeld** laid the wreath on behalf of Bishops, followed by each member of our group placing a small cross. Kyle's great-grandfather had been at the Delville Wood battle while James had

earlier during the tour visited the grave of a relative killed on the Western Front.

The following day during our return to Paris's Charles De Gaulle airport we noted the presence of fully armed French Army personnel on duty amidst the crowds – the great-grandsons of the First World War veterans – a reminder of the omnipresent war against Islamist terrorism and testimony to the global reality that during this First World War centenary which prompted our tour, mankind is not done with armed aggression and the need to defend against it. That said, the 2016 Bishops Military History Tour to France was an important, interesting and highly recommended experience for all, students and staff; well done to Mr Richter who put much of the tour organisation together. Our tour hopefully will be followed by other such intended military history excursions for our students.

*Rodney Warwick*



## **IMPACT**

### **Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr K. Warne

Impact is one of Bishops' two Christian Unions (CUs) currently active in the school,

and over the past year has put a big emphasis on growth, both spiritually and numerically, of the society. The group meets up once a week, on Wednesdays at open period, with every week offering something different. Often, invited guest speakers come to give talks on various pertinent topics, and thought-provoking discussions around these topics then follow. Occasionally, we spend the meeting time making sandwiches for

underprivileged schoolchildren as an element of outreach, and the 'sport sessions' have become increasingly popular among the members. Overall, the meetings are always enjoyable, with a great group of boys all united in faith and helping each other to grow closer to God.

In addition to internal activities, Impact has also focused on extending to other CUs around the southern suburbs, and the termly Schools United event is one of such methods. This term's Schools United, hosted at Bishops, provided a meeting point for multiple CUs, where we enjoyed establishing bonds with other people of the same faith outside Bishops, and some powerful worship and discussions surrounding the topic 'Monday to Saturday' Christians. The event also proved to be a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community as members brought unused pairs of socks to help people in need.

A few of the guys from Impact also participated in the 'Not What You Think' CU camp run by the Rustenburg and Rondebosch CUs. The camp ran over the weekend of 10 June at the Simonsberg Christian Centre, and from inspiring talks to passionate worship to relaxed socialising and bonding time, the camp provided a rejuvenating break from busy school life and a renewed urge to continue making a difference in our school and society.

Impact, along with the spirituality committee, has also been working hard during term two and three on a project to place Bibles in the Memorial Chapel. The project involves giving boys and their families the opportunity to sponsor Bibles and in turn

get their names written in their donated Bible. These Bibles will remain in the Memorial Chapel for generations to come. This will allow boys who donate to leave a lasting legacy at Bishops but also all Bishops boys will now be able to refer directly to scripture verses during weekly chapel services.

The current committee has been running Impact for two years, and now the time has come when the younger grades will be taking over the roles in the committee as the Matrics leave us. The committee selection and handover process will take place at our Annual General Meeting later this term. We look forward to seeing Impact continuing to grow in leaps and bounds over the upcoming years under the new committee.

*Keith Warne*



## **INTERNATIONAL Teacher-in-Charge:**

Mr P. Court

Our first speaker of the year was Simon Everingham (OD). Simon spent three

months backpacking on his own through Central America. He started off in Panama City and made his way through Panama, Costa Rica (briefly - because it is the most expensive country in Central America), Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador (also briefly because of the relative crime there), Guatemala and finally Belize. He experienced many highs (stunning scenery, amazing history and artefacts, the good company of fellow travellers, to name a few) and lows (bed bugs, long cold bus journeys, dengue, nasty sand flies, to name a few). It was a most interesting, informative and 'enlightening' evening.

Unfortunately our second speaker for the term let us down at the last minute and so rather than cancel the meeting I gave a talk to the society on Israel. I led a tour to Israel in 2012 and shared photographs and experiences from that visit and previous visits to Israel.

With the US elections taking place this year, we invited Ronald Rock from the US Embassy to speak to us about the whole election process: it is a lengthy, complicated and costly process!

Mr Jannie De Villiers came to tell us about his recent school trip to Russia. The main focus of the trip was to climb Mount Elbrus (5642m) in the Caucasus. It is a beautiful snow-covered twin peak mountain from which you can see both the Black and Caspian Seas. Their itinerary included visits to Moscow and St Petersburg: we were able to get a glimpse into the beauty and grandeur of these two cities through his slide show.

*Phil Court*



## **LINGUA FRANCA Teacher-in-Charge:**

Dr P. Murray

This term's meeting was addressed jointly by Dr Paul Murray and Mr Iain

Buchanan, OD, and proprietor of the farm Mount Camdeboo in the Graaff-Reinet/Pearston area, situated in the Sneeuwerge. Dr Murray presented a PowerPoint presentation on a Karoo farm showing its several dimensions and features, ranging from the way the geology, palaeontology, archaeology, flora, fauna, and human agency, synchronise. Mr Iain Buchanan as an owner



of a game farm explained his vision for the farm. It was to conserve and protect the environment for future generations. He outlined some of the challenges that the environment faces today such as the slaughtering of white rhinos. The second meeting was not yet held at the time of writing up this report. The planned meeting is for a visiting Senior Mathematics Lecturer employed at Cambridge University, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf to address the society to share something about the life of a university student at St John's College Cambridge. It is felt that it would be of interest to boys at Bishops to know something about university life, not least, at such a historic academic institution.

*Paul Murray*



## TEN CLUB

**Secretary:** Redwald Aspinall

**President:** Mr V. Wood

The Ten Club of 2016's meetings have proven to be filled with St Elmo's Pizzas,

a wide variety of desserts and incredibly intellectual 'banter'. Not only this but, in typical Ten Club style, presentations that have been unique, informative, and thought provoking, have been given by each member, leading to lively discussions and debates after each presentation, often extending far beyond the meetings themselves and into the classrooms.

The first meeting was an exciting affair, with **Ahmed Dhansay's** presentation on the future of energy, revolving mainly around nuclear energy. The evening was brought to a close by **Akha Manjezi** with 'The History

of Rap', Mr Wood's personal favourite.

**Redwald Aspinall** began the next meeting with a talk about the life of his grandfather, including his successes in the UK gambling industry, and his involvement in wildlife conservation. **Ziyaad Bawa** continued the trend of ending the meeting off on a 'lighter' note, with his fascinating presentation on the Sneaker Market. **Francois Stassen's** presentation, a few weeks later, was on the changes that the automotive industry faces in the future, and was both enlightening and entertaining. Later that same evening, **Nick Janisch** tried to answer whether or not there is other intelligence in the universe, as he touched on numerous statistics regarding the possibility of us actually coming into contact with them in our lifetimes. The penultimate meeting began with a suspiciously informative presentation on Ponzi Schemes by **Luke Baker**, while **Jonathan Rossouw** set the benchmark for the final meeting of the year, with his in-depth presentation on the internet.

Excitement for the final meeting was palpable as parents arrived eagerly hoping for the quintessential Ten Club experience via presentations by **Daniel Tate** and **Alex Peile**. Dan began the evening on a high with a captivating presentation on how powerful the mind truly is. To end a fine year in the Ten Club, Alex took us on a journey through the history of virtual reality and what exactly the future holds with regards to this exciting topic.

It has been a great year in the Ten Club for all involved, and will be a particularly fond memory of our time at Bishops for the rest of our lives.

*Redwald Aspinall*



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## BISHOPS EISTEDDFOD 2016



*'Creativity is intelligence having FUN'* – Albert Einstein. How often do we human beings ask ourselves to be truly creative? How often, when facing a challenge, do we ask ourselves to dig deep into ourselves to find a truly creative solution, a solution that clears the path to a possible new way of being? Or do we just go with the accepted, comfortable 'for now' solution and, in this process of accepting, do we end up losing out on future opportunities and relationships simply because we have just been too lazy to ask for the 'new' from our intelligence? If this option is chosen we obviously lose out on the potential fun and stimulation of creating new possibilities?

The more I work with the Bishops Eisteddfod the more I realise that it is actually a living organism, a 'being'. As soon as we

think we have solved all the potential problems it seems to present us all with new challenges and learnings – 2016 has been no different.

The level of time and energy put into this yearly celebration by both the staff and boys of Bishops is beyond substantial and the degree of passion shown towards the various activities is truly inspiring. I often wonder if there is any other House activity that unites and challenges the House as the Eisteddfod does. When watching the Inter House Singing one clearly sees 100% involvement; every boy and every choir director has put his entire being into each performance. The sense of commitment is unquestionable: all aim at the same goal – winning the Owl which everyone wants!

A few years ago, one House decided to get creative and make their entrance just a bit



different by making a walk-on video. When this happened people were totally blown away, but it ended up setting the 'new standard'. A new level of ground-breaking, bar-setting, creativity was presented this year at the Inter House Singing when Birt House including astoundingly sophisticated movement in their performances. This year also saw the closest set of results ever in the history of the Bishops Eisteddfod, especially in the Inter House Singing competition where there was only a one-mark difference between the first two Houses and two marks between the first and third House.

Winning is always the goal, but I hope that we, as a community, can always try to focus on the process and what we all gain from it: the memories of great time rehearsing the singing, the amazing laughs we had putting the plays and movements together, the fact that emotions can be a catalyst for unity,

that we need to celebrate that fact that we gave everything to it – something that is a differentiating factor in the work place today – and, most importantly, that we as a school had fun, as fun is the fertilizer that is going to be the energy that will allow the Eisteddfod to expand and grow in relevance.

After all was practised and performed the following were the final results of the 2016 Bishops Eisteddfod:

<i>Visual Arts Owl</i>	<b>Kidd House</b>
<i>Performance Owl</i>	<b>Kidd House</b>
<i>Drama</i>	<b>Kidd House</b>
<i>Movement</i>	<b>Birt House</b>
<i>Speech Owl</i>	<b>Gray House</b>
<i>Music Owl</i>	<b>Birt House</b>
<i>Inter House Singing Owl</i>	<b>Gray House</b>
<i>Prelim Owl</i>	<b>Gray House</b>
<i>Boarding Owl</i>	<b>School House</b>
<i>Overall Eisteddfod Owl</i>	<b>Gray House</b>
<i>Mark Mitchell</i>	

# MILITARY HISTORY TOUR TO FRANCE



*Wreaths of Thiepval*

During the recent winter vacation, 19 schoolboys from the College set off on a Military History tour to France; for almost two weeks between June and July, the young men were accompanied by Mr Warwick Richter (of the French Department) and Dr Rodney Warwick (of the History Department) as they travelled about amongst the many places of historical and cultural interest which can be found in Normandy and Picardy ... they even ventured into Belgium for a day's exploring, too!

The town of Caen was the group's first base. En route to the hotel from Charles de Gaulle airport, the boys had the opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens of Giverny, which provided such rich inspiration for the painter Claude Monet. After the long haul from Cape Town via Dubai, and then the bus-ride to Caen from Paris, there were not many amongst the tour party who lingered at the dinner table, with most lads enjoying a decidedly early night at the close of that first day!





*The military cemetery at Delville Wood*

Then followed a busy programme of visits which ensured that the boys were constantly on the move; even our wonderful coach driver, a Mr Alan Taylor, was later to express amazement at all that had been arranged for the group ... and he has been transporting tours like this one around Europe for almost 30 years now!

Not far from the hotel, the Peace Memorial certainly lived up to its reputation as one of the finest museums in France, clearly defining the role that Normandy had played in the final stages of the Second World War. After taking in all of the many exhibits and watching a number of excellent films about the D-Day invasion, the boys then visited the American Cemetery which overlooks Omaha Beach and the brooding English Channel. Other visits in this neighbourhood involved spending time at the memorial to the American Rangers who, against all odds, secured an important



*The American Cemetery at Colleville*

promontory at Pointe du Hoc in the summer of 1944; the boys visited the German cemetery in La Cambe, and the town of Arromanches, where the Allied forces had managed to create an artificial harbour to facilitate the landing of troops, vehicles and equipment on French soil. An afternoon was also spent in the charming provincial village of Bayeux, home to the famous tapestry which depicts the defeat of the English during the battle of Hastings in 1066.

The tour focused on more than just cemeteries, military battles and history, however. Highlights of the first weekend included a visit to the bustling morning market in the beautiful port town of Honfleur; from there, the boys travelled south towards the region known as “La Suisse Normande”, visiting the timbered village of Beuvron-sur-Auge before arriving in Camembert for a tour of a “cr  merie”, which produces the famous



*Jack Beare tries frogs' legs for the first time*



*Camembert*

cheese that has brought world renown to these parts! There were interesting reactions from the young men during their “*dégustation*”, as they tasted the local produce, especially when it came to some of the more aged cheeses that were on offer! This was not to be the only gastronomic discovery for the young men: some of the more adventurous lads also showed great determination to try out other classic dishes amongst all that is proposed by traditional French cuisine, ordering snails and

“*foie gras*” and even frogs’ legs at meal-times!

The boys also had the opportunity to visit a number of historic places of worship as, along the way, the itinerary included stops at the cathedrals of Amiens and Rouen, Reims and Laon. When visiting the Mont Saint-Michel, just twenty-four hours after the start of this year’s Tour de France, the young men were lucky enough to attend a service in the thousand-year-old abbey that sits at the very top of the rock, a service which was led by the singing of the local monks and nuns.

After five nights in Caen, the bus drove the boys towards the north and over the impressive Pont de Normandie, which so gracefully spans the mouth of the river Seine. A lunch-stop was made in Etretat, a sea-side town which handsomely rewards those who climb her chalky cliffs to the north and the south with spectacular views of the sea, the village and the pebble-stone beach. The tour party was headed to its next base in Amiens, the capital of the Somme “*département*” in the Picardy region. En route, there was time to visit the tiny cemetery at Arques-la-Bataille, where all could pay their respects to the fallen of the South African Native Labour Corps who had performed important auxiliary functions during the latter stages of the First World War and who now lie in rest very far from our shores in a quite beautiful valley that overlooks a sleepy hamlet not too far from Dieppe.

The first excursion from Amiens was to the Champagne region to the east. After a stop in Laon, the young tourists arrived in Reims for a fascinating tour of the underground “caves” of the house of Pommery whose founder, Madame Louise, is said to have invented (at Queen Victoria’s request) the world’s first



*The grave of Vincent van Gogh in Auvers*

ever brut champagne. Then it was into town to discover the magnificent cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass windows, including some which had been designed by the artist Marc Chagall.

If our focus in Normandy had understandably fallen on the Second World War, here in the Somme Valley the group concentrated more on the Great War, visiting the Lochnagar Crater (all that remains from a massive underground bomb which was detonated early on the first of July 1916, the opening day of hostilities in the Battle of the Somme) and many museums and memorials, which gave the boys deeper understanding

about life in the trenches (at Vimy Ridge and at the Passchendaele Museum, visitors are able to explore life-size recreations of the trenches which were dug in on both sides of No Man's Land). Many cemeteries were visited too, from Tyne Cot (the resting place of almost twelve thousand Commonwealth soldiers) to the enormous French cemetery at Notre Dame de Lorette with its 20 000 graves. Given the age of the boys on the tour, it was especially poignant to find the grave of a young English rifleman who had lost his life at the tender age of 15 during the fighting near Ypres in Belgium; the Essex Farm cemetery where his body lies also contains the grave of



*The Mont St-Michel*

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae who had written the famous poem “In Flanders Fields” in a nearby dressing station, following the death of a dear friend. The end of our day in Belgium deserves special mention, too, as the boys attended a particularly moving ceremony: the daily sounding of the Last Post at Menin Gate, a tradition which goes back to the 1920s and one which has only ever been interrupted by four years of German occupation during World War Two.

The chief aim of the tour had been to ensure that our school was represented at the centennial commemorations of the Battle of Delville Wood which were to take place on

Sunday 10 July; many South Africans had died here during six days of fierce fighting in July 1916, with a number of pupils and teachers from Bishops amongst those who had made the ultimate sacrifice in defending the Wood against the enemy. It was decided to visit the battlefield a few days before the official ceremony in order to get a “feel” for the area away from the inevitable cameras and crowds which were expected on the weekend in question. During our visit, a short but moving service was conducted by Dr Warwick, during which the young men read out the names of all 112 ODs who had lost their lives in the First World War. Delville Wood is today





*The French military cemetery at Notre Dame de lorette*

a place of great beauty and calm: lush grass, shady trees and birdsong mask the horrors of what this patch of land had to endure 100 years ago. The boys appeared to be deeply touched by the afternoon that was spent here, quietly exploring the cemetery and following the easily-distinguishable lines of former trenches deep into the forest.

For a number of different reasons, the official ceremony was not held in the Wood on the Sunday that had long been ear-marked for this important gathering. Instead, courtesy of the input and assistance of the Royal British Legion of Veterans, the venue was shifted to the nearby Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme Battlefields, a striking monument which bears the names of over



*Honfleur*

70 000 officers and men of the British and South African forces. That morning, some 400 South Africans arrived at Thiepval for the service, including representatives from a number of South African schools and pupils from Pretoria Boys High, Maritzburg College and Bishops. All schoolboys present were afforded the honour of taking part in proceedings as they laid small wooden crosses on the memorial during the service, while two of our young men, **Kyle Deans** and **James Frankenfeld**, laid a wreath on behalf of all associated with the College (a wreath that had kindly been sponsored by our OD Union back in Rondebosch). It all made for a very poignant and stirring service which was led by visiting school chaplains and veterans.

All that then remained on the itinerary was the return of the tour party to the airport in Paris for the flight back to Cape Town. The short journey from Amiens to Charles de Gaulle was broken at Auvers-sur-Oise, to the north-west of the capital, so boys could discover the town where Vincent van Gogh had spent his last few days in a frenzy of painting; the group visited some of the very places where the Dutch painter had set up his easel, also taking in the hotel where he had rented a room and his simple grave (alongside

his brother's) in the village cemetery.

In closing, the boys are complimented on their fine cooperation and great enthusiasm at all times during the fortnight in France! We are grateful to the office bearers of the OD Union for their involvement and interest in this project from the start. Our thanks also go to Mr Alan Taylor for his many hours behind the steering-wheel of the coach that so comfortably carried us through north-western France.

*Warwick Richter*

## SIMPLY BLUE

This term has been a very busy one for Simply Blue, as the group concluded its year of singing with many great successes. The highlight of the term was the recent tour to Franschhoek, Hermanus and Somerset West. The tour consisted of three very enjoyable performances, and provided a weekend in which the boys could bond and grow closer while making music. The audiences were always appreciative and made our time with them very worthwhile. We'd like to thank all the organizers, hosts and audience members for an awesome weekend! The positive impression made by the group is summed up in extracts from a letter from Michael Matthews (OD): *As you may know Simply Blue performed a concert in Hermanus on Sunday for the benefit of the Overstrand Hospice. It was an occasion that will long be remembered for its spontaneity and joie de vivre and we are most grateful to Bishops for bringing us this special experience. Some 250 happy people were treated to an enthralling and polished performance which will have brought great credit to the school. The singing was amazing and the discipline professional. The boys*

*were natural, modest, obviously enjoyed every minute and must have been pleased with the sometimes ecstatic response from the appreciative audience. Bishops can be justly proud of this enthusiastic, committed and very personable group of boys.'*

On Saturday 20 August at the Handover Supper Show, we sadly had to say goodbye to the matrics in the group. The evening was a lively and entertaining one, filled with music and dancing. Near the end of the evening was the ceremonial handover of the blue waistcoats from the leavers to the new members of Simply Blue 2017. We would like to congratulate the following boys on their selection and welcome them to the new group: **Jack Belcher, Simmele Mashwama, Adam Stonestreet, Charlie Yates, Dean Jacobs, Joshua Mol, Kamal Sacranie, Junho Ko, James Aron, Matthew van Westenbrugge, Jody Williams, Okuhle Minyi and Terry Kim.**

The new group has already had the exciting experience of performing live with Carl Wastie on Good Hope FM on Thursday 25th August.



On behalf of the leaving matrics, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bradley, Mr Carletti and Anni Goedhals for all the time and effort that went into making our time in this

amazing group so special. We have made some awesome memories with Simply Blue, and we will miss it immensely!

*Joe Linley and Nicholas Janisch*

# COLLEGE SPORT

## FENCING



*Fencing in Wurzburg*

During the June holidays, nine members of the Bishops Fencing Club went on fencing training tour to Germany. The tour was based in Tauberischofsheim, a small town a few hours out of Frankfurt, with a population of little under 13 000 people. We started at the Olympic centre and Fencing club, which is world famous for its brilliant facilities, coaches and hospitality. The club is the most successful fencing club in the world based on its medal successes in international fencing events, like the Olympics.

An average day at the club consisted of an early breakfast, 30 minutes of gruelling private lessons, followed by lunch. Free time after lunch was spent going to the local “Rewe”, getting ice cream, exploring the town’s various attractions or just chatting. On weekdays the evening was spent in group training with the club fencers. One major highlight was the Altstadtfest (Old Town Festival). The event started with all the town’s guilds marching though the main street of the old town; fencers, war veterans, marching bands, breweries, gymnasts, ballet dancers and



*Outing to Wurzburg*

many more all made their way from the bottom to the very top of the hill, where the festival was officially started by the brewery, DistelHauser, cracking open a keg of beer. The festival ran over three days, with live music, good food and lots of fun.

During the last week of our stay, many Olympic fencers from various countries started to arrive, Japan, Poland, Venezuela and many others, for a training camp prior to the Rio Olympics. We had the privilege of fencing against a few of these Olympian hopefuls and we were all thoroughly whipped by them.

The trip was a great success and we all grew in mind, body, spirit and skill, some of us even gaining a guitar!

*Angus Longmore and Jack Withers*

## GOLF



*Matthew McKirby lining up to putt*

The 2016 school golf season was a good one. As always, whether for the first or third team, the boys showed incredible determination and attitude that made the teachers proud. The willingness to do their best for every single shot was inspiring and it truly showed that the future of Bishops' golf is bright. The season started with the top four golfers heading to Dainfern College in Johannesburg

for the annual Dainfern Challenge under the supervision of Mr Gibbon. The course was in impeccable condition; however, due to weather issues, the three-round tournament was reduced to only two rounds with the second being finished on the third day. After much friendly debate as to who was going to be the best from Bishops, it turned out that all four golfers ended on the same total for the tournament. Watching a river form across the 18th green in under an hour was something we had never seen before and, along with this, many other memories were made. Although looking strong on paper, the 1st team had a slightly disappointing year and it was evident that **Cole Cruickshank** was dearly missed. After months of planning and organization, the Bishops Championships and Inter House competition was postponed due to incredible amounts of rain. The actions of Mr Walsh and Mr Gibbon were highly commendable as it was decided to postpone the competition as opposed to just choosing a winner since all players had completed nine holes. Mentions have to go out to **Andre de Decker** who is now playing on the Web.com Tour and **Cole Cruickshank** who began his career at Columbia State University after earning a golf scholarship. These are extremely high achievements from both gentlemen. Congratulations! Special mentions must go out to Mr Mervin Walsh (1st team), Mr Glen Gibbon (2nd team) and Mr Joc Wensch (3rd team) for their leadership, support and encouragement throughout the season. It is truly appreciated by all of the boys involved!

*Anton Volkel*



## HOCKEY

Bishops Hockey has had yet another very successful season. We entered 15 sides into the local Cape Town league (five U19 sides, six U16 sides and four U14 sides), the most we have ever fielded. At the stage of writing, Bishops teams have played 221 games, winning 129 and scoring 625 goals in the process.

Our A and B sides across all age groups have been particularly successful with a combined 76% win ratio. This has meant that Bishops has retained the U18 league cup and won the U16 league cup for the first time. In addition, the 1st team, U16A and U14A sides are all through to the semi-finals of the Knock Out Cup. Due to our strong performance this year we have had an unprecedented number of WP and SA representatives selected.

There were a number of pre- and early-season tours: the 1st team travelled to Johannesburg for the St Stithians' Easter Festival and then competed in the Nomads Festival hosted by Wynberg Boys' High; the U16As travelled to York in George for the Independent Schools' Festival; the U16Bs also travelled to George for the York Festival; the U14s played in two festivals – the first was held at Somerset College and the second at the U14 Independent Schools' Festival hosted by St Albans.

There have been a number of new coaching appointments this year: Mr Cassa Cassiem has coached a hard-running and competitive U16A side; Mr Kyle Lottering has very capably coached the U16B side and the school's drag flickers; Mrs Jillian Walsh has coached the U14Bs who have had a wonderful

season and are the only undefeated side in the school; and Messrs Michael Hanley and James Dry, both of whom are ODs, returned to coach the U14 C and D teams respectively. I would like to thank all the staff involved in coaching and managing Bishops Hockey teams (27 people in total!) and who have made my job so easy. My particular thanks to Mr Graeme Klerck who so ably stood in for me whilst I was away on long leave.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their wonderful support this year, and in particular the Parents' Committee who have worked so hard to raise money for Bishops Hockey by providing refreshments at all our home games.

2017 looks to be another exciting year with an overseas hockey tour planned for the 1st team squad, as well, and a 'Colts' team. In addition, Bishops will be hosting the U16 Independent Schools' Festival.

### **Bishops WP and SA representatives:**

*SA U18A:* **Dayaan Cassiem**

*SA U18B:* **Wesley Gardener**

*SA U16A:* **Idrees Abdulla**

*WP U18A:* **Malachy Barbour, Dayaan Cassiem, Wesley Gardener and Christian Rohrer.**

*WP U18B:* **Simon Kilpin and Tyla Scarles**

*WP U16A:* **Idrees Abdulla and Daniel Nelson**

*WP U16B:* **James Price**

*WC U14A:* **Mustapha Cassiem and Caleb Oliphant**

*WP Disa U18:* **Andrew Hodgesson and**

**Bulelani Ngqukuvana**

*WP Disa U16:* **Joshua Elliott, Murray**



**Gordon and Okuhle Minyi**

*WP Disa U14:* **Ben Cheminais, Conor Dempers, Matthew Guy, Liam Hoffman** and **Conor White**

**Colours Awards:**

The following 1st Team hockey players were awarded their hockey colours:

*Half Colours:* **Michael Burton, George Meadows, Max Newbury, Bulelani Ngqukuvana,** and **Chris Rhode**

*Full Colours:* **Malachy Barbour, Dylan**

**Burke, Dayaan Cassiem** (re-award), **Wesley Gardener** (re-award), **Simon Kilpin, Christian Rohrer,** and **Tyla Scarles**

**Distinction Tie:**

**Dayaan Cassiem** was awarded a Distinction Tie for his selection to the SA U18A side (for the second year running) and competing in a winning three match test series against Australia.

*Sean Henchie*

## ROAD AND TRAIL RUNNING

The Road and Trail group meets throughout the year to provide an opportunity for boys to train for a variety of sports, to gain the benefits of fitness or simply to enjoy the delight of running in some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. We have run many beautiful routes from Constantia through to the promenade, with Table Mountain being one of our favourite playgrounds. In addition to the regular group of runners, we have welcomed visits from out-of-season rowers and other sportsmen, young men recovering from injury or those preparing for the Epic. It is always a joy to watch novices enter the group, very nervous of their ability to keep up, and see them flourish as they move into the 'express bus', which runs at the front of the group and leads the way on the routes. At least one practice a week is dedicated to HIIT training or strength/technique drills.

Three juniors take part in the schools' cross country league. **Oliver Stewart** and **Shaun o' Brien** are to be congratulated

on earning their WP colours. They compete in the Western Cape Championships in Worcester at the end of the month. We wish them every success.

I am deeply grateful to Mr Peter Hyslop who led the group single-handedly while I was away on extended sick leave. He is an outstanding role model for the boys for sportsmanship, running etiquette and determination. His contribution is deeply respected. We have recently gained the help of Mr Pumlanzi Tshabalala, an elite runner in not only the marathon, but many other distances. His irrepressible enthusiasm and impressive skill challenge the boys to give of their best, and we look forward to a long association with him.

As the winter season ends, we bid farewell to our matrics. It is always a joy to see them on the road, trail or competing in events around the peninsula in the years after they leave school. We look forward to adding the summer runners now to our core group.

*Bev Kemble*

## ROWING



*Frank Nagel (SACS), Sven Wellman, Samuel Wells, Stephane Pienaar and James Faure*

Three Bishops rowers, **James Faure**, **Sven Wellmann** and **Stephane Pienaar**, along with Frank Nagel from SACS, made up the coxless four team that represented South Africa at the Junior World Championships that took place in Rotterdam from 24-28 August. Congratulations on your fantastic achievement!

The BRC recently bade farewell to **Samuel Wells**, who has been the Director of Rowing at Bishops for the past five years. Sam played a key role in taking rowing at Bishops to a whole new level. As a testament to his accomplishments:

- The Club is at full capacity, with more than 70 boys actively involved.
- We have a keen and talented coaching staff, who will be staying on after his departure.
- Our fleet has been almost completely rejuvenated and upgraded.
- Our crews achieved excellent results across all age groups last season with all our 8s and octuples rowing in the finals at SA Champs this year.

■ The Opens, in particular, had a superb season with five gold medals at the Selborne Sprints and Buffalo Regatta and three silver medals at SA Champs.

Sam is moving to England in September to head up the lightweight rowing programme at Oxford University. This is truly an exceptional opportunity for Samuel – we congratulate him and wish him, and his new wife, Susan, well with this exciting new chapter in their lives. The Club is in the process of recruiting a replacement for Sam.

### UPDATE:



### Land-based High Performance Centre

We have raised R600 000 towards the building of our new Centre – huge thanks to everyone who has supported us to date. Building is due to start any day now, so if you'd like to make a contribution to the new centre please email [sue@trucc.co.za](mailto:sue@trucc.co.za) for details. Any donations welcome!

*Leon Glanville*

## RUGBY

The temptation, at the end of a season, is to base the success of the school on our results. Yes, results are important and of course we play to win, but this does not always give a true reflection of the state of rugby at Bishops. A team can win a rugby match playing terrible rugby and they can lose a game by playing brilliantly.

In a world of 'instant gratification', we focus on the end result rather than the whole journey. So, for me it is about how the teams have played. Have we as coaches empowered our players to play the Bishops' way? Has each coach provided the platform for our players to improve their skills to be able to play better rugby? Have the boys developed as people and learnt valuable lessons in their journey and have they enjoyed the experience?

From a technical point of view, we have focused on the following areas this season: handling, tackling technique, evasion and contact skills and breakdown. We have tweaked our defensive folding strategy slightly to obtain more width and line speed on defense. We have, in the second half of the season, worked on some alternative strategies when carrying the ball in contact to improve our breakdown, especially for the smaller players.

Our double round matches against our Southern Suburb counterparts are always very competitive. We are relatively evenly matched, although SACS, if one has to look at wins and losses, have the slight upper hand at the moment. It is, however, interesting to note that over the last three years our win ratio against our Northern rivals (Paarl Gym and Boys, Boland and Paul Roos) has been 15.3% in 2014, 11% in 2015 and then a huge improvement to

25% in 2016. To put this into perspective, the average wins for the Southern Suburbs against Northern Schools was only 11% for 2016.

Our average scores have also steadily increased from -31.06 in 2014 to -21.09 in 2016, the best performing Southern Suburb School in this regard.

As far as our team performances go, we have had some extraordinary matches. We are blessed with a good U14 group, although we might lack depth in numbers. The 'A' side has pulled off some magnificent wins against Paarl Gym away, Boland and Paul Roos, at home to mention just a few. The U15 age group has an incredible amount of depth and we could almost fill an 'E' team if we were injury free. The 'A' side has had some really unlucky narrow losses against very strong opposition and I must mention our U15D side, which has also produced some exciting rugby this year. Who could forget our U16A victory away at Paarl Gym? This team has punched way above its weight and produced some exciting rugby. The Open teams have been very good with some great performances and the First XV, although at times inconsistent, has also produced some scintillating rugby – SACS and Hilton being the highlights so far.

We have regularly produced 18 teams on Saturdays, all of which have had some measure of success, however, I think that most importantly they have learnt valuable lessons on their journey and have enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to all our coaches and managers for their massive input into the lives of their players and their teams.

*Michael Bayly*

*Professional Support Coach in-charge of coaching at Bishops*

## SQUASH

I doubt that the health of the sport of squash has ever been better at Bishops. This is in distinct contrast to the state of the courts, however, which have been flooded on occasion by heavy downpours before and during the much needed repair work on the roof was being conducted. There has been no point in upgrading the floors and walls until the roofing is 100% effective! We are hoping that all the necessary work on the courts, inside and out, will be completed by the start of next season as the 2017 season promises to be a most successful one.

Record numbers of boys are playing squash at the College and during the past few months we had more entrants into the WP competitions and squadding sessions than ever before. The senior teams played with great enthusiasm and yet probably underachieved as far as league positions goes due to the rotational policy in all but the 1st V. Our top junior teams have enjoyed unbeaten seasons and at C, D and E level Bishops only lost matches against

other school A and B teams.

With a 1st V in the Super League and four other senior teams, Bishops was well represented in the WPYS U19 league while we also entered five U15 teams – more than any other school. The 1st V lost narrowly to Rondebosch in the Top Schools Final this year but have higher hopes for next season.

The players owe much to the tireless efforts of several members of staff and a couple of outside coaches - to whom we are most grateful. Mr. Lanser and Dr. Murray were responsible for the four senior league teams and Messers Russell, Theron and Kerbelker organized and coached the junior teams. Mrs. van Selm organized the 5 o'clock group who became experts at "king" if nothing else!

I would also like to thank Caroline Pekeur and her cleaning staff for all the hard work in trying to keep the courts playable in trying circumstances and for generally keeping the facility clean and tidy. Their hard work is much appreciated.

*John Knight*

## UK TENNIS TOUR

In the June/July holidays, ten boys accompanied by Mr Theron and Tony Fawcett travelled to the UK where they enjoyed a successful tour both on and off the court, having the privilege to play against some of the top schools in the UK: King's Canterbury, Abingdon, Hailebury, Kingswood Bath, Bryanston, The Perse School, Tonbridge, Sherborne and Wellington College. The team enjoyed success on the court, winning eight of its nine fixtures with the boys playing

some outstanding tennis throughout. The standard of the schools that the boys played against was extremely high and the boys enjoyed playing on different surfaces, such as grass, astro turf and artificial clay, where they had to quickly adjust to the different surfaces. The courts in Bryanston were a highlight for the boys, as the team was fortunate enough to play on beautiful and immaculate grass courts. They enjoyed a mixture of being hosted in the boarding houses and being hosted by families and will



*'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre*



*The Team at Tonbridge*

never forget the hospitality shown to them, with new friendships formed. Wellington College and Tonbridge in particular were exemplary. Tonbridge's sport facilities and artificial clay courts, along with the hospitality of the boys, made it a time to remember. The weather was typically English on most days and the boys have now learnt to appreciate the South African summer even more.

The time off the court was equally fruitful with the boys enjoying time off in London where they stayed for three days and had some free time. A highlight of the tour was *The Lion King*, which was an incredible production thoroughly enjoyed by the entire group. There was also the London Eye, Madame Tussaud's and the infamous burger joint, Five Guys, where the group enjoyed the best burgers they had ever had. We enjoyed



*Bryanston School*

exploring the towns that we visited and enjoyed shopping along Oxford Street. The group also enjoyed playing Real Tennis at Cambridge where they had a great time adjusting and playing a new type of tennis.

Overall the tour was a success: the boys were great ambassadors for Bishops. They worked well together and there was a great sense of "gees" and togetherness shown throughout the tour. The boys will have learnt from this tour and grown in their own personal capacity as well as a team, which bodes well for the upcoming years. Team: 1. **Lloyd Wood**, 2. **James Mitchell**, 3. **Chris Mitchell**, 4. **Francois van der Merwe**, 5. **Luca Powell**, 6. **Brandon Snider**, 7. **Richard Wellington**, 8. **Michael de Kock**, 9. **Robbie Lennett**, 10. **Ivan Stassen**.

*Chris and James Mitchell*

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## GRADE 7 KWAZULU NATAL TOUR

On 13 June, the excited, boisterous Bishops Grade 7 boys, and a few extremely brave teachers, landed in Durban. This was the beginning of an amazing tour that would end ten days later.

The boys revealed their talents in the areas of sport and music when we visited our three host schools. Playing rugby, hockey, chess, tennis and squash, they all had a chance to give their all. Making new friends on the sports field and throwing themselves into the action, the boys excelled in their various sports. With the enthusiastic Mr Scott at the head, the music boys gave us an impressive display of musical entertainment with trombones, trumpets and drums - only a few examples of the many instruments.

The trip wasn't only about sport and music. We also visited places like Isandlwana, Ushaka Marine World and the KZN Sharks Board. Dissecting a shark can be a messy, but exciting, business, as the boys found out. There were those fortunate enough to be watching, but some had to help. Funnily enough those in the audience were more affected than the boys helping with the shark; with a person emptying his stomach into the plants! At Isandlwana we went to the cave on the koppie and looked down on the battlefield of the loss of the English to the Zulus. I might be wrong, but I think

Mr Mitchell thought it was Christmas. We enjoyed viewing fish and turtles in the aquarium deep inside a ship at Ushaka Marine World. As you can imagine most of the boys' favourite outing was to the Wet & Wild water slides. This was a great way to let them just enjoy being with their friends. The teachers had as much fun as the boys!

As a change of scenery from schools was needed, we went and stayed at some very interesting places with Sugar Bay and Shakaland being the boys' favourites. On the way to Shakaland we went past the Nkandla sign, but the house and fire pool were not in sight. At Shakaland we saw some amazing Zulu dancing and discovered the bitter taste of Zulu beer. The following day some of the boys tried stick fighting and spear throwing. Then came Sugar Bay Adventure Camp. For many this was the best part of the tour. There was the beach and lagoon and many fun activities to occupy the boys. There were cool, young counsellors who looked after us and gave the teachers a well-deserved break. The food was also fantastic, probably the best we had during the whole tour.

We will never forget our wonderful tour and just like the teachers learning to dab, we all learnt something on this awesome adventure.

*Daniel Holgate*









## PREPARATORY SPORT





## CHESS

This year the chess league was divided into two sections, an A section and B section. This meant that I could enter three teams. The 1st and 2nd teams were placed into the A section and, for the first time, the 3rd team into the B section. The 1st team has had a wonderful start to 2016. The B side has found the league tough at times,

but I'm sure this will develop their chess for future years. Many of these boys will one day be carry the flag for Bishops as 1st team players. The 3rd team has continued to grow and has had some outstanding wins. The 1st team are laying in a perfect spot to challenge for the league win. I'm sure with some consistency we can pull it off.

1st	Scores	2nd	Scores	3rd	Scores
Kirstenhof Primary	D 3-3	SACS	W 5-1	Groote Schuur Primary	L 2-4
WBJS	W 6-0	WPPS	W 3.5 to 2.5	Kirstenhof Primary	W 4-2
Herzlia Constantia	W 6-0	Reddam	L 1-5	Muizenberg	L 2-4
Internal Match	W 5-1	Inter-School	L 1-5	Fish Hoek	W 4-2
Fish Hoek	D 3-3	WBJS	D 3-3	St Anne's	W 4-2
				Wynberg	Won

## CROSS COUNTRY



*Matthew Tripe leading by example*

At the beginning of the season for 2016, the Prep team had great pleasure in welcoming the U9 runners to the team. We started the season with two practice sessions, targeting the conditioning for the season ahead, in which the boys learned about running posture, rhythmic breathing and the psychological strength of finishing the race in a competitive position while having fun. It was clear from our first race, at the American International School of Cape Town, that we had talented runners, from the U9 to U13. I could not be more proud to be their coach as the performances in the next two races, at Heathfield Primary School and at Keurboom Park, displayed a good set of lungs, the willingness to get muddy and, more importantly, the boys' commitment to developing their running skills. Well done to all



*Ben MacFarlane on the run*



*Jack Breslin giving of his best*



*Rowan Piorkowski and Conor Day in the lead*

the boys on a great first half of the season, and Term 3 will be a great platform to unearth the full potential that they have in this sport.

**U13:** Matthew Tripe, Oliver Kennedy-Smith, Matthew Byron, Gabriel Dyssell-Höfinger, Thomas Newton, Seth Nieburg.

**U12:** Oliver Carey, Ben MacFarlane. **U11:** Michael Kruse, Jacob Phillips, Andrew Kleye,

Liam Day. **U10:** Lucca Maynhardt, Carwyn Davies, Thomas Ludlam, Adam Constant, Sebastian Jack, Thamsanqa Siko, Thomas Welsh, Zachary Anderson. **U9:** Conor Day, Noah Edmunds, Jean de Villiers, Rowan Piorkowski, Jack Breslin, Ryan Voigt, Benjamin Watt.

*TLG Siko*



## HOCKEY

### HOCKEY vs Reddam, SACS, Rondebosch & Curro Hillcrest

19, 20 & 21 April 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 13A</b>	Curro Hillcrest	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	3-2
<b>Under 13C</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	5-1
<b>Under 12A</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	7-1
<b>Under 12B</b>	Reddam	<i>Lost</i>	1-3
<b>Under 12C</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 12D</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	7-1
<b>Under 12E</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 11A</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 11B</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 11D</b>	Reddam	<i>Lost</i>	2-3
<b>Under 10A</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 10B</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 10C</b>	Reddam	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 10D</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	8-0
<b>Under 10E</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	1-9
<b>Played: 19</b>		<i>Won: 15</i>	<i>Drew: 1</i>
			<i>Lost: 3</i>

### HOCKEY vs SACS & Rondebosch

4 & 5 May 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	1-1
<b>Under 13C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	2-2
<b>Under 12A</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Under 12B</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	4-2
<b>Under 12C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 12D</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 12E</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Drew</i>	5-5
<b>Under 11A</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	1-3

<b>Under 11B</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 11D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 10A</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	5-2
<b>Under 10B</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	1-1
<b>Under 10C</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	2-2
<b>Under 10D</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	4-0
<b>Under 10E</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	1-3
<b>Played: 18</b>	<i>Won: 9</i>	<i>Drew: 6</i>	<i>Lost: 3</i>

**HOCKEY vs Rondebosch****11 & 12 May 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-1
<b>Under 13C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Under 12A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 12B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Under 12C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-3
<b>Under 12D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	7-0
<b>Under 12E</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	7-1
<b>Under 11A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-1
<b>Under 11B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	5-1
<b>Under 11C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 11D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-2
<b>Under 10A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	6-2
<b>Under 10B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 10C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	2-3
<b>Under 10D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	1-4
<b>Under 10E</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	1-7
<b>Played: 18</b>	<i>Won: 10</i>	<i>Drew: 1</i>	<i>Lost: 7</i>

**HOCKEY vs Sweet Valley & Eikestad****17, 18, 19 & 20 May 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 13A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	6-2
<b>Under 13B</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Drew</i>	1-1

<b>Under 13B</b>	Eikestad	<i>Drew</i>	1-1
<b>Under 13C</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	2-1
<b>Under 13C</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	9-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	Eikestad	<i>Drew</i>	1-1
<b>Under 12A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Lost</i>	2-3
<b>Under 12B</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 12C</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 12D</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 11A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Under 11A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Under 11B</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 11B</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	7-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	5-0
<b>Under 11D</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	6-0
<b>Under 10A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	6-3
<b>Under 10A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	7-0
<b>Under 10B</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 10B</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	7-0
<b>Under 10C</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	3-2
<b>Under 10D</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Lost</i>	1-2
<b>Under 10E</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Lost</i>	1-4
<b>Played: 25</b>	<i>Won: 18</i>	<i>Drew: 4</i>	<i>Lost: 3</i>

### HOCKEY vs WPPS & Wynberg

23, 24, 25 & 26 May 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	2-3
<b>Under 13B</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	0-1
<b>Under 13C</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 12A</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Under 12B</b>	WPPS	<i>Drew</i>	2-2
<b>Under 12C</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 12D</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	4-1
<b>Under 12E</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Under 11A</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 11B</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Under 11C</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	1-2
<b>Under 11D</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	0-1

<b>Under 10A</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	3-4
<b>Under 10B</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	5-2
<b>Under 10C</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	3-2
<b>Under 10D</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	3-0
<b>Under 10E</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	1-2
<b>Played: 17</b>	<b>Won: 9</b>	<b>Drew: 1</b>	<b>Lost: 7</b>

### HOCKEY vs WPPS & Wynberg 1 & 2 June 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Drew</i>	2-2
<b>Under 13B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 13C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Under 13D</b>	Wynberg	<i>Drew</i>	3-3
<b>Under 12A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Drew</i>	3-3
<b>Under 12B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	0-1
<b>Under 12C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 12D</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 12E</b>	Wynberg	<i>Drew</i>	1-1
<b>Under 11A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 11B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Under 11D</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	0-1
<b>Under 10A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	7-0
<b>Under 10B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	7-1
<b>Under 10C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	6-1
<b>Under 10D</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	3-1
<b>Played: 17</b>	<b>Won: 11</b>	<b>Drew: 4</b>	<b>Lost: 2</b>

### HOCKEY vs Sun Valley, Langa HC & St George's 7, 8 & 9 June 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Won</i>	14-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Langa HC	<i>Lost</i>	2-7
<b>Under 13C</b>	St George's	<i>Won</i>	2-1
<b>Under 12A</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Won</i>	12-1
<b>Under 12B</b>	Langa HC	<i>Won</i>	4-2
<b>Under 12C</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 11A</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Won</i>	7-0

<b>Under 11B</b>	Langa HC	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	St George's	<i>Won</i>	10-0
<b>Under 10A</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Won</i>	9-2
<b>Under 10B</b>	Langa HC	<i>Won</i>	14-0
<b>Under 10C</b>	Sun Valley	<i>Won</i>	7-2
<b>Under 10E</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	4-5
<b>Played: 13</b>	<b><i>Won: 10</i></b>	<b><i>Drew: 1</i></b>	<b><i>Lost: 2</i></b>

## HOCKEY RESULTS KZN TOUR

June 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	KZN U13B	<i>Lost</i>	1-4
<b>Under 13A</b>	St Charles'	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 13A</b>	Clifton	<i>Won</i>	4-0
<b>Under 13A</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	5-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Ashton	<i>Lost</i>	0-3
<b>Under 13B</b>	St Charles'	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	1-0
<b>Under 13C</b>	Ashton	<i>Lost</i>	0-4
<b>Under 13C</b>	St Charles'	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 13C</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	2-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	St Charles'	<i>Lost</i>	0-3
<b>Under 13D</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	3-0
<b>Played: 12</b>	<b><i>Won: 6</i></b>	<b><i>Drew: 2</i></b>	<b><i>Lost: 4</i></b>

Hockey at the Prep has enjoyed a fine term. We are fortunate to have included a fifth team in the U11 and U12 age groups, while the numbers within the Grade 7 group are up from previous years. Many boys enjoy the opportunity to play both rugby and hockey and we feel that it has huge benefits for both codes.

If you have to look purely at our results, it is obvious to see that Bishops Prep continues to be a force to be reckoned with, within the Southern Suburbs League and beyond. The boys enjoy a good grounding on a world-class

surface. Our head coaches across each age group are aware of the game plan and skills that have been cemented in our structures over a number of years now. This common thread is developed at each age group and across all ability levels. The understanding by our coaches of our vision for Bishops Hockey across the age groups is most definitely the key to our continued success. Sustained continuity also helps the boys from a team perspective to gel very quickly from year to year. Our boys are encouraged to play free flowing, skilful hockey within a well-organised defensive and





*Solomzi Tshiki breaking away*



*Seb Panieri on the move*



*Dan Neuhoft heading towards goal*



*Josh Lander taking on the opposition*



*Andrew Betty beating his opponent*



*Dylan Redding in control*

attacking structure. Individual flair and the acquisition of intricate skills are celebrated and promoted within a solid team environment. The following boys must be congratulated on being selected for various representative teams: **Imad Khan**, Western Province Under

13 A, Captain; **Josh Lander** and **Johnny Fisher**, Zonal B Team; **Rowan Howard**, **Adam Clarke** and **Clayton Warner**, Zonal C Team. Next quarter should prove to be another exciting term of hockey.

*Murray Anderson*

## RUGBY

### BISHOPS PREP VS WPPS

16 April 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	
<b>Under 13B</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	
<b>Under 13C</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	
<b>Under 12A</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	
<b>Under 12B</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	
<b>Under 12C</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	
<b>Under 11A</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	48-12
<b>Under 11B</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	
<b>Under 11C</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	
<b>Under 10A</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	22-25
<b>Under 10B</b>	WPPS	<i>Won</i>	55-10
<b>Under 9A</b>	WPPS	<i>Drew</i>	10-10
<b>Under 9B</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	10-15
<b>Under 9C</b>	WPPS	<i>Lost</i>	10-15
<b>Played: 14</b>	<b>Won: 5</b>	<b>Drew: 1</b>	<b>Lost: 8</b>

### BISHOPS PREP VS SWEET VALLEY, REDDAM & VUSA

23 April 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	46-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Reddam A	<i>Lost</i>	0-17
<b>Under 13C</b>	Sweet Valley B	<i>Lost</i>	12-22
<b>Under 12A</b>	Vusa Academy	<i>Won</i>	17-14
<b>Under 12B</b>	Sweet Valley A	<i>Lost</i>	0-35
<b>Under 12C</b>	Vusa Academy	<i>Lost</i>	5-38
<b>Under 11A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	36-5
<b>Under 11B</b>	Reddam A	<i>Lost</i>	12-42
<b>Under 11C</b>	Sweet Valley B	<i>Lost</i>	17-22
<b>Under 10A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	26-0
<b>Under 10B</b>	Reddam A	<i>Lost</i>	5-28
<b>Under 10C</b>	Sweet Valley B	<i>Lost</i>	5-45
<b>Under 9A</b>	Sweet Valley	<i>Won</i>	25-0
<b>Under 9B</b>	Reddam A	<i>Lost</i>	10-20
<b>Under 9C</b>	Sweet Valley B	<i>Won</i>	20-15

<b>Under 9D</b>	Reddam B	<i>Won</i>	35-20
<b>Under 9E</b>	Sweet Valley C	<i>Lost</i>	10-35
<b>Played: 17</b>	<i>Won: 7</i>	<i>Drew: 0</i>	<i>Lost: 10</i>

**BISHOPS PREP VS PAARL BOYS****25 & 26 April 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Paarl Boys 13A	<i>Lost</i>	0-54
<b>Under 13B</b>	Paarl Boys 13B	<i>Lost</i>	5-27
<b>Under 13C</b>	Paarl Boys 13D	<i>Drew</i>	0-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	Paarl Boys 13F	<i>Won</i>	40-10
<b>Under 12A</b>	Paarl Boys 13C	<i>Won</i>	15-3
<b>Under 12B</b>	Paarl Boys 13E	<i>Lost</i>	5-19
<b>Under 12C</b>	Paarl Boys 13G	<i>Won</i>	32-5
<b>Under 11A</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	0-17
<b>Under 11B</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	0-26
<b>Under 11C</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Won</i>	37-12
<b>Under 10A</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	7-15
<b>Under 10B</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	12-28
<b>Under 10C</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	0-45
<b>Under 9A</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	0-25
<b>Under 9B</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Drew</i>	10-10
<b>Under 9C</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	0-30
<b>Under 9D</b>	Paarl Boys	<i>Lost</i>	15-30
<b>Played: 17</b>	<i>Won: 4</i>	<i>Drew: 2</i>	<i>Lost: 11</i>

**BISHOPS PREP VS SACS****7 May 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	17-2
<b>Under 13B</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	30-0
<b>Under 13C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	10-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	24-10
<b>Under 12A</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	22-0
<b>Under 12B</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	10-25
<b>Under 12C</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	10-36
<b>Under 11A</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	7-10
<b>Under 11B</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	24-32
<b>Under 11C</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	0-48

<b>Under 11D</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	12-34
<b>Under 10A</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	0-45
<b>Under 10B</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	0-38
<b>Under 10C</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	0-62
<b>Under 9A</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	10-10
<b>Under 9B</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	20-15
<b>Under 9C</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	10-20
<b>Under 9D</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	15-15
<b>Under 9E</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	0-25
<b>Played: 19</b>	<b>Won: 5</b>	<b>Drew: 2</b>	<b>Lost: 12</b>

**BISHOPS PREP VS PRIMROSE****14 May 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Primrose	<i>Drew</i>	10-10
<b>Under 13B</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	12-5
<b>Under 13C</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	10-5
<b>Under 12A</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	12-0
<b>Under 12B</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	12-10
<b>Under 12C</b>	Primrose	<i>Lost</i>	0-12
<b>Under 11A</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	27-5
<b>Under 11B</b>	Primrose	<i>Drew</i>	7-7
<b>Under 11C</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	21-0
<b>Under 10A</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	52-0
<b>Under 10B</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	27-12
<b>Under 10C</b>	Primrose	<i>Drew</i>	17-17
<b>Under 9A</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	35-10
<b>Under 9B</b>	Primrose	<i>Won</i>	30-15
<b>Under 9C</b>	Primrose	<i>Lost</i>	15-20
<b>Played: 15</b>	<b>Won: 10</b>	<b>Drew: 3</b>	<b>Lost: 2</b>

**BISHOPS PREP VS EIKESTAD, KIRSTENHOF****21 May 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Lost</i>	5-47
<b>Under 13B</b>	Kirstenhof A	<i>Won</i>	19-5
<b>Under 13C</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	29-14
<b>Under 12A</b>	Eikestad 13B	<i>Lost</i>	5-17

<b>Under 12B</b>	Kirstenhof A	<i>Lost</i>	15-35
<b>Under 12C</b>	Kirstenhof B	<i>Lost</i>	17-35
<b>Under 11A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Lost</i>	10-17
<b>Under 10A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Lost</i>	7-14
<b>Under 10B</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	35-12
<b>Under 9A</b>	Eikestad	<i>Lost</i>	0-10
<b>Under 9B</b>	Eikestad	<i>Won</i>	50-10
<b>Played: 11</b>	<i>Won: 4</i>	<i>Drew: 0</i>	<i>Lost</i>

### BISHOPS PREP RESULTS VS VARIOUS

28 May 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Union High	<i>Drew</i>	12-12
<b>Under 13A</b>	Niko Brummer	<i>Won</i>	24-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	24-5
<b>Under 13C</b>	Vusa Academy	<i>Lost</i>	0-35
<b>Under 13D</b>	Vusa Academy	<i>Lost</i>	10-20
<b>Under 12A</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	37-0
<b>Under 12B</b>	Vusa Academy	<i>Lost</i>	14-19
<b>Under 12C</b>	SACS	<i>Won</i>	24-10
<b>Under 11A</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	50-0
<b>Under 11B</b>	Union High	<i>Drew</i>	10-10
<b>Under 11B</b>	Niko Brummer	<i>Lost</i>	10-12
<b>Under 11C</b>	Masiphumelele	<i>Drew</i>	17-17
<b>Under 10A</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	42-0
<b>Under 10B</b>	Masiphumelele	<i>Won</i>	38-0
<b>Under 10C</b>	SACS	<i>Lost</i>	12-26
<b>Under 9A</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	55-0
<b>Under 9B</b>	Collegians	<i>Won</i>	40-5
<b>Played: 17</b>	<i>Won: 9</i>	<i>Drew: 3</i>	<i>Lost</i>

### BISHOPS PREP VS WYNBERG

4 June 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	7-17
<b>Under 13B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	5-19
<b>Under 13C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	5-25



<b>Under 12A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	21-33
<b>Under 12B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	12-19
<b>Under 12C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	0-45
<b>Under 11A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	29-5
<b>Under 11B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	40-0
<b>Under 11C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	27-0
<b>Under 10A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	14-7
<b>Under 10B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	14-17
<b>Under 10C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	5-15
<b>Under 9A</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	20-5
<b>Under 9B</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	15-25
<b>Under 9C</b>	Wynberg	<i>Won</i>	15-10
<b>Under 9D</b>	Wynberg	<i>Lost</i>	20-35
<b>Under 9E</b>	SACS	<i>Drew</i>	25-25
<b>Played: 17</b>	<b>Won: 6</b>	<b>Drew: 1</b>	<b>Lost: 10</b>

### BISHOPS PREP VS RONDEBOSCH

9 & 11 June 2016

<b>Under 13A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	12-24
<b>Under 13B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	12-10
<b>Under 13C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	22-12
<b>Under 13D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	26-39
<b>Under 12A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	22-42
<b>Under 12B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	17-19
<b>Under 12C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	27-22
<b>Under 11A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	20-21
<b>Under 11B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-45
<b>Under 11C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	5-27
<b>Under 10A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	19-26
<b>Under 10B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	10-28
<b>Under 10C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	12-37
<b>Under 9A</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	10-35
<b>Under 9B</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	20-40
<b>Under 9C</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	15-20
<b>Under 9D</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Lost</i>	0-35
<b>Under 9E</b>	Rondebosch	<i>Won</i>	30-25
<b>Played: 18</b>	<b>Won: 4</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 14</b>

**BISHOPS PREP VS KIRSTENHOF****14 June 2016**

<b>Under 9A</b>	Kirstenhof	<i>Won</i>	15-0
<b>Under 9B</b>	Kirstenhof	<i>Won</i>	20-5
<b>Under 9C</b>	Kirstenhof	<i>Won</i>	20-5
<b>Played: 3</b>	<b>Won: 3</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 0</b>

**BISHOPS PREP KZN TOUR RESULTS****12, 23 June 2016**

<b>Under 13A</b>	Merchiston	<i>Won</i>	14-12
<b>Under 13A</b>	Westville	<i>Lost</i>	5-8
<b>Under 13A</b>	Trinityhouse	<i>Lost</i>	12-22
<b>Under 13A</b>	St Charles'	<i>Lost</i>	5-12
<b>Under 13A</b>	Glenwood	<i>Lost</i>	12-47
<b>Under 13B</b>	Chelsea	<i>Won</i>	21-14
<b>Under 13B</b>	St Charles'	<i>Won</i>	35-0
<b>Under 13B</b>	Glenwood	<i>Lost</i>	10-19
<b>Under 13C</b>	Chelsea	<i>Won</i>	24-0
<b>Under 13C</b>	St Charles'	<i>Won</i>	17-3
<b>Under 13C</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	15-0
<b>Under 13D</b>	St Charles'	<i>Lost</i>	5-7
<b>Under 13D</b>	Glenwood	<i>Won</i>	15-10
<b>Played: 13</b>	<b>Won: 7</b>	<b>Drew: 0</b>	<b>Lost: 6</b>

The season started off with all our coaches attending a full day *World Rugby Level 1* coaching course. This course has now become mandatory for all rugby coaches. The course outlined the importance of the game, highlighted safety issues and good coaching protocol. All our coaches found it very worthwhile. The season kicked off with the annual Skeeles 7s; this was a resounding success and was enjoyed by all. We had the VUSA Rugby Academy boys take part for the first time. Our league games have all been played in an excellent spirit with

***Ben Koenig on the charge***



*Cole Crawford with great support*



*Dylan Krause heading for the tryline*



*Xhanti Ngxangane moving at pace*



*Jonny Fisher looking to pass*

our boys enjoying themselves. Whilst the results have not always been in our favour, our boys have given of their best! Rugby has become 'semi-professional' at primary school with pre-season training starting in February, pre-season tours, and players being offered scholarships. These factors have

made positive results hard to come by. We need to remain true to our school ethos and ensure that we offer an all-round education to our boys, maintaining the balance between academics, culture and sport. A comprehensive report will follow in term 4.

*Brendan Fogarty*





# VUSA RUGBY TRAINING

BISHOPS DIOCESAN COLLEGE

ACADEMIC & RUGBY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

VUSA - AWAKEN



## **‘An opportunity through sport’**

VUSA is the isiXhosa word for awaken.

We hope to awaken our boys’ talents and to introduce them to the endless opportunities that exist in the world.

The VUSA programme has enjoyed a very busy and successful start to the 2016 season. Our boys, all residents of the Langa and Khayalitsha communities, have been bussed to Bishops three times a week for rugby coaching and Maths and English lessons.

They participated in the Skeeles 7s for the first time this year, a wonderful experience for them and the local southern suburbs schools. They have played a number of games against Bishops U12 and U13 teams, Fish Hoek and Durbanville Primary. They acquitted themselves brilliantly playing a fast-paced, high-skilled game and winning some of these games.

The programme is sponsored by Calulo Shipping (founding partner) and Investec Asset Management (official sponsor). These funds allow us to run the daily programme

(meals, teaching, coaching and transport) and create experiences for the boys. We have been fortunate to attend Stormers games where the boys have met their heroes, Scarra Ntubeni, Siya Kolisi and Sakumbuso Notshe, a former member of the VUSA Academy. The boys got to train with the Fijian 7s team during the World 7s series in Cape Town. The highlight of the season thus far was their attending the Springbok/Ireland game, a moving experience watching and hearing them sing the national anthem!

We have recently introduced a physical literacy programme at the Dalikhanyo Crèche. This entails coaches from the community running daily programmes that involve whole body movement, gross motor skills and ball skills. These sessions are a highlight for the children.

We are now working on enhancing the Rugby Club Busy Bees, which have youth teams that play in the WP primary schools league. This will then allow a natural conduit for rugby playing boys to continue playing at the next age groups. Our goal is





to have a Langa Team playing in the WP Super A league. This would be a massive boost to rugby in the Langa community.

There are a number of opportunities that exist for any individuals or companies that

may wish to get involved. Please contact [bfogarty@bishops.org.za](mailto:bfogarty@bishops.org.za) should you have any queries or visit our website [www.vusarugbyacademy.co.za](http://www.vusarugbyacademy.co.za).

*Brendan Fogarty*

## SQUASH

Our six teams had good results in the leagues this term. Our top performing teams were our 'Amazing A', 'Excellent

E' and 'Fabulous F' teams which were unbeaten in their leagues respectively.

**Matthew Reid** made our Provincial A team in the U13 age group and did

superbly in the Inter Provincial tournament in the holidays, winning a bronze medal and securing a national ranking of third in SA. **James Bull**, **Aidan Nortje** and **Armaan Trikam** all made the B team that won the gold medal at the national

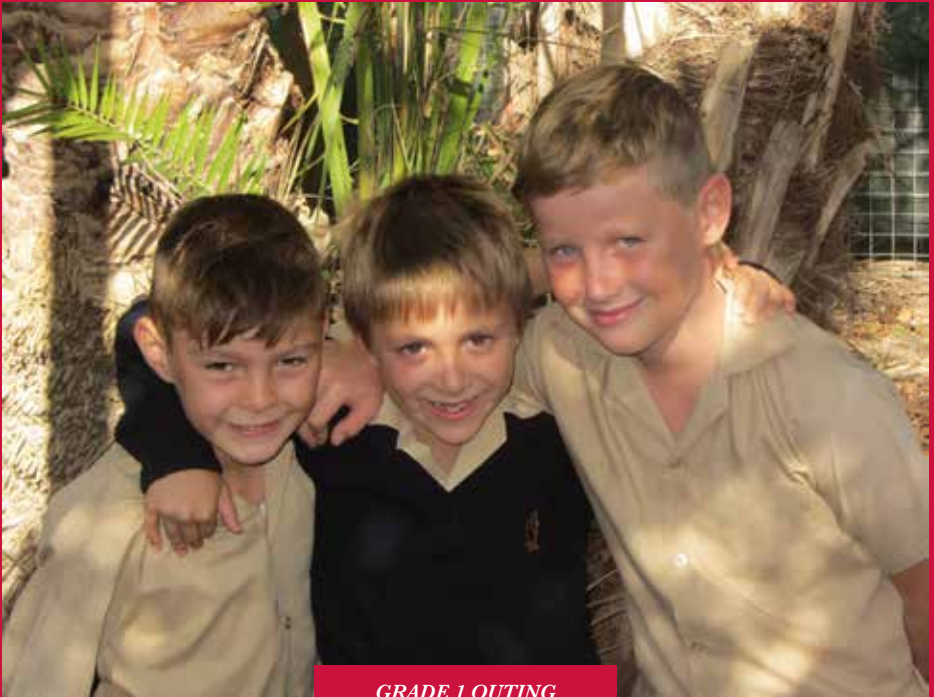
tournament. **Matthew Bull** made the D team that ended a creditable 8th. **Dylan de Groot**, **James Morkel** and **Anthony Smith** all earned their Provincial Colours in the U11 national tournament. Well done to all these boys.

### BISHOPS PREP SQUASH RESULTS

DATE	A League	B League	C League	D League	E League	F League
15 April	Sweet Valley A	Sun Valley A	Bishops D	Bishops C	Beaumont B	St Georges B
	Bishops won 12-0	Lost 1-8	Bishops won 5-4	Lost 4-5	Bishops won 6-2	Bishops won w/o
22 April	Bishops B	Bishops A	RBPS B	Reddam A	St Georges A	RBPS D
	Bishops won 12-0	Lost 0-12	Bishops won 12-0	Bishops won 11-1	Bishops won w/o	Bishops won 12-0
6 May	Fish Hoek A	bye	WPPS C	Sweet Valley C	WPPS D	Villagers B
	Bishops won 11-3		Bishops won 12-0	Bishops won 11-1	Bishops won 12-0	Bishops won 12-0
13 May	SACS A	RBPS A	Sweet Valley C	SACS C	Sweet Valley D	Kirstenhof B
	Bishops won 12-0	Lost 0-12	Bishops won 11-1	Bishops won 12-0	Bishops won 11-1	Bishops won w/o
20 May	RBPS A	Fish Hoek A	Wynberg A	WPPS C	bye	Wynberg B
	Bishops won 8-7	Bishops won w/o	Lost 4-8	Bishops won 12-0		Bishops won 11-1
27 May	Sun Valley A	SACS A	Fish Hoek B	Sun Valley B	Villagers A	bye
	Bishops won 11-4	Bishops won 6-4	Lost 6-7	Bishops won 8-0	Bishops won 12-0	
	P6 W6	P5 W2 L3	P6 W4 L2	P6 W3 L1	P5 W5	P5 W5

*Bruce Mitchell*

# BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



*GRADE 1 OUTING*

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## PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

### HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

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***Sharlene Groom***

cement, hard hats and noise. What fun to see the buildings growing before our eyes. Our hall should be the first completed and we are confidently proud of the lovely facility it will provide for our boys and their families.

With a change over from summer to winter sport, there are always challenges. We have

What a privilege to manage such a vibrant bunch of enthusiastic staff and boys. This term was full of energy and excitement, despite the set in of cold winter days. We have shared our facility with builders, bricks,

adjusted our sign-up system to an online system for sport. This has worked very well and is a pleasant change from having to sign up in person on a list at the start of a new season.

Our boys have been on outings, had numerous visitors, participated in outreach programmes, been immersed in exciting learning activities at school, had an opportunity to participate in numerous sport events, grown physically and learnt so much in this past term. They are growing into fine young Bishops' boys with a vision and a drive to reach their full potential. Education is not a race, it is an individual journey that each is on, with guidance and encouragement for individuals to reach their goals. We are here to help guide and nurture them along the way and to provide them with the tools necessary for them to carve their exclusively tailored path to success. After all, Bishops 'Inspires Individuals'.

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## GRADE R

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Our second term in Grade R began after a well-deserved break. The boys were rejuvenated and ready for their winter term! Empathy and caring is best instilled in a young heart, as it will continue for generations to come. The Grade R boys (along with the rest of the Pre-Prep) were all inspired to reach out to our furry friends by collecting tins and bags of pet food, collars, blankets, beds and healthy treats for the animals at the Animal Anti-

Cruelty League. An immense effort, greatly appreciated by the less fortunate pets and so welcomed. Their volunteers were so thankful for the huge donation. Well done for extending a helping hand, boys. You have made many furry hearts very happy!

Our annual Grade R visit to the Fire Station was welcomed with squeals of excitement and future plans of 'one day I will be a firefighter'. As always, the firefighters gave us the Grand



*International Food Day was a blast*



*Fire Station Fun*



*Fun with construction: Grade RN*



*Blankets sewn and collected by Grade RC*

Tour of the station, allowing boys to really experience an exciting and informative day in the life of a firefighter. The highlight of course, was the trip around the station yard in the Fire Engine. Every single boy had the ride of his LIFE with sirens blaring and boys on the loudspeakers calling out 'EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!' We also explored the 'vintage' fire engine where the boys were allowed to have a bit of fantasy play, which they loved. A huge 'thank you' to all the parents who contributed towards treat hampers for the firemen. They really

appreciated it.

Our first Family Chapel service was a very special occasion led by Mr Wools. The boys were thrilled to be able to sing their well-rehearsed songs and their families thoroughly enjoyed the blessed morning.

While our Pre-Prep revamp is in progress, we look so forward to seeing our completed building in the near future. Our boys and parents have been very patient, and we promise it will all be worth it! After a jam-packed learning term, we look forward to the new experiences that lie ahead.



*Grade 1 Pirate Day**Sean making friends with the tortoise**Grade 1 Outing*

## GRADE 1

The boys always return from holiday keen to catch up with their friends. We kicked off the term sharing and writing about our holiday news, a relatively new concept for the boys as, for the first time, they were able to form and write a simple sentence. The second term looked to be a long, fun-filled term, and we were all the more motivated as we looked forward to a mid-term holiday, courtesy of Freedom Day and Workers' Day!

Our first theme work for the term was on birds, and we began this with a lovely outing to The World of Birds in Hout Bay. The boys were able to interact with the talking parrots, monkeys, tortoises and the little wallaby as well as share their own knowledge and learn new facts about the wonderful variety of birds on display.

We then moved on to learn about space. The boys impressed us with their incredible existing knowledge of the solar system and

were eager to soak up new facts. We did beautiful artwork and made rockets, robots and aliens out of Lego.

For World Environment Day we made posters highlighting various environmental issues that interested the boys. We spoke about pollution and taught the boys the importance of all being proactive in the concept of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We encouraged the boys to take up the challenge of making a difference by

taking small steps to save our natural resources.

We ended a most enjoyable term with a party theme, where the boys were involved in many party games and learnt valuable skills on how to win and lose like gentlemen. We had a pirate-themed dress up party and the boys enjoyed participating in a team scavenger hunt with gold coin rewards. It was a wonderful day and fortunately no-one had to walk the plank!

## GRADE 2

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After our wonderful Easter holiday the boys were ready to come back to school for a busy term with lots of new Grade 2 learning. Winter sports commenced and the exciting games of tag rugby started each Friday after school. The boys have so enjoyed being coached by the Tag Association and have really improved their skills over the last term. We ended the term with our tag tournament. **Daniel Bursey** said, 'It was one of the most exciting events I have ever had!' **Alexander Beach** mentioned, 'I really enjoyed the tournament. It was really fun because I just like rugby.' **Gabriel Lind** said, 'It felt like I was playing with the Grade 3s because the Grade 2s have got so good.'

Our theme for the term was 'South Africa - The Rainbow Nation'. The boys enjoyed learning about homes new and old as well as the history of our country. Towards the end of the term the boys presented their very own project on an African country. They were so excited to share all the facts they had discovered with their classmates and we were all rather intrigued to do some travelling within Africa!

To complement our theme of South Africa, we visited the Oranjezicht City Farm (OZCF) in the middle of the term. OZCF is a non-profit project celebrating local food, culture and community through urban farming in Cape Town. The boys enjoyed learning about the history of the farm and made many historical discoveries themselves through a detective treasure hunt. They got to learn about the plants in the farm and even enjoyed sampling the produce. **Cameron Joubert** said, 'I liked eating all the vegetables.' **Liam Hacking** thought the best was when, 'I ate the jellybean plant.' **Hayden Smith** said, 'When I tasted the basil leaf, I liked it!'

At the end of June we said goodbye to Mrs Osborne who went off on maternity leave. Mr and Mrs Osborne were blessed with a beautiful baby girl born on Tuesday, 7 June. They named her Lily and are so enjoying their new precious daughter. Mrs Osborne's class was sad to see her go for a few months, but are very happy to have Mrs Syfret looking after them while Mrs Osborne is away. **Zak Ndindwa** said, 'Mrs Osborne,



*Grade 2LF at the Tag Tournament*



*Noah Coleman and Samuel Crookes planting their very own seeds at Oranjezicht City Farm*



*Cameron Joubert, Nicolas Lanfranchi and Liam Hacking at Oranjezicht City Farm*

I hope you have a good few weeks with Lily, and enjoy her very much.’ **Tiago Premion-McPherson** wanted to let Mrs Osborne know, ‘I hope that Lily is as kind as you are.’ **Naethan Mol** said, ‘You are the best teacher a child could want, and I am looking forward to seeing Lily.’

The end of the term brought new excitement with The Ginger Ninja coming to do a magic show for all the boys at the Pre-Prep. **Matt Leck** said he enjoyed, ‘when his wallet went on fire!’ **Reve Tuscher** loved, ‘when the card came out of his mouth and he said that was his breakfast!’ The boys were mesmerised by the magician and enjoyed

every minute of the show.

The boys were also treated to hearing some stories from Gilly Southwood who is an incredible story teller. **Odin Aspinall** liked ‘the story about the king who wanted to touch the moon because it was quite funny.’ **Daniel Bursey** said, ‘Gilly had the real African spirit.’ **John van den Heever** said, ‘She was so calm and kind to us. She was lots of fun and she never got cross.’

The boys and teachers have had a jam packed, fantastic term two! We are all looking forward to the good experiences and learning next term has to offer.

*Sharlene Groom*



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# OLD DIOCESANS UNION



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# ROLL OF HONOUR

*Their name liveth for ever*

In September we remember

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

**Archibald Difford (1893-1902)** Lieut, 1st Cape Corps. Palestine, *September 1918*  
**Walter Dickson (1894-1907)** Lieut, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. France, *September 1915*  
**Sydney Jones (1901)** Lieut, Royal Field Artillery. France, *2 September 1916*  
**Charles King-Mason (1903)** Lieut Canadian Forces. Flanders, *September 1915*  
**Ronald Menmuir (1904-12)** Pvt, 4th SAI. Germany, *21 September 1918*  
**Arnold Nimmo-Brown (1903-06)** Capt RGA. Died at Cologne, *8 September 1919*  
**Douglas Robb (1901-08)** Lieut, 17th London Regiment. France, *26 September 1915*  
**Neil Robertson [MC & Bar] (1913-16)** Lieut Royal Scots Fusiliers. France, *2 September 1918*  
**Harold Stapleton (1903-1911)** Capt, RGA. France, *20 September 1917*  
**Neville Rudd Thompson (1906-08)** Lieut, 16th Lancers. North India, *5 September 1915*  
**Cecil Vipan (1906-10)** Lieut, Cape Corps. Palestine, *September 1918*

## THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**Dermod Anderson (1926-32)** Lieut, Gilder Regt. Arnhem, Holland, *27 September 1944*  
**Percy Burton (1931-35) [M]** Flying-Officer RAF. Battle of Britain, *27 September 1940*  
**Patrick Byers (1927-34) [M]** Flt-Lieut, RAF. North Africa, *20 September 1941*  
**Andrew Fourie (1933-36)** Lieut, SAAF. Union, *28 September 1942*  
**Brian Gerrand (1918-24)** Sgt, SAAF. N Africa, *21 September 1941*  
**Ian Impey (1938-42)** Lieut, SAAF. Italy, *2 September 1944*  
**Lothian Jackson (1928-31)** A/M SAAF. Union, *24 September 1942*  
**Rennie Methuan (1935-38)** LAC, RAF. England, *25 September 1942*  
**Leonard Smith (1936-41)** Lieut A & S Highlanders. Italy, *2 September 1944*

In October we remember

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

**Hilton Bateman (1913-16)** Pvt, 1st SAI. Died in England, *October 1918*  
**Gordon Bayley (1902)** Lieut, Royal Flying Corps. France, *October 1914*  
**Arthur Buchanan (1895-97)** Lieut, RAF. Died in England, *October 1918*  
**Arthur Dymond (1902-05)** Pvt, 3rd SAI. Died of wounds in Egypt, *October 1916*  
**Norman Fenix (1906-08)** Lieut 1st SAI. France, *17 October 1916*  
**John Honey (1899-1905)** Lieut. Killed in France, *October 1916*  
**Percy Nightingale (1884-85) [M]** Lieut RAMC. Died in England, *October 1918*  
**Alfred Noble (1900)** Capt, Union Defence Force. South Africa, *October 1918*



**Edward Palmer (1907-16)** Lieut, 1st Worcestershires. France, *October 1918*  
**Ronald Parsons (1911-12)** Pvt, SAI. France, *18 October 1917*  
**Ralph Purcell (1903-04)** Pvt, SAI. France, *22 October 1916*  
**Keith Trotter (1898-1900)** Lieut, Gordon Highlanders. France, *October 1914*  
**Philip van der Byl (1903-06)** Sub-Lieut, Royal Navy. Drowned at sea, *October 1916*

### THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

**Nathaniel Barry (1931-35)** Flying-Officer RAF. Battle of Britain, *7 October 1940*  
**Denys Earp-Jones (1933-34)** Pte, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, *23 October 1942*  
**Lionel Fletcher (1922-31)** Sgt, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, *24 October 1942*  
**Melville Guest (1933-37) [DFC]** [M twice] Flt-Lieut RAF. Atlantic, *4 October 1943*  
**Pierre Hugo (1928-35) [MC]** Lieut SA Arm Cars. North Africa, *26 October 1942*  
**Peter Jackson (1937-40)** Lieut SAAF. North Africa, *20 October 1942*  
**Christie North (1924-35)** Capt, RHA. Italy, *22 October 1943*  
**Derek Owen (1928-34) [MC] [M]** Major, Gurkhas. India, *4 October 1946*  
**Geoffrey Park (1924-34) [DFC]** Wing-Cdr, RAF. Adriatic, *15 October 1944*  
**William Stephens (1903-07)** Capt SAR & H Bde. East Africa, *1 October 1941*  
**John Zahn (1930-35)** Lieut SAAF. Egypt, *3 October 1942*

In November we remember:

### THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

**Adam Burdett (1900-05)** Captain ASCMT. South Africa, *November 1918*  
**Ronald Haw (1914-17)** Pvt, 3rd SAI. France, *11 November 1918*  
**Harcourt Seymour (1900-03)** Lieut, KRR. France, *November 1918*  
**Harry Tiffany [MC] (1904-12)** Captain, 12th Royal Fusiliers. France, *15 November 1916*  
**John Wilson [MC] (1907)** Lieut, Indian Cavalry. Palestine, *November 1918*

### THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**George Alexander (1927-37)** Flight-Lieut Black Watch. Italy, *12 November 1944*  
**Anthony Bones (1924-27)** L/Cpl, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, *22 November 1941*  
**Gordon Brodziak (1930-32)** Lieut SAAF (RAF). Mediterranean, *11 November 1942*  
**John Ereaut (1935-38)** Lieut SAAF. North Africa, *21 November 1941*  
**Brian Garden (1923-31)** Lieut SAAF. North Africa, *20 November 1941*  
**John Guest (1933-39)** Lieut KRRC. North Africa, *21 November 1941*  
**Richard Littlewort (1933-39)** Cpl SA Survey Com. Italy, *10 November 1944*  
**Alastair Mann (1920-26)** Cpl SA Arm Cars. North Africa, *6 November 1942*  
**Manvers Meadows (1925-33)** Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *14 November 1941*  
**John Oats (1933-40)** Lieut, SAAF. Italy, *28 November 1943*  
**David Pitman (1932-35)** Bdr SAA. North Africa, *21 November 1941*  
**Alfred Richard West (1927-35)** W/O SAAF. Egypt, *8 November 1941*

# NOTES FROM THE OD UNION OFFICE

It is difficult to think of Bishops without at the same time thinking of the OD Union. Only those closely associated with the administrative side of the College can ever realise what the Present owes to the Past; they may be described respectively as the body and the soul of Bishops.

- SOLLY SATCHEL

Spring for a farmer is generally imbued with positivity as the land comes alive. In my case the miracle-like green rebirth of grey dormant vines heralds another season and the promise of delicious grapes. Simultaneously, every farmer also knows the nervous, fraught feeling that comes with this time of year. With every new growing season the ominous threats of drought and pestilence emerge afresh. Experience has taught us to be guarded against the ebullience of spring, because with exuberant growth comes potential loss, which only proper planning, vigilance and commitment can hope to avert.

Schools also have cycles and seasons, experienced more immediately than in many other institutions. There are many correlations with farming. As a foundation principle, the word *nurture* not only needs to be deeply understood, but enthusiastically practiced in both for any success to be enjoyed. One must also be holistic, plan properly, be vigilant and totally committed.

We are students at Bishops for only a few years of our lives, but we are usually ODs for a considerably longer time. Many ODs (and ex-teachers), who have served the ODU in the past, have recognised that the nurturing can't stop when one's student days end. That is why the ODU exists.

That is also why your current committee

is dedicated to building on the initiatives that nurture your union and ODs everywhere. Over the last six months your committee has been focused on the strategic "next steps":

- After a thorough and inclusive process, we have identified and appointed an ODU Executive Manager, Dr WP van Zyl (1997K). WP will start in early October in a part-time capacity while his practice is being sold.
- Working closely with the school IT department, we have started the complicated process of overhauling the management of our data base – starting with revolutionising the way we collect the details of students leaving school.
- With sterling work from Nick Durrant (1992G) we are very close to finalising our new website.
- We have restructured the ODU Mentorship Program and created the role of Global Mentorship Coordinator. Nicky Bicket (1973F), based in the UK, will run with this.
- The Bishops Entrepreneurs' Club is ready to go, but we need to finalise the website first.
- Our Young ODs program is in full swing. We have co-opted two new young ODs onto the committee to represent the Young ODs – Mnotho Makhoba (2013S) and Michael Mynhardt (2013F).
- We have been encouraging the formation of new clubs under the ODU banner. Already we have an ODU Birding Club and ODU

Wine Producers Club in Cape Town. Talks are underway to start, among others, an ODU surfing club and an ODU property investors club. If you would like to set up a club under ODU auspices, please let Delre know and she will put you in touch with the relevant regional ODU secretary and other ODs who may be interested.

■ We have held a series of extremely popular, engaging talks at The Mitre this year. These events, along with numerous reunions and

smaller get-togethers are filling our new home with energy and life.

One feels privileged and inspired, after working a day in a venerable old vineyard. It is almost as though the vineyard is nurturing you, rather than the other way around.

In the same way, the ODU also exists to allow ODs to help give back to Bishops, to contribute to the fabric of this institution.

*Bruce Jack*  
Chairman



*Oscar “Solly” Satchel (left) served on the Bishops staff from 1928 to 1948. Solly taught Latin and History. Most remarked “History was easy for him, as he’d lived through most of it.”*

# APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE ODU

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***WP van Zyl (1997K)***

As many of you will know, our annual strategic session this year unearthed the requirement for a full-time Executive Manager of the ODU. This will allow the chairman to revert to a more traditional oversight role, with less daily hands-on responsibility. This role will ensure that the many, fundamentally critical initiatives already started and envisaged will be in safe hands and given the daily care they deserve.

After a thorough and consultative process

we are pleased to announce that Dr WP van Zyl (1997K) has been appointed as the Executive Manager of the OD Union.

WP matriculated in 1997. He was senior prefect and played first team rugby. WP served on the ODU Committee from 2005 to 2009. Currently he runs his own dental practice and runs workshops for dentists across SA in communication skills and risk management. He is also an assistant mediator for the South African Dental Association. WP has run the Comrades five times, he has done the Iron Man five times, and he has completed the Unogwaja Challenge twice. He has promoted awareness for Alzheimer's, and spinal cord injuries, by running ten-day relays between Pretoria and Cape Town. He enjoys the perseverance and the drive to complete quests. WP is married to Maria. She is an occupational therapist and lectures medical students at Stellenbosch

University. They have a daughter, Thea (8) who attends school at Mickelfield and a son, Wynand (6), who is in Grade R at Bishops.

Like so many of us, WP is extremely passionate about his school. He is motivated to give back to Bishops and we are very fortunate that he will be joining our team at The Mitre in a full-time capacity.

Please join me in welcoming WP to this important role.

# APPOINTMENT OF NEW OD UNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that the ODU has appointed three new OD Union Committee Members. All of them are extremely driven, enthusiastic and motivated to progress the ODU forward. They are passionate about the future of South Africa and, we believe, will contribute significantly to the committee.

## ADAM PIKE (1992O)



Jonathan Steytler (1978G) is stepping down from the OD Union committee after three extremely valuable years of service, primarily with the legal facets of the committee. We would like to thank him for all his wonderful support, effort and input. Adam has been an ad hoc contributor to the proceedings of the OD Union Committee for the past year. Adam will be stepping up and taking on Jonathan's role. Adam is a corporate attorney practicing for his

own account from offices in Constantia. Adam is married to Lisa and they have two girls, Alexandra (6) and Katherine (2). He recalls that the most passionate games of College rugby were house matches. He acquitted himself well as an athlete, playing second fiddle to Craig Lorden for four years. He rowed in the 1st VIII. Hennie Duvenhage, his housemaster, was forward thinking, punishing him by casting him in house plays and forcing him to join the choir. Nevertheless, he was appointed as a house prefect. Adam had a short-lived career as an actor and writer, the pinnacle of which was a well-received production of *Master Harold... and the Boys*, that appeared on the Cape Town and Johannesburg stage, and for which he was nominated for a Fleur du Cap and a Vita. He wrote one-liners for Martin Bailey, the host of the talk show, *Small Talk*. His foray into playwriting, *Locked*, was described by one critic as "angry". He left theatre, returned to university and graduated with an LLB and, later an LLM. He practised for a time at Jan S de Villiers (now Werksmans), then Fairbridge Arderne Lawton and Webber Wentzel. He started his firm three years ago, specialising in commercial law, corporate transactions and shareholder activism. As a member of the ODU Committee, he hopes to encourage ODs to return to the School and participate in the activities of the ODU.

## MICHAEL MYNHARDT (2013F)

Michael was Deputy Head of Founders, captain of rugby and swimming, received full colours





for both together with the Doug Todd Trophy for sport. He is currently studying Business Science Finance at UCT and has started his own business importing solar lanterns into Africa. He plans on entering the Private Equity and Venture Capital space after he finishes his Chartered Alternative Investments Analyst (CAIA) degree. Unsurprisingly, Michael has expressed a desire to contribute to the entrepreneurial aspect of our vision. He is focused on connecting the younger generation of ODs to all aspects of the OD Union and wishes to serve as a voice on behalf of young ODs. He is immensely passionate about Bishops and considers his time at school the most important 5 years to date. Quietly confident at first, Michael seems to always listen intently before making decisions, trying to live by his motto in life “*Amat Victoria Curam*”, roughly translating to “*Victory Loves Preparation*”.

### **MNOTHO MAKHOBA (2013S)**

Mnotho was Deputy Head Boy, Head of School House, Chairperson of the African Relations Society (previously known as African Languages) and a Cheerleader at Bishops, which are all leadership opportunities that have groomed him in many ways. Mnotho enjoyed



the busy buzz and late nights that came with living on the Bishops grounds, and so he got involved as much as he could. As a result of this, he participated in several other activities at Bishops, such as being part of the marimba band, the choir and the Student Representative Forum. During his time at Bishops, Mnotho was a beneficiary of the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation Scholarship, and currently he is the beneficiary of the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation Fellowship. He is in his third year of a Bachelor of Business Science (majoring in Finance and Accounting). Mnotho has returned to Bishops, in his capacity as a Young OD Committee member. His desire is to give back to Bishops, using the analogy, that the soil that gave rise to a tree, must be nurtured to ensure that others will benefit from the same soil. Mnotho aims to play the role of transforming the OD Union, to make it more relevant for younger ODs and their needs, in order to encourage ODs to come back to the school and partake in ODU activities. More importantly, Mnotho aims to strengthen the unity and resourcefulness of the OD community for the benefit of the ODs and the legacy they aim to build. He believes the OD Union should continuously inspire ODs to unleash their potential and live a fulfilling life.

## UK REPORT

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Because the bulk of ODs still live in the Cape, we tend to forget the breadth (and depth) of the OD diaspora which exists around the world. We may be separated by geography, but we're united by Bishops. We in the UK have no campus to visit to rekindle our School memories – good and bad. So we try to create a “home-away-from-home”. One of the ways in which we can do that is to encourage ODs visiting the UK – especially, but not only London – to make contact with the ODU up here and to join our events and functions. ODs from South Africa bring Bishops to us and for ODs living in the UK, that is a valuable gift. And any OD from wherever you are, if you find yourself in the UK should contact me and we can arrange a get-together which puts ODs in touch with ODs. Please subscribe to our monthly newsletters (<https://form.jotformeu.com/62625993969376>) to get an idea of what we're up to – and then feel free to join in. And my email address is [nbicket@katale.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katale.co.uk) Please do contact me.

### UK OD DINNER

Carlton Club, social home to the Conservative Party, felt like it had been specially built for an OD Dinner. On 1st July, 94 ODs and their guests assembled for the an elegant, lively (and noisy, of course) black-tie dinner, hosted by Raymond Ackerman (1948S), the President of the ODU. Our guest of honour and main speaker was Guy Pearson, Principal of Bishops. We were delighted to welcome

College Council Chairman, Mike Bosman (1978O), Robert and Sally-Jayne Murray, as well as Michael and Claudia Coombs and Greg Brown, Headmaster of Bishops Prep. Robert (1968S) is the OD Secretary for Scotland; Michael the UK Secretary to the RBHS Old Boys' Association. In particular, we welcomed – and thanked – Anthony Record, MBE (1956S) and Carole Record. It was through Anthony's membership of the Club that we were able to avail ourselves of the opulent yet relaxed environment. We are further indebted to Anthony for the very generous donation of the wines for the evening; and what fine wines they were too, coming from his very own vineyard, Domaine Gayda, in the Languedoc.

The evening was in three parts: pre-dinner drinks in the aptly-named Cad's Corner (where we watched a stirring video on Bishops), the dinner itself in the Churchill Room and then the “after-party” (or at least the first one) in the Drawing Room. The entire evening was managed impeccably by James Gardener (1974W) our superb MC for the night whose relaxed authority and witty repartee kept the evening on track and some (potentially) wayward ODs in check.

The date of our dinner also marked, to the day, the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. So appropriately, the dinner opened by remembering the 18 ODs who were killed in that terrible conflict. James Gardener read out the names and ODs as guests stood and paused for a minute's silence to honour their sacrifice.



*Chaaba Jangulo (2012W), Michael Enotiades (2007F), Nick Koster (2007F), Louis Spencer (2012F), Alexi Enotiades (2012F)*



*Chris Moltano (2010G), Cosimo Paulucci de Calboli (2010K), Nick Boswell (2010S)*



*Stuart Crawford-Browne (1988K), John Richards (1988G), Graeme Newcomb (1988G), Stephen Morrell (1988W), Stephen Larkin (1990F)*



***Caelim Parkes (1990O), Haydn Hammond (1990B), Gordon Robinson (1990F)***

That was followed by a message from Bruce Jack (1987G), the newly-appointed ODU Chairman who was unable to make the dinner. The Reverend Peter Macan (F, 1954) said the Grace. James Gardner then read a poem on Bishops, Nine o' Clock Match by his father, John Gardener (1948G) and bid everyone bon appetit but not before asking ODs and guests to take a minute to share amongst themselves one or two special memories of the School. Louis Spencer (2012F) proposed the Toast to Bishops recalling very humorously and articulately one or two anecdotes which exemplified the positive and lasting influence the School had had on him.

Guy Pearson, in his speech after dinner, dealt with the huge changes which Bishops



***This was always going to happen!***

is undergoing and the challenges of the transforming South African and global educational landscape. Notwithstanding these, Bishops is still able to educate boys capable of getting into the best universities in the world and who score in the top decile

of South African matriculants. Added to the School's success in the classrooms, Bishops boasts 22 cultural societies and, uniquely, the School Eisteddfod which encourages even the most reluctant of creative talents of every single boy in the School. 27 different sports are on offer making it very easy for most to run, but for none to hide. Guy outlined his vision for the next five years and referred to the revitalisation of the Bishops Trust, the School's fundraising arm, which has set itself an ambitious target for a range of exciting and differentiating capital projects and bursaries. In short, he said, while not easy sailing, Bishops is in good health and the future looks bright. In reply, Raymond Ackerman thanked Guy for the leadership he has provided and continues to provide the School, and thanked too Mike Bosman and the entire Council and Staff. He emphasised the strong and indivisible

link between Bishops and the ODU with the ODU being there to provide support, advice and guidance to boys who have left the School, as well as strengthening the OD network and advocacy for the School. In effect, the ODU seamlessly carries on where Bishops leaves off. To this end, the ODU itself has developed and implemented a mentoring initiative and is now working on an entrepreneurial and innovation programme in conjunction with the School which will truly set Bishops and the ODU apart not just in South Africa but internationally as well. While a few large corporates dominate commerce and industry worldwide, it is the entrepreneurs – the thousand pins of light, as George Bush snr called them – that are the engine room of a country's economic strength and success. He closed by wishing the UK ODs well in these turbulent political times.



*Left: Henley Royal Regatta (left to right) Nick Heesom (1961W), Nicky Bicket (1973F), Rob Johnston (2010G), Martin Calder (1991B), Richard Montgomery (1976G)  
Right: Richard Montgomery (1976G), Rob Johnston (2010G)*

## HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Once again, an intrepid few made our

way to Henley, the setting for the Henley Royal Regatta. Last year, the first day of



the regatta was also the hottest day of the 2015 summer. This year it bucketed down and (solace was sought in the Leander Club (hence the pink reference) where we enjoyed a splendid lunch with wives and partners, washed down by an almost limitless supply of fizz, thanks to Nick. Then off to the annual Trinity Hall (Cantab) garden party (marquee provided) and a very jovial time with the College rowing fraternity (and sorority) always on

the lookout for new rowing recruits. Then for the battle-hardened, off to Mahiki for some extended late evening cocktails. A wonderful day all round. Also with us were Wendy Heesom, Angela Kerr (with Martin), Joy Montgomery and their – and now our – friend, Jenny. Joy, some of you will recall, was once one of the rowing coaches at Bishops. In the righthand photo are Richard and Rob looking like they might actually be watching the rowing.



*The OD team (Left to right) Chris Price (2001F), Guy de Freitas (2005M), Doug Mallett (2007M), Zandy MacDonald (2007F), Alex Price (2008M), Damon Crowhurst (1991F), John Wyatt (1961W)  
Inset: Stephen Suckling (1996F)*

## OLD TONBRIDGIANS GOLF DAY

Playing for honour, the ODs, led by Alex Price (2008M) triumphed against the Old Tonbridgiens 4-0 in a betterball matchplay format at the RAC on Sunday 10th July.

This levels the series 1-1 lending an extra edge to our return match next year. As always, the OTs were a gracious and highly sociable team who have become great friends of the ODs. We enjoy our matches



*The ODs and OCs still speaking to each other, just before tee-off! (Left to right) Tony Whitty (OC), Mike Taylor (1959G), Graham Williams (OC captain), Rob White-Cooper (1961S), Martin Riddiford, Richard Duck (1964G) (OD captain), Steve Richardson (OC), John Wyatt (1963W), Bobby Trew (1952F), Peter Whyllie-Harris (OC) and inset Peter Arthur (1965G).*

against them and appreciate the support and encouragement (and friendship) they give us.

## SENIOR GOLFERS – ODS VERSUS OLD CRANLEIGHANS

On Thursday 12th May, a beautifully warm and clear day, our Senior OD Golfers under Richard Duck (1964G) took on the Old Cranleighans (OC) golfers at the iconic Walton Heath Golf Club. Just the day before, the rain had bucketed down causing our players to readjust their game to the slower greens. This, in any event, was their story, going down to our worthy opposition 2 and a half to a half

in a four ball-better ball competition. Lunch afterwards gave the ODs the opportunity to cement their relationships with the OCs and indulge with them in some fine Backsberg Sauvignon Blanc. We look forward to a return match against this most gentlemanly of teams in the not too distant future. Playing for the Senior OD team were Richard Duck, Mike Taylor (1959G), Rob White-Cooper (1961W), John Wyatt (1961W), Bobby Trew (1952F) and Peter Arthur (1965W).

## ADVENTURE

Dr Garth Gilmour (1976F) leaves Oxford's



***Dr Garth Gilmour (1976F)***

Faculty of Oriental Studies to take up the role of Director of the CMJ, Israel, based in Jerusalem. He writes, "It seems that we shall have to wait a bit longer for me to be able to attend any of the events for UK ODs. I have just been appointed to a new position as Director of CMJ Israel, based in Jerusalem, from 1st October. Of course, there is no OD branch in Israel; indeed, I used to joke when I lived there before that I had the OD Dinner (Israel Branch) every evening in my home! So I would like to continue to receive your missives and be advised of developments in the UK. But clearly, my ability to attend dinners and events will be even further curtailed than they have been until now. But who knows, one day, maybe, I will be in



***UK 1990 Lunch – standing: Maida Parkes, Caelim Parkes, Linde-la von Wedel, Claire Deane, James Legg, Craig Tedder, Rene Tedder, Gordon Robinson and Nicky Bicket and seated: Sarah Larkin, Neil Orpen, James Deane, Haydn Hammond and Stephen Larkin***

London at a time when something will be on, and we can – eventually – meet up. (Though I have to say that I have despaired that it might be another 40 years before we do!).” We wish Garth and his wife, Vibeke, well in his new adventure.

### 1990s FAMILY DAY

Following what is now becoming something of a tradition, a group of 1990s assembled en famille at Neal Arnold (School) and Linde-la von Wedel’s home on Saturday 20th August

for a long and languid (and boozy, of course) braai. Neal and Linde-la’s house borders on the Royal Ashdown Golf Course and is resplendent with beautiful flowers and a verdant vegetable garden which supplied all the greens for the lunch. The weather behaved, mostly, and Neal’s braaing was, fittingly, at an Olympic standard. The picture captures a year who know how to party. Assorted children of a range of ages also made up (and added to) the exuberance of the occasion.

## OD UNION MENTORING PROGRAMME

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Nicky Bicket (1973F), our UK Branch Secretary, has agreed to coordinate the ODU Global Mentoring Programme. I can think of no one more suitable to take on this critical initiative.

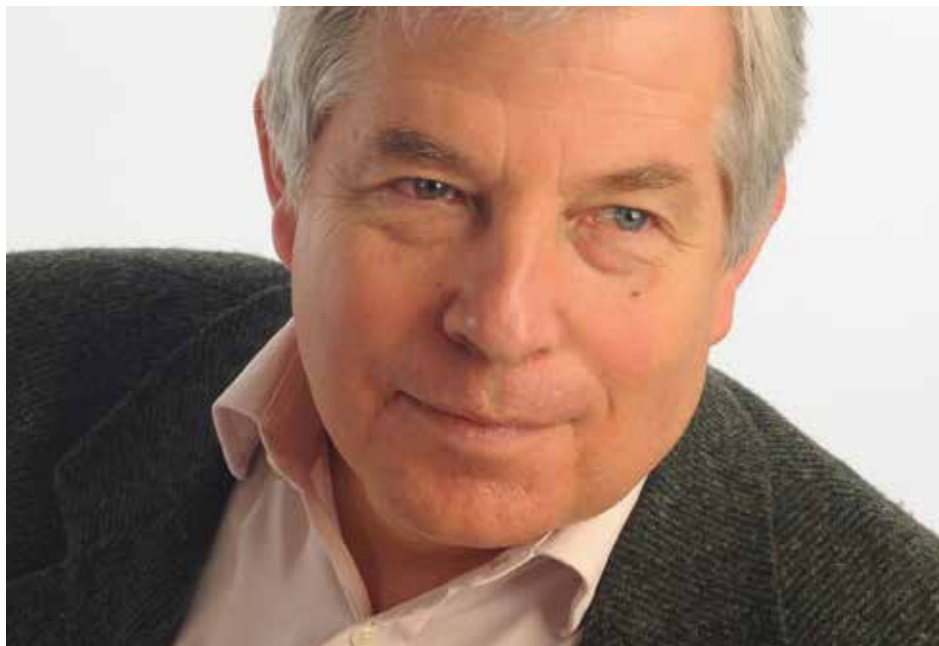
Nicky has written to all the branch secretaries to outline the Programme’s objectives and processes, as well as to all the (non-UK) mentors who very kindly signed up at the time of the Programme’s launch. The Programme has restarted in earnest, and the response from ODs across the world has been overwhelmingly positive.

We believe this is a unique, valuable and differentiating benefit for ODs wherever they are. Through the mentoring, younger ODs can, and already do, benefit from OD mentors who possess a huge range of skills, experience and wisdom.

The purpose of the Programme is to support the ODU philosophy of “ODs helping ODs”. The objectives of mentoring are to assist ODs to achieve their potential

and to help them align their personal values, objectives and goals to the world in which they work and live. The job of OD mentors is to challenge, guide and advise mentees who come up against career choice dilemmas, workplace obstacles and to even assist those who are relocating. Or, frankly, with any problem wise counsel would be helpful.

How it works: Once a mentee signs up, Nicky contacts possible mentors before putting the mentor in touch with him/them. Mentoring can be a one-off exchange or a six-month relationship. Meetings can take place face-to-face, or via email and/or Skype. Each instance is different and depends on the objectives of the mentee and the availability of the mentor (constraints and expectations to be established up front). The frequency and nature of the communication is left to both to decide. And because of the communication options available to us, it



***Nicky Bicket (1973F) – ODU Secretary UK***

doesn't necessarily matter that mentors and mentees are not in the same country or city.

Thank you to the 271 OD mentors already signed up. Most are based in South Africa and the UK, but also in the USA, Australia, Mexico, India, Tanzania, Singapore, the UAE, Hong Kong, New Zealand, France and the Cayman Islands. They cover 76 specific fields. These numbers, and breadth and depth of influence, is sure to increase.

If you are not already a mentor and would like to be one, or would like to access a mentor for advice and guidance, sign up at <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

Nicky will report regularly on how the

Programme is progressing. The wonderful response to date means this will be one of the cornerstones of the ODU. And like many similar organisations, the fabric of your Union will be strengthened through this initiative. I urge you to be involved.

Remember that mentorship has always been a part of the Bishops learning experience. It is worthwhile to reflect on those teachers who have contributed positively to one's experience. The efforts of many great men and women should be celebrated in this expansion of a Bishops ideal; already etched in stone. This ODU initiative hopes to build on that tradition.

*Bruce Jack*  
*Chairman*



# SOCIAL REGISTER



Nina and Simon Arenhold (1991O) met their first born, daughter, Amélie, on 4th July. Amélie was born at Vincent Pallotti at 00:45 weighing 4020 grams. Congratulations to Nina, Simon, and proud grandparents, Marian and John Arenhold (1950O).



***Proud dad with daughter Philippa and proud mom with son Karl***



***ODs present at Baptism were Crispin Inglis (2000F), Jerome Mitchell (2000F), Chris Rawbone (2001F), Alistair Hayward (2000F), Valerian van der Byl (2000F), Geordy Kohler, John Hayward (1967F), Andrew Calothi (2000O)***



***The Twins***

Congratulations to Samantha and James Pickering (1997O), on the birth of their a pigeon pair, in London on 4th August.

Alistair (2000F) and Lioba Hayward are the proud parents of Philippa Hayward, who was born 23 March this year. Her Baptism was held in the Brooke Chapel on 28 May, followed by lunch at The Mitre. Present were Philippa's grandparents, Arch duchess Gabriela von Habsburg from Munich and Mr Christian Meister from Berlin, and John (1967F) and Fiona Hayward from Kenilworth, Cape Town. The officiating priest who baptized Philippa is a family friend from Augsburg, Father Michael Menzinger. Philippa's two godfathers are Crispin Inglis (2000F) and Jerome Mitchell (2000F).



*Big brother James (future OD)  
holding baby Philip*

Philip Loughton was born on 19th July in Cape Town. Tim Loughton (1993G) and his wife Renee, are delighted to welcome him to their family.



*Baby Blake*

Bradley Elliott (2002W) and his wife Tam, welcomed their son, Blake Alexander Elliott into this world on 12th July. Blake was born at the Christiaan Barnard Hospital in Cape Town.

## MARRIAGES



Mark-Ross Dobbie (1999G), son of Ursula Dobbie of Simonstown and the late Hugh Dobbie, married Fiona Jeffery, elder daughter of Hazel and Bruce Jeffery (1971F) of Timberlee Farm, Stellenbosch, at Knorhoek Wine Estate on the 2nd January 2016. Mark-Ross and Fiona live in London.



Tudor Caradoc-Davies (1998B), son of Geoffrey (1960W) and Gillian Caradoc-Davies of Somerset West married Ingrid Sinclair, daughter of Werner and Karien Sinclair of Bloemfontein on the 6th of August 2016.

## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Liz and Rollo Dickson (1949S) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the 29th September. Liz and Rollo were married in Christ Church, Arcadia, Pretoria.

## OCTOGENARIANS

- Peter Gear (1953G)** 12th August 1936  
**Andre Abrahams (1954G)** 14th August 1936  
**Julian Grenfell (1953G)** 22nd August 1936  
**Christopher Ferner (1955)** 24th August 1936  
**Anthony Ward (1954G)** 3rd September 1936  
**Michael Dommissie (1954O)** 18th September 1936

*Octogenarians omitted in June 2016 magazine: -*

- Peter Gird (1954F)** 28th April 1936  
**Richard Borden (1953F)** 28th April 1936  
**Nigel Dunsmore-Rouse (1954)** 5th May 1936

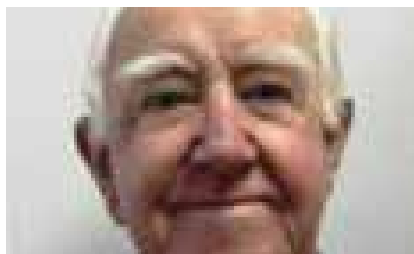
## NONAGENARIANS

- Colin Southall (1943O)** 17th August 1926  
**Arthur Fuller (1944O)** 28th August 1926  
**William Higham (1944G)** 28th August 1926  
**Leslie Davis (1945S)** 7th September 1926

## OCTOGENARIANS



**Geoffrey Burton (1953G)**  
 13th July 1936



**Philip Lloyd (1953O)**  
 1st September 1936



**Ian Wilson (1954G)**  
 19th September 1936



**Dr Graham Fisher (1952G)**  
 26th September 1936

## VISITORS



*Angus Mackie (1981F)  
visiting from Zambia*



*Manfred Bottger (1963S) and wife Marilyn*



*Thomas Cartwright (1988K)*



*Brothers, Robert Lipp (1962F) and Charles Lipp  
(1953F) and Charles' wife Patti*



*Brothers, Nigel (1976G) and  
Nick (1978G) Badminton*



*Philip Wood (1968W)*



*Derek Marais (1949O)*



*Cormac Petit (1973O)*



*Christopher Duck (1967S)*



## OBITUARIES

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### **Peter Melville Adams (1948F)**

Peter Adams died peacefully at home on 4th May 2016 after a short illness borne with much courage.

Peter was the youngest son of Eustace Adams, one of the founders of Adams & Adams, the Pretoria firm of intellectual property agents, which celebrated its centenary in 2007. He was also the grandson of Sir Johannes Wessels, a former Chief Justice of South Africa. Peter's own interests after matriculating lay not in the law but in science and agriculture and the natural environment, so instead of following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, he completed a B.Sc. in forestry at Stellenbosch. This was with a view to managing his father's timber plantation

at Louis Trichardt. His studies continued with an MA from Trinity College, Oxford, after which he travelled around Canada learning first-hand about the forestry industry in that country. On Peter's return to Oxford nearly a year later he married a Welsh girl, Mary Griffiths, and the couple made plans to move to South Africa in 1956. However, as Eustace Adams' timber plantation had by this time been sold, instead of going into forestry Peter decided to go farming in the then-Rhodesia.

Twelve years as a tobacco farmer followed, during which time the young couple had two children, Mark and Fiona. These years saw beginnings of what became Peter's lifelong interest in environmental and ecological issues. They also saw the start of the independence war in Rhodesia which prompted the couple to leave that country in 1968. They settled in the Cape, where Peter joined the town planning department of the Divisional Council in Cape Town. There he brought his understanding of the rural environment to bear on work that mostly concerned peri-urban development issues. At this time Mark was at Bishops Prep and played cricket for Western Province. Mark matriculated from Bishops in 1975. A second son, Paul, was born to Peter and Mary in 1969.

Peter returned to the agricultural sector and the wide open spaces that he so loved in 1981, taking up a position as an agricultural researcher at Fort Hare University while also farming for his own account near Grahamstown. At Fort Hare he did path breaking work on oil seed crops in what was then known as the Ciskei. However, both Mary and Mark suffered from ill health. Mark was



diagnosed with schizophrenia in his late teens and Mary also had ongoing medical problems, and for both of them the medical help then available in the Eastern Cape was inadequate. The family was forced to return to Cape Town in 1985 in search of better medical care for Mary and Mark. Peter returned to the City Council as a town planner and continued working there until his retirement.

Peter was no stranger to tragedy, his son Mark's diagnosis with schizophrenia meant he was never able to work or lead an independent life, and he died in 2005, at only 47. This was followed by Mary's death two years later, in 2007, after many years of ill health, during which Peter cared for her with great devotion.

Many people experience a diminishing of their world in later life. For Peter it was the opposite: the last decade of his life was intellectually the richest. He joined the University of the Third Age (U3A) after Mary's death and this opened up an intellectually stimulating world to him, in which he was actively engaged until a few days before his death. His interests spanned a wide range of esoteric fields, as well as classical music, opera, meditation, philosophy, alternative energy, ecology, and alternative medicine; to name a few.

He continued walking on Table Mountain until well into his 80's and was a familiar sight to other walkers, especially in Newlands Forest. At 79 he survived colon cancer and a fall from a roof the same year, but in February 2016, at age 85, Peter was diagnosed with untreatable gastric and liver cancer. He died less than three months later.

Peter Adams is survived by his daughter, Fiona and son, Paul.

*Fiona Adams*



**Edward (Ted) Albert Allen (1947F)**

Born on 25th September 1929 in Cape Town, South Africa, 'Ted' passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on 21st June 2016, in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 61 years, Ursula, his sons, George (Laureen) and Mark (Debbie) and daughters Tamsin (Rod) and Toni, grandchildren Sam (Ashleigh), Lindsay (Ryan), Tyson (Danielle), Ashley, Alec and Brett and great-grandchildren Austin, Edward and Sloane. As a boy, Ted attended Bishops and remained part of the OD alumni network throughout his life. Bishops left an indelible, positive mark on his life. He formed many lifelong friendships there and continued to tell stories of his fondness for the school throughout his life. He also stayed in touch with the school through the group of ODs that

met regularly in the Vancouver area. At Dad's memorial, Leonard Guelke (1956G) offered kind words about his connection with Bishops. At school, he was an avid sportsman and was looked up to as a leader, serving as Head Prefect of the school at one point, I believe. In his series of books about the family that he wrote in later life, he dedicated an entire chapter to his time at Bishops and the friends he met there. After graduating in Medicine from the University of Cape Town in 1954, he and Ursula emigrated to Canada in 1958 with their young family, settling in Toronto, where he worked for the Ontario Ministry of Health in TB control. In 1965, he moved with the family to Victoria, where he entered private practice as an Internist and Respiriologist. In 1979, he moved to Vancouver to become the Provincial Director of TB Control for the BC Ministry of Health until his retirement in 1994. At the same time he taught as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of British Columbia and was granted the honour of 'Emeritus' status in 1998. Over his years in medicine, he authored many papers and medical chapters and served on a variety of committees and boards, including the Canadian Thoracic Society and the BC Lung Assoc. He was also honoured with the George Elliot Award for lifetime contribution to public health in BC. In retirement, Ted plunged into his passion for reading and history, spending the next 18 years researching and writing the family history in three illustrated books he titled the 'Sepia Trail'. The value of the legacy he left in capturing the family story for future generations cannot be overstated. But, above all, the family will remember him for his warmth, sense of humour, and unceasing love and encouragement. We'll love you always.

A celebration of Ted's life was held at the Hollyburn Country Club in West Vancouver on Sunday 14th August.

*George Allen (son)*

To say to anyone who knew Ted, that you were also a friend, invariably drew an enthusiastic response. I first met him at Bishops in the 1940s. We matriculated together and had he been well enough to travel, he would have been at our 70th reunion earlier this year. He told me he came to Bishops on a bursary, boarding at Founders, where he became the head boy. He earned his colours for rugby and was the Shotput champion. He took Art for Matric and then went to UCT Medical School, being one of the four of the 1946 matric class who became a doctor. We studied and had a lot of fun together. The medical education received at UCT was superb and many UCT graduates were recruited to North America. Ted ended up in Western Canada. I managed to visit him a few times over the years on Vancouver Island and later in Vancouver when he moved to the mainland. He was an excellent doctor but went on to become an expert in pulmonary disease and made significant contributions to the management of pulmonary tuberculosis. He had a special interest in tuberculosis in the native Canadian population. At the same time he became interested in family genealogy and researched the history of his, and his wife, Ursula's, forbears for generations around the world and put it into book form. He participated actively in Western Canadian OD functions. To mention Ted's name to anyone who had met him invariably brought on smiles. He was a wonderful family man. Sadly, all these virtues were rewarded by more ill health than any man should be asked to bear. Multiple

sclerosis doubled over this tall muscular athlete to half his former height. He later needed surgery on his heart. Multiple operations and treatments for cancer kept him alive but more and more disabled. He was given marvellous support by his wife through decades of illness. For the last five or six years, Ted and I took to having long distance phone conversations every few months, lasting a couple of hours. I think both of us valued these highly. They inevitably reflected disappointment, in the way the world had not lived up to our hopes for it as youngsters, but inevitably acknowledged the happiness experienced at family level.

*Dr Robert Frater (19460)*



**Richard Walter Kemsley (1944F)**

Richard Kemsley passed away on 20th

March 2016 shortly after celebrating his 90th birthday in November 2015.

Richard was born in Barling, England, and immigrated to SA at the age of 11. Richard was a boarder at Bishops from 1936 until matric as his parents lived on a farm in Somerset West.

After matriculating he joined the SA Air Force and then went on to study architecture at UCT. It was at UCT that he met his first wife Pamela Swart.

After studying further at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, Richard then returned to SA and married Pamela Swart in 1953. They had four children: Jane born in Johannesburg, Simon born in Cape Town, Elizabeth, born in the UK while they spent 3 years in England, and then Ian born in Pretoria on their return from UK.

Richard was a very dedicated father and his family was always extremely important to him. He was an anchor in the family with his calm temperament and balanced way of life. He enjoyed music, reading, nature and the great outdoors and was lucky enough to travel through many parts of Africa, and also during the earlier years bought a pineapple farm in Swaziland. In later years he travelled overseas to visit his son Ian in the USA and eldest daughter Jane living in Australia.

Richard worked for Moolman Van Der Walt Architects, UAL and was also MD at Standard Bank Property Department in Johannesburg. He then went on to work at the Building Research Department at the CSIR in Pretoria until his retirement. Richard married his second wife Virginia Cleland in 1975 and they had a daughter Sacha.

Right up to the end his mind remained sharp and he kept his good sense of humour. He was generally fit and healthy until being diagnosed with cancer a short while before his death. He faced the challenge of cancer with the same courage and wisdom that he applied throughout his life and took charge of the situation as best as he could. He also came to realise that the most important thing in life is the quality of the relationships during a lifetime.

Richard was dearly loved and is deeply missed by his five children, eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. *Elizabeth Kitching (daughter)*

### **John Gerard Anthony Leyds (1945S)**



*John, his wife Avril, and his son Tony*

John passed away on 24th April 2016 at the age of 89 years old. John was known fondly to the School House boarders as “Loddy” and later “Pappa.” John had a Diploma of Chartered Secretaries, he was a well renowned Liquidator and was instrumental in the appellate court case of Leyds and Others versus Sentra Oes. He became an Investment Analyst prior to retirement. He loved being an analyst because it allowed him to look at companies from the inside out. Business in general fascinated him. He leaves behind his

wife of 54 years Avril Denise Leyds and three beautiful children Lyndall, Tony and Peter. He will be remembered for his dedication to Avril whom he loved unconditionally and I’m sure still does and his determination to always provide financial security to his family, to the point of sacrificing his own desires and joys. John was at his happiest when visiting his son and family in California or enjoying his retirement in his beloved Cape Town. He of course loved his grandchildren, Kean, Connor, Megan and Samantha and had a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews, Janet, Caroline and of course Anthony.

John loved Bishops and all it stood for. His favourite meal was breakfast. He loved vanilla ice cream, vanilla milkshakes, vanilla ANYTHING! He would swim in the ocean irrespective of the temperature. He was one of “The Boys” at the odd gentlemen’s club. John drove a car without first gear and without indicators so as to save the light bulbs (a true story). Very surprising for someone who had a passion for Formula One Grand Prix’s. John had an overwhelming belly laugh and sense of humour. John lead a good life, he and his friends certainly enjoyed their early years partying it up at various spots in Cape Town. He then worked hard at a successful career which he enjoyed in Johannesburg and returned to live and retire in his favorite place, his origin of birth, lovely Cape Town – none of which stopped him from extensively travelling the world. He was healthy his whole life, enjoyed people and family and overall was a happy person. His life on earth was certainly fulfilling, may his next journey be just as rewarding.

*Lyndall Roman (daughter)*



### **Bramley Oosthuizen (1951S)**

My dear brother Ockie passed away peacefully on 23 August 2016 after an eight month battle with Leukaemia. Fortunately, apart from discomfort, he was largely spared from pain and retained his ready smile and sense of humour throughout.

The first phase of his working life was served in a legal practice in Pretoria and thereafter the major part of his working life was dedicated to the insurance industry.

Ockie was a travelling man and he visited many countries and made many friends all over the world with whom he never lost touch. His humanity and compassion for his

fellow man and his friendly nature earned him love and respect from all he met, irrespective of their station in life. He was reliable, punctual and efficient at all times and his integrity was above question.

Ockie was very proud of his association with Bishops and his second name, Bramley, indicates a deeper association. Charles Bramley who served for many years as president of the OD Union was our great uncle. He served at the time when both my brother and I were at Bishops which was round about the centenary year of 1949. Charles Bramley made a substantial bequest to Bishops and Bramley House at the Prep School was named in his honour. A further connection was Edward Bramley who was named in the Roll of Honour of The Great War 1914-1919 in the June edition of the college magazine.

Having no family of his own, Ockie was devoted to the extended family. He was always interested in what everyone was up to, always concerned, caring and very generous to all. He was particularly close to me and dearly loved by my wife, Loretta and my daughters Alison, Janine and Heather. He was equally close to our sister, Anne and her family.

Ockie enjoyed a good, fruitful and happy life. He will be missed but also remembered by all of us in the years to come. He completed his journey at the age of 83 years, and left our world gently and peacefully.

*Jimmy Oosthuizen (1953S) (Brother)*

### **Gysbert Henry (Pinkey)**

#### **Watermeyer (1942S)**

Pinkey was born in Graaff-Reinet on 7 April 1925 to parents Gysbert (1942S) and Kathleen





Watermeyer. He had an elder brother, Frederick, and a half-sister Diana Lyall. His second sister, Rosamund, died in infancy. Pinkey spent his early years in Graaff-Reinet where his father was in the wool business. The family moved to the farm Grootdriefontein which his father bought in the Murraysburg area in 1928.

Pinkey's initial schooling was by a governess on the farm, after which he went to Union High School until Grade 10. He finished his schooling at Bishops in Cape Town, which was the school his father had attended. In 1943, he was sent to Rhodes University.

His own preference would have been to go to a technical college to study engineering or to Grootfontein, but this was not to be. In 1944, Pinkey did not return to Rhodes but started farming with his father. Over the next four or so decades, Pinkey and his family moved many times and he farmed on 16 farms distributed all over the Eastern Cape, including in the Graaff-Reinet, Middelburg, Cradock, Hofmeyer, Fort Beaufort and Grahamstown districts.

In 1988, at the age of 63, Pinkey decided that it was time to retire from farming and sold Varsvlei, his last farm. Thereafter he lived firstly in Graaff-Reinet, then Middelburg and moved back finally to Graaff-Reinet, where he spent his last years, initially at 7 Paul Kruger Street and finally the Parsonage Street Old Age Home.

Pinkey was a modest man but could well have boasted of many achievements after the age of 70.

He was a story teller and raconteur of note and he turned these talents into his autobiography. The result of this was the publication of the book "16 Farms (or the Impossible Dream)", which recalls in detail the joys, trials and tribulations of his life. Eventually about 700 copies of this humorous and evocative book were sold.

His first year in town away from the farming life that he loved so much was difficult and he wrote in his book that if God had knocked on his door to come and fetch him, he might have replied "What took you so long!"

When Pinkey lived in Middelburg, he took up art as a hobby. Pinkey was descended from a long line of artists

– the Leslies. Pinkey’s great, great grandfather Charles Robert Leslie, a Royal Academician, was commissioned by Queen Victoria to paint her coronation as well as the christening of her eldest daughter. Pinkey’s grandfather, Harry Leslie was the first headmaster of the art school in Port Elizabeth.

This Leslie talent was to surface in Pinkey who was given a few rudimentary art lessons by his neighbour in Middelburg and from there his hobby blossomed into an art career of note. Some of Pinkey’s art works were exhibited at an exhibition at the Cuyler Street Gallery in Port Elizabeth in 2006. This is what Kin Bentley, Art Editor of the Herald at the time said: “What talent! Pinkey Watermeyer has followed his autobiography with an exhibition of paintings of the highest order. These are some of the finest landscapes I have seen”. In 2006, Pinkey enjoyed an interview on national television about his art. Several other exhibitions followed and in 2009, three of Pinkey’s works were exhibited at an exhibition in Wallingford near Oxford in England.

Pinkey eventually grew to love Graaff-Reinet and settled down to several productive years of painting and gardening in his home in Paul Kruger Street.

What will Pinkey be remembered for?

1. His great love for the Karoo: This is illustrated by the large number of his paintings which feature the Karoo landscape, and particularly the Compassberg.

2. His great fondness for sport: In his younger days, he loved playing tennis, bowls, cricket and squash. In his latter years

he visited the Graaff-Reinet Club often to watch rugby or cricket on the TV. He also loved watching sport at Union High School.

3. His thriftiness: Pinkey did not spend a cent unless it was absolutely essential. Related to this is the fact that he believed that anything that could be repaired should be repaired.

4. His love for animals: The way he nurtured and loved his farm animals especially his Dohne sheep and his pet dogs and cats. The latter provided good company for a sometimes lonely bachelor.

Pinkey also wrote a lot of poetry, much of which is reproduced in 16 Farms.

Here is a poem he wrote about his dog Ringo who died while he was staying on the farm Jericho. It is called “Old Faithful”.

*Though the years come and go  
no shadow shall darken the glow  
of the love in my heart  
you did sow.  
Beside a little tree  
you won't even see  
lies the unmarked grave  
haven of my brave.  
Generations past and done  
and those yet to come  
shall never know  
how warm and brightly shone your sun  
for this lonely one  
till at last your day was done  
your race was won.*

Pinkey passed away peacefully on 4 August 2016 at the Parsonage Street Home in Graaff-Reinet and is buried in St. James Church Cemetery in the town.  
*Everitt Murray (1953F)*

# EVENTS AT THE MITRE

*Review by Delre O'Rourke  
(OD Union Office Administrator)*

## “WHY IS BISHOPS ABLE TO PRODUCE MUSIC STARS?”

On Thursday 28th July, the OD Union hosted a Music Event at The Mitre with over 100 guests in attendance.



*Early Hours – Benson Joubert (2014K), Adam Rothschild (2014O), Jake Bennett (2014O)*

## THE MUSOS

### Early Hours

*Jake Bennett (2014O), Adam Rothschild (2014O), Benson Joubert (2014K)*

Early Hours are an Indie Rock band consisting of Jake Bennett, Adam Rothschild and Benson Joubert that formed at Bishops in 2011 over a mutual love of music none of their peers were listening to. The four teenagers (at that time also consisting of Lood Van Niekerk) spent their high school years sneaking into clubs mid-week which they weren't old enough to be in, in order to play their music to an older audience. In their matric year they won the prestigious Converse Get Out Of The Garage competition and upon finishing their final exams, jetted out to New York and Paris to play and record music. Since finishing high school, Early Hours have become the first South African band in history

to reach 1 million plays on the music streaming website SoundCloud with their hit song *Smells Like Summer* (released while they were in matric). The band also charted in the US with their viral track *Dance Along*, and last month reached number 1 on the 5FM chart. The group currently lives within two continents, with singer Jake Bennett studying in America, as Early Hours plots to move the band overseas. They have just finished their debut EP, due for release in the next few weeks.



*Jeremy de Tolly (1988O)*

### Dirty Skirts

*Jeremy de Tolly (1988O)*

Jeremy de Tolly is a composer, singer, guitarist, pianist and producer, based at We Love Jam Studios in Cape Town. Jeremy is a classically and flamenco trained guitarist, a trained vocalist, and a road hardened composer and programmer. He currently sings and writes songs for Original Swimming Party, composes music for advertising, games, dance and theatre in between. He also became a pianist by chance, and recorded *Piano Nocturnes Volume One* in 2011. *Volume Two* was written in 2015. He was also the lead singer of South African alternative rock band The Dirty Skirts from 2004 to 2011.



*Dr Cameron Bruce (1987G)*

### **The Streaks, Skyminer & Stealing Copper, etc.**

*Dr Cameron Bruce (1987G)*

The Streaks were formed by original members, Bishops boys Cameron Bruce (guitar) and Josh Hawks (bass) in around 1988. The band started doing covers for parties and events and by 1991 had evolved into an original 7-piece Ska/Rock/Reggae ensemble, with Ash Read on drums, Ben Amato and Charlie Hart (1989W) on saxes, Philip Bardone on keyboards, and Nic Hazell on guitar. This band grew in popularity in the late 80's, playing at various festivals and opening for visiting acts such as Crowded House and Duran Duran. The Streaks are one of Cape Town's gems, a band that is well loved by many for its raucous humour, rebellious attitude and sweet melodies. They write and play music that tells of their stories and experiences against the backdrop of the city and country in which they live. With styles that range from warm and tender to energetic and spirited, these talented songsmiths sing and play with passion that finds its way to the surface from deep within.

### **The Josh Hawks Band, Freshlyground, The Streaks & Zap Dragons, etc.**

*Josh Hawks (1987W)*

Josh Hawks started teaching himself bass guitar in grade 11 and has been a part of a number



*Josh Hawks (1987W)*

of seminal South African acts all responsible for radio hits. For the last decade he has been part of the international touring circuit with Freshlyground and shared stages with countless acts from Crowded House to UB40, Nick Cave and the Pixies, to Wyclef Jean, Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin. He was involved in collaboration with Shakira for the 2010 FIFA World Cup which became a global number one hit in fifteen countries. He is still involved with Freshlyground and is recording a solo album with South Africa's premier drummer under the moniker *Slaves to the Rhythm* doing innovation and creativity presentations to corporates.

### **The Usual, Inspirational Singer/Songwriter**

*James Stewart (1986B)*

Emmy nominated, Multi SAMA award-winning, chart topping singer/songwriter, producer and musical entrepreneur! James cut his teeth in classical music with the usual childhood distaste and 'messed around with synthesizers' in his early teens. As singer/songwriter for The Usual, he achieved fame with enduring National #1 classics like 'The shape that I'm in' and 'Like a vision' (and a string of National and Regional Top 10 singles) securing the band a special place in the hearts and homes of music lovers throughout



**James Stewart (1986B)**

South Africa. His solo achievements include hits with 'Shine', 'A Man like me', 'You don't stop Turning me on' and 'Beautiful Mistake'. James' music has taken him all over the world and resulted in TV exposure and airplay in the States, the UK, Australia and Asia. He has collaborated with stellar songwriters including multi Emmy Award winner Andy Gundell and Grammy Award winner Julie Gold. 'Prayer' was nominated for an Emmy for 'Outstanding Musical Composition/ Arrangement'. James is a busy commercial writer, working with his MUSICAlchemy partner Barry van Zyl (South Africa's 'go-to' worldbeat specialist and Johnny Clegg's longstanding touring drummer).

### **Sound Technician Extraordinaire**

*Keith Farquharson (1984S)*

Over the last thirty years, Keith has worked in nearly all areas of the music industry – as a musician, composer, producer, broadcaster and sound engineer. His musical career was born during his time at Bishops – writing and performing songs with Greg Donnelly in the band Ulterior Motives. Keith moved back to his native Zimbabwe after school, eventually opening the country's top recording facility. It was in Zimbabwe where he met one of the icons of African music, Oliver Mtukudzi, and spent several years as his keyboard player and then tour



**Keith Farquharson (1984S)**

engineer, travelling the globe and performing in celebrated venues such as New York's Apollo Theatre and the Royal Festival Hall in London. He settled in London in 2002, working in various studios and on the live concert circuit, and even became a radio presenter for a while. It was in 2006, when Freshlyground approached him to join them on their European tour. This relationship brought him back to Cape Town and, in 2011, he won a South African Music award for Best Engineer for Freshlyground's Radio Africa album. Keith is currently the Principal of the Cape Town campus of the Academy Of Sound Engineering, South Africa's largest tertiary education provider in the field of music production and sound technology. He regularly provides technical assistance to the College and has a son in Grade R at the Pre-Prep.

### **Music Teacher**

*Mark Mitchell (Staff)*

Assistant Deputy Headmaster and Director of Music at Bishops, Mark Mitchell, obtained his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Cape Town, graduating with the Polliacks Education Prize as the top student of his year. In 1996 he completed his Master of Music thesis on The Anthems of Herbert Howells. He holds several licentiates and a fellowship in organ performance, piano and teaching from UNISA



and Trinity College, London. In 1987 Mark was appointed Organ Scholar to Dr Barry Smith at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town and in 1989 was appointed the Assistant Organist. He has recorded both choirs and organ for the BBC and SABC. In 1994 he was awarded the Organ Scholarship to Worcester Cathedral, England – touring during this time with the choir to the United States, Canada and the Channel Islands. In 1998 he was appointed Musical Director of the Symphony Choir of Cape Town – a position he held until 2003. His interest in South African sacred choral works, in particular, has resulted in the first performances and recordings of compositions by several South African composers. Mark has extended this interest by promoting these works on Fine Music Radio as a presenter. In 2004 Mark furthered his education by completing a Masters in Business Administration at the University of Cape Town during which time he was awarded a bursary to the Columbia University, Graduate School of Business in New York where he studied Exclusive Brand Management, Negotiations and Managing Growth and in 2008, studied Negotiations Methodology at Harvard University, Boston. He is also a certified Barrett and Associates Cultural Transformation consultant.

*In-between gigs, the musos reminisced about their days at Bishops.*

Jeremy de Tolly spoke fondly of Elspeth Jack, an extraordinary woman who believed in him. He remembers Elspeth going off on a sabbatical to learn how to play the Flamenco guitar in Spain. He then had the opportunity to learn Flamenco guitar with an enigmatic gentleman in Sea Point, Pablo Navarra.

Dr Cameron Bruce's seminal moment came in Grade 9. Ed Jordan had written some compositions and roped in Cameron, Josh, Jason Silverberg (trumpet) and Neil Farquharson to

play with him in the School House quad during lunchtimes.

When Josh Hawks was six years old, he remembers digging around in his parents' record collection and listening to a Beatles LP..Josh breaks into a short piece of "Will you still love me tomorrow." The first African music he was exposed to was Ipi Tombi. A pivotal moment for Josh was when his dad, who was a school teacher at the time, came home with a cassette he had confiscated from some boy. One song on the cassette which blew his socks off was Bob Marley's Jammin ... and Josh wanted to be Bob!

James Stewart explained how amazing it is that music has always been such an available facet of Bishops and how interesting it is that the music school is right next to the Piley Rees – juxtaposition! James' magic moment was being part of the Brass Band due to Graham Coote.

Early Hours told the audience how they wrote their song "This and that" on one Founders Day when all the other boys were running the Avenue Mile! They spoke highly of all the musos that took part in the event, saying they were all role models to them and played some part in them reaching their dream.

Mark Mitchell also arranged an impromptu performance by Anecnote.



*Anecnote*



*The “Tall Ship” Bark Europa*

## **ANTARCTICA ON A TALL SHIP - DIARY OF A SHIP’S SURGEON BY BOB BAIGRIE (1974F)**

On Thursday 18th August we held another successful event at The Mitre.

‘Dr Bob’ had the trip of a lifetime down to Antarctica during last summer, as Ship’s surgeon on the 105 year old “tall-ship” Bark Europa. This arose via his friendship with Nick Bestbier (2008G) who had spent his UCT holidays as an engineer on Europa, and who reckoned Bob was just the sort of slightly off-beat medic to fit in with the young crew. The journey began in Punto Arenas in Chilean Patagonia, and after sailing the Magellan straits and Beagle passage; they spent Boxing Day picnicking on a sunny Cape Horn with an Andean condor overhead. There followed a 24-day voyage to 65.50 S where the pack ice stopped them. Bob also qualified as an official Antarctic guide, which meant he was always on the zodiacs with the working tourists, as well as giving lectures, including a favourite one he had borrowed from Syd Cullis (Founders in late 1950’s), his retired surgical partner, entitled “The surgical history of Antarctica” - a series of hair-raising adventure stories!

### *About Bob*

He obtained his Chemistry and medical degrees



*Bob climbing aboard the Bark Europa*

from UCT with distinction in 1983, and was appointed a Clinical Lecturer in Surgery at the University of Oxford in 1989 where he undertook his doctorate. He then spent six years specialising in gastro-intestinal, colorectal and laparoscopic surgery in the UK and Australia.

He returned to Cape Town at the end of 1996 and was awarded an Adjunct Professorship by UCT in 2011, the first time a full-time private surgeon has been accorded this status by the University. His primary teaching responsibility (and love) is the personal supervision of the senior colorectal trainees in advanced operative surgery. He is the current past president of the Association of Surgeons of South Africa (ASSA) and past Chair of the Federation of Surgeons of South Africa (FoSAS). Bob says the trip to Antarctica was to celebrate his release from these political chains.

## **“SERVE TO LEAD” BY ANDREW WHITE (1993W)**

On the 1st September, The Mitre was bustling with ODs and guests, attending yet another successful event.

Andrew spoke about his nine year career in the British Army as a Royal Engineer Officer. He has served on operational tours in Kosovo, Belize, Iraq and Bosnia, is trained in bomb



**Andrew White (1993W)**

disposal and high risk counter terrorism search, and achieved the rank of Army Captain.

#### *About Andrew*

Andrew joined Bishops Prep in grade 4 as a boarder in Van Der Bijl, moving on to the college as a boarder in White House and matriculating in 1993. He enrolled at UCT where he graduated with a BSc Engineering-Surveying before enlisting at Sandhurst in 1999. During his time as an officer Andrew was a Troop Commander, Training Officer, Operations Officer and a Squadron 2IC (2nd in command of a Royal Engineer Squadron in Iraq). His military career has covered High Risk Counter Terrorist Search (CTS), Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Officer in Iraq, Bosnia and the UK and trained Iraqi Army bomb disposal teams, airborne training, operations tours, special projects and ceremonial duties. He enjoyed adventure training with his soldiers in sky diving, open water diving and skiing, and captaining his Corp shooting team at the prestigious Army 100 competition. Since completing his military work Andrew has done volunteer charity work in Costa Rica and Nicaragua and consulted on a BBC production as a military expert. Today Andrew works in private security as a close protection officer for high net worth individuals and CEOs and is a security consultant for

international events including FIFA World Cups in South Africa and Brazil and Olympic Games in London, Sochi and Rio de Janeiro.

When Andrew was asked to speak, he asked, “What would you like me to speak on”? He was given a blank canvas which made him think. He gave us a personal look at his time in the British Army and how it shaped him as a person. He also gave the audience an opportunity to ask any questions as he went through a brief synopsis of his time and experiences in Her Majesty’s Forces (HMS). As Andrew said, “10 years in 60 minutes is tough, but let’s give it a go!”

He touched on:

- The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) – his time in Officer Training
- Being a young Troop Commander – his first command of men in Germany
- Military Operations – Time spent in Kosovo, Bosnia and Iraq during hostility.
- Lessons learnt along the way that shaped life after the military.

The title of his talk comes from a book given to new recruits at Sandhurst – *Serve to Lead*. The book has the following headings; Morale, Leadership, Discipline, the British Soldier, Man Management, Duty, Service and Courage.

The audience were amused and engaged hearing about his near decade-long experience, containing rich tales of excitement, challenge, and conflict.

# REUNIONS

## NORTHERN PROVINCES DINNER

The OD Northern Provinces Dinner was held on Wednesday 8th June at The Johannesburg Country Club in Auckland Park and was attended by 60 ODs spanning the years 1953 to 2010. Our guest speaker for the evening was the Principal, Guy Pearson, who gave all present an extremely good perspective on the challenges facing Independent Schools in this era, as well as updating us on the progress at Bishops. The evening was a lively one with all enjoying meeting up with old friends and networking with new ones. Simon

Grose (1977F), our NP Secretary, opened the proceedings welcoming all and issuing rules for the evening with Grace (not in Latin!) being delivered by the youngest OD Christopher Church (2010G). The Loyal Toast as well as the Toast to Bishops was proposed by our most senior OD present, Richard Clowes (1953G), with Kennedy Jimba (1983S) producing a highly amusing response on behalf of the OD Union after Guy Pearson's address. There were a few partners present who braved the predominantly male audience and we were also graced by the impromptu arrival of Jonathan Dunn (1978F), a Zurich resident,



*Back: Paul Cohen (2009F), Michael Dickinson (2006G), Nicholas Greig (2009F), Front: Scott Rogers (2006W), Makis Laskarides (2006O), Keba Mothoagae (2004S), Simon Stubbings (2006O), Vaughan Harries (2006O), Craig McKenzie (2006O)*



*Back: William Hardie (Michaelhouse), Warwick Smith-Chandler (1975S), Guy Pearson (Principal), Simon Grose (1977F), Front: Jonathan Dunn (1978F), Beverley Anne Sabbagh, Richard Clowes (1953G), Warwick Jones (1961S), Jennifer Clowes*



*Back: Chris Edwards (1993G), James Edwards (1995S), Craig Lorden (1993F), Front: Edrich Eachus (1995K), James Price (1995G), Greig Wilson (1995G)*



*Back: Neil Lister (1999O), Unathi Diniso (1999W), Ryan Kohler (1999S), Front: Sikhona Junior Sidzumo (2005S), Thabiso Mokaba (2005W), Brendan Raubenheimer (2005F), Justin Bijl (2005K), Nic Raubenheimer (1999B)*



*Back: Kennedy Jimba (1983S), Sabatha Mahote (1990F), Thobilo Vumazonke (1993W), Thabiso Mokaba (2005W), Front: Moira Jimba, Fezeka Chulayo, Simon Grose (1977F)*



*Back: Oliver Cole (2008G), Anton Biebuyck (2008O), Christopher Church (2010G), James Plimsoll (2007G), Front: Marc van Heerden (2008S), Mark Jones (2007K), Andrew Clarkson (2007K), Thomas Horne (2007B)*



*Back: Nicholas Clowes (1988S), Dave von Hoesslin (1992S), Siyabulela Gcilitshana (1992S), Andrew Vincent (1989S), Dave Rhoodie (1988S), Front: Antony Cohen (1989F), Jason Krause (1995G)*

who was stranded in Johannesburg on the way to Blantyre. A pleasant evening was had by all with many new plans and suggestions being put forward for activities in the region.

## CLASS OF 1959 – LUNCH



*Class of 1959 - THEN*



*Standing: Gerald Robertson, Garth Sampson, Graeme Wares, Mike Shand, Jerome Sedgwick, Ridgley Hall, Peter Fiske, Angus Quail, Andrew Ovenstone, Anthony Coombe and seated: Paul Heinemann, Graham Parkhurst, Atta Duncan, Geoff Davies and Gil Joyce (Robin Beck left before the photo was taken)*

Sixteen ODs of the Class of 1959 met at The Mitre on 15 August to honour the visit of Atta Duncan to Cape Town from his home town of New York. It was an occasion touched with huge sadness, for it was the first local gathering, since the deaths earlier this year, of Chet Sainsbury and Koos Jonker. In that past week we also lost Peter Liddell, so tragically killed by a train on the railway line near his Kalk Bay home.

The event was also notable for the fact that none of us had previously visited the new OD Union offices nor indeed met Delre O'Rourke, who so kindly organised the venue and the lunch arrangements. It is certainly a stunning setting for OD gatherings such as ours.

Amongst the memorabilia brought by various members was this class photo taken in 1984 on



the occasion of the 25th reunion of the Class of '59. How young we all were back then!

*Anthony Coombe*

## CLASS OF 1978 FOUNDERS MINI REUNION



*Enjoying dinner*



*From left to right: Gary Cawcutt, Cornelius Wolfswinkel, Duncan Barry, Craig Huxter and Timothy Pentz*

Over the weekend of 27th to 29th May, Duncan Barry organised a mini Founders Class of 1978 reunion in Robertson. It was such great fun that it was decided to organise another get together in Cape Town next year so that more ODs can attend. The following ODs were in attendance: Gary Cawcutt, Cornelius Wolfswinkel, Duncan Barry, Craig Huxter, Timothy Pentz and Douglas Jeffery. John Koster, Founders Class of 1979, also attended and had a few kind words to say after the dinner on the Saturday evening.

## CLASS OF 1987 'MEET UP'

The Class of 1987 get together on a regular basis to catch up. On the 10th June, they met for a relaxed lunch at A Tavola in Claremont.



*Standing: (left to right): Robert Wilkinson, Pete Farlam, Dave Collins, Carl Loubser, Mark Reid, Philip Tyers, Brent Dyssel, Bruce Jack, John Chorlton, David Porter – Sitting (left to right): Bruce Smith and Rob Carlisle*

## REUNION – CLASS OF 2011



*Year of 2011*

The Class of 2011 celebrated their five year reunion at The Mitre on Friday 10th June at The Mitre. Drinks and food were served and ODs from Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Edinburgh, London, Windhoek and Zambia were in attendance. It was the first reunion for the Class of 2011, which made it an exciting and memorable occasion for everyone.

## UK VISIT

I was fortunate enough to have made contact with and then to have visited Tony Honoré (1939F) and his wife Deborah in his Oxford home in September. Tony, in my view, is one of Bishops' celebrities although, inexplicably, unmentioned in the OD list of notable alumni. A Rhodes Scholar and then a revered and highly esteemed



legal academic (“... one of the very most top-flight post-war legal thinkers” according to one OD barrister) he still at age 95 conducts seminars at Oxford University where

he’s been all his life. He was the Regius Professor of Civil Law and Fellow of All Souls. (His full Wikipedia entry is worth a read).

Tony spoke of his very happy ten years at Bishops, leap-frogging the waiting list into Prep School because of family connections with Frank Reid. He recalled names and stories of a bygone and distinguished era for the School. He matriculated while Harald Birt was still Principal; the change (in 1943) to allow non-clerics to become Principal was still to come. He told me about his love for acting and how he had played the lead in Hubert Kidd’s school plays, culminating in his playing Hamlet in his matric year (in those days performed in the Rondebosch Town Hall). He was head boy of Founders and the School and captain of the second XI which allowed him to enjoy the game away from the pressures heaped onto the first XI.

His wife Deborah is in her own right very distinguished. Daughter of Sir Patric Duncan, Governor-General of South Africa from 1937-1943 and brother to (also) Patrick Duncan (well-known and influential anti-apartheid activist, also an OD, but who went on to finish his schooling at Winchester) Deborah was also a Rhodes Scholar and it was at Oxford that she met Tony.

It was a thrill for me to have met Tony and Deborah and he was delighted to have reconnected with Bishops and the ODU after many years. While perhaps not as athletic as he was as captain of the second XI, he is razor-sharp and possesses a truly

impish sense of humour which kept me amused for the duration of my visit.

*Nicky Bicket (1973F)*

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 1967 – 50th Reunion

This reunion will take place from 28th September to 1st October 2017.

For more details please contact the organisers:  
Christopher Duck – christopher@duckandcraig.com  
Anton Moldan – antonmoldan@gmail.com  
Mickey Madlener – madconns@iafrica.com  
Ian Smith – ians@holdfast.co.za

### CLASS OF 1977 – 40th Reunion

The Class of 1977 will be celebrating their 40th reunion over the weekend 17/18/19 February 2017. Please contact the organisers for more information:

Mark Westcott - mwestcott@wol.co.za  
Dave Steward - dsteward@bricook.it

### CLASS OF 1972 – 45th Reunion

Chris Newman is planning a 45th reunion for next year.

If you would like to assist Chris, please e-mail him at newmanz@iafrica.com

### THE CLASS OF 1987 – 30th Reunion

The Class of 1987 will be celebrating their 30th reunion from 21st to 25th September 2017.

A Reunion Facebook page has been set up at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1621847411462154/>

For more information please contact Dave Collins (dave@duneengineering.co.za) or Robert Wilkinson (robert@butlers.co.za)

## NEWS OF ODs

### **UNDER DEVIL'S PEAK - THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WILFRID COOPER, AN ADVOCATE IN THE AGE OF APARTHEID BY GAVIN COOPER (19760)**



Wilfrid Cooper was a rare man during the dark days of apartheid: an advocate whose career coincided almost perfectly with the rise and fall of the Nationalist government, intersecting eerily with that of its “architect” HF Verwoerd, and yet a man whose enlightened principles and

liberal thinking saw him regularly defending those less fortunate. His storied legal career saw him embroiled in numerous political affairs throughout the 1960s, '70s and '80s. He represented, among others, Verwoerd's assassin Dimitri Tsafendas; the SWAPO Six in Swakopmund; the families of Imam Abdullah Haron, Mapetla Mohapi and Hoossen Haffajee and others who died “jumping down stairwells while in detention” or hanged by their own jeans in their cells; and Steven Biko and other activists who were arrested by the security police in the dead of night. There were also the high-profile criminal cases, including the original Kebble-style “assisted suicide” of Baron Dieter van Schauroth and the scandalous case of the Scissors Murderess Marlene Lehnberg. Wilfrid Cooper reached the peak of his considerable legal prowess in a time when South Africans led a parallel existence, the majority downtrodden while white privilege reigned serenely in the suburbs – a time that could have easily provided him a less controversial career had he desired. And yet even as he and his gregarious wife Gertrude enjoyed wonderful and very sociable years in their Newlands home in Cape Town – an area that was itself remodelled under the Group Areas Act – he chose to walk the path less taken in the shadow of Devil's Peak. This is his story.

#### **The Author**

Gavin Cooper is a businessman and amateur historian, and the son of Wilfrid Cooper. This is his first book.

## WORK-BASED LEARNING

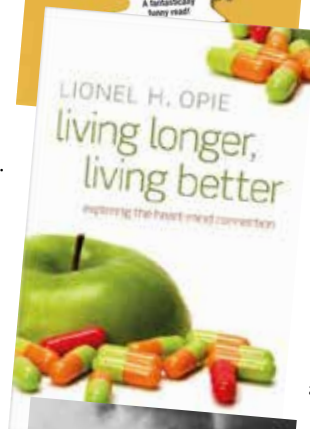
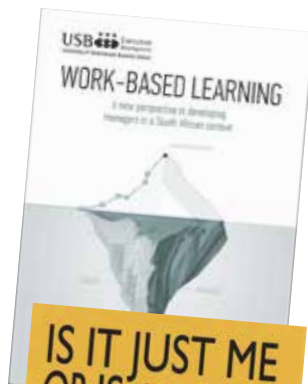
Dr Stefan Fourie (1986K) recently launched his new book “Work – Based Learning: A new perspective in developing managers” in collaboration with the University of Stellenbosch Business School. The book explores a more balanced perspective to the empowerment and development of managers in a South African context.

## BOOK WRITTEN BY TIM RICHMAN

“Is It Just Me Or Is Everything Kak? The Zuma Years” by Tim Richman (1995B) was published in early June and is currently doing well on the Homebru promotion at Exclusive Books. Tim’s new book comes seven years after the last instalment in the series at a time when “South Africa is going through one of its periodic morale slumps and we need a bit of satire and laughter to get out of bed in the morning.”

## LIVING LONGER, LIVING BETTER

Professor Lionel Opie’s (1949O) book, *Living Longer, Living Better*,



Exploring the heart-mind connection has been selected for distribution in India. Their initial plan is to take 6000 copies.

## BOOK BY ANTONY OSLER (1965W)

Mzansi Zen is an affectionate, challenging and witty blend of stories, commentaries and poems about life in present-day South Africa, threaded through a day in an actual Zen meditation retreat. The author’s familiar and authoritative Zen style inspires us into taking up this life with both hands, calling us into an intimacy that is already beneath our feet. Read it. It will change your mind and open your heart. Mzansi Zen is the third book in the series; it follows in the footsteps of *Stoep Zen* (2008) and *Zen Dust* (2012).

## CHANCELLOR’S MEDAL

Antony Osler (1965W) was awarded the Chancellor’s Medal at a graduation ceremony of UFS in Bloemfontein on the 30th June 2016 for ‘Exceptional service to South Africa.’ This award was bestowed on Antony for a combination of his human rights legal work in the years preceding the first democratic elections, local pioneering work in Zen Buddhism,



***Antony Osler (1965W)***

and the trilogy of books on a Zen life in contemporary South Africa.

## HATS OFF



***Mike Bosman (1978O)***

MTN has announced that Mike Bosman (1978O), currently the Chairman of Council at Bishops, has been appointed as a non-

executive director of MTN South Africa with effect from 1 July 2016. Having concluded an agreement with the Nigerian authorities over a fine imposed for failure to register subscribers, the mobile phone operator informed investors that it has resolved to refresh its leadership across the group, deepening the commercial experience with a view to improving the risk and governance profile of the group.

## EXPANSION TO AFRICA

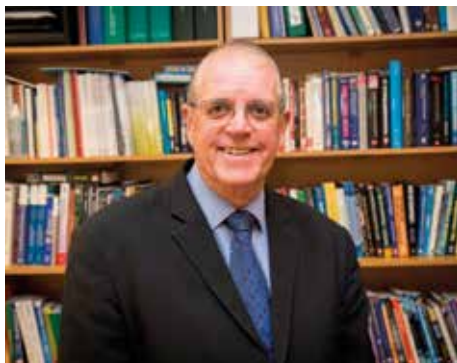


***Guy Stehlik (1987B)***

Guy Stehlik (1987B), CEO of Bon Hotels, the South African-based Company that owns, manages and markets hotels, has been busy on local soil in the African Continent. Bon Hotels added eight hotels to its portfolio in 2015. This included the takeover of Protea Hotels in West Africa, which delivered immediate positive results, but it also brought to light that companies, which try and run hotels remotely from outside of the country are doing so at their own peril.



## ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE GSB AT UCT



*Geoff Bick (1967O)*

Professor Geoff Bick (1967O) has been appointed as the Acting Director of the Graduate School of Business at UCT. Geoff joined the UCT GSB in 2012 as Professor of Marketing, having been at Wits Business School for a number of years, and was appointed Academic Director in 2014. With the departure of the Head of School in June, and given the time it takes to find a replacement, Geoff was asked to step in as the interim director until a new director is appointed. This was not quite the ‘retirement job’ that he envisaged, but it is a wonderful challenge to maintain the momentum of the GSB, as the Business School has been very successful in its achievements.

## COLOURFUL AWARDS

Following on from the wonderful article written about his Gold Award-winning House Ross, in Plettenberg Bay, Graham von Hoesslin (1995S) was not only awarded Gold for Landscape Design, House Field, Plettenberg Bay and House Spanish Farm, Somerset West,



*Graham von Hoesslin (1995S)*

but the National Trophy for the “Best Use of Colour in the Landscape” for House Spanish Farm. This was at the SALI (SA Landscapers Institute) Awards of Excellence in June 2016 in Stellenbosch.

Graham, who regards himself more as an artist than a gardener, acquired much of his earlier love and skill for both at the College, achieving a distinction for Art in Matric and spending many hours with Basil Bey’s wife in their School House garden, and maintaining the rose garden outside the Brooke Chapel (named after Graham’s great-great grandfather, Richard Brooke).

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our huge congratulations go to Raymond Ackerman (1948S) our ODU President, on yet another honorary doctorate. This time he was honoured by Rutgers-Camden University in the USA with an Honorary Doctorate in Laws for “outstanding commitment and dedication to building a better society for all South



***Raymond Ackerman (1948S)***

Africans over the past 50 years, setting new standards for business leaders across the world to follow”.

## **DES PRETORIUS MEMORIAL AWARD**



***Sam Sawkins (1953S)***

Sam Sawkins (1953S) is Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota. As a South African, and from Rhodes University, he has been awarded the “Des Pretorius Memorial

Award” by the Geological Society for his exemplary 50-year contributions to the field of Economic Geology. Sam is most known as a geoscientist and author of the book “Metal Deposits in relation to Plate Tectonics.”

This textbook is still in use in academia and industry. His work encompasses tectonics world-wide, including Africa and its mineral deposits. Sam excelled as a student at Bishops and the University of Cape Town, where he received a B.S. in Geology. He continued work in the field as a new graduate, spending a year in Tanzania studying the geology of local mines during which time, living in a grass hut, and sharing water from a watering hole with a buffalo herd. Following his stint in the African bush, Sam continued his education at the Royal School of Mines in Durham, UK and from there travelled to the US where he received his Ph.D from Princeton.

## **OGP YOUTH DIALOGUE**



***Moshe Apleni (1997F)***

Moshe Apleni (1997F), member of the ODU Committee and School Council, was recently the Moderator of The Open Government Partnership (OGP) Youth Dialogue which was hosted at the Kgorong Centre of UNISA in Pretoria. This was led by The Deputy

Minister for Public Service and Administration and OGP Presidential Envoy, Ms Ayanda Dlodlo. The dialogue forms part of the Youth Month activities. It seeks to solicit and elevate the voice of the youth in the critical governance issues envisaged by the OGP. With the theme “Youth Unemployment and Land Reform”, it has infused the land reform programme into the discourse to educate the youth about the importance of understanding the role played by lack of access to land in their disempowerment. The strategic objective therefore is to get the youth from all its formations to actively participate in governance and land reform debates that can help find solutions to the challenges of empowerment and development. Moshe is also the founder member of the Gugulethu Youth Development Forum, an NGO that seeks to help youth from Gugulethu, where he grew up.

## WOOCOMMERCE – NO LIMITS!



*Entrepreneur Mark Forrester (1999G)*

Mark Forrester (1999G) studied at University of Cape Town before embarking on his entrepreneurial journey. He has since founded a handful of businesses, but most

notably spent the last 8 year building WooCommerce. With a co-founder in Norway and a remote, distributed team scattered around the globe, their flagship offering empowers anyone to sell products online via an ecommerce toolkit – that is used on over a million websites. Nearly 40% of all online shops are supposedly now using their platform, enabling many budding entrepreneurs and businesses. Last year, the company attracted international technology news as WooCommerce was acquired by the open source web publishing powerhouse behind WordPress.com – Automattic.

Having lived in London, and travelling with work regularly, Mark remains passionate about Cape Town and the innovative, entrepreneurial tech hub it is fast becoming. He sits as an advisor and angel investor for a few emerging creative, mobile and “internet of things” businesses.

Mark now lives down the road from Bishops, and is married to Xenia. Together they have two boys, Max and Malakai.

## HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SA INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS

Case Rijdsdijk (Staff) has made immense contributions towards the advancement of Physics Education in South Africa over many years. He ably spearheaded the South African Physics Olympiad (SAPhO). SAPhO serves as a crucial vehicle for early identification and nurturing of Physics talent. Case Rijdsdijk has trained teachers as part of the Teacher Development Project which essentially forms an integral part of the collaborative partnership involving the South



**Case Rijdsdijk (Staff)**

African Institute of Physics, University of Johannesburg and Institute of Physics (UK). His genuine zeal to develop material for the benefit of both teachers and learners has not gone unnoticed. His unremitting commitment to teacher professional development in particular is unsurpassed in many ways. He continues to engage with developments in physics education research through sustained interaction with researchers in the field.

## HONORARY OD

On Sunday 29 May, Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F) arranged for a few ODs and guests to visit Meshack Masiza (Staff) at his home to present him with a letter and an OD tie, making him an Honorary OD. Attending were Arthur and his son, Paul Dobson (Staff) and his wife Margaret, Julien Rumbelow (1986S),



**Standing - Abednigo Masiza, Abey Rhorhana, Anset Mbata, Abraham Mateta, Julien Rumbelow  
Seated - Arthur Mngxekeza, Dorah Masiza, Meshack Masiza, Paul Dobson, and Margeret Dobson  
Front - Eunice Masiza, Avumile Mngxekeza, Nathaniel Masiza**

Anset Mbatha (1987W) and Abraham Mateta (1991S). A warm welcome was received from Meshack and his wife Dora, daughter Eunice and sons Abednigo and Nathaniel. Later on, Abey Rorhana (Staff) and Richard Khontyo (Staff) joined the celebration, which brought tears of joy to Meshack.

*Meshack wrote to the OD Union:*

“It was a pleasure and an honour to me to be made an Honorary OD of the OD Union. Let me accept this honorary OD gift with my open heart and express my appreciation to Mr Arthur Mngxekeza for proposing me for this honorary OD.

I have experienced wonderful years at Bishops and the opportunity that you have created for me. It's something that I will never forget and will cherish for the rest of my life.

Lastly let me take this opportunity to thank Arthur, Mr Dobson and his wife for taking

their time, on Sunday 29 May 2016 to come and visit me in my house and present this accolade to me. Arthur's son did the honours and that was an emotional and moving experience to see a young man taking up that role and that took me down the memory lane of my childhood.

Thank you once again to the team and Bishops management for acknowledging me and the wonderful gestures that they have showed to me."

### **RICHIE RYALL (1977F) INTERVIEW BY DANIEL HEWSON (2005G)**

Daniel Hewson is an arts writer, curator and artist. In 2015 he was the first South African to be awarded the Alexander Rave Scholarship for young curators and cultural collaborators. This enabled him to work on the Weltkulturen Museum's South African exhibition, "A Labour of Love" in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

*The interview:*

**Daniel Hewson (DH):** How did your passion for Fine Art begin? What are some of your earliest memories of learning to be an artist?

**Richie Ryall (RR):** From a very early age if I wasn't playing sport I was drawing – always detailed pieces and if I wasn't drawing pictures I was designing the inside of boats and cars or exploring the shapes of sculptures that I wanted to carve. Sculpture was my first passion – Henry Moore and Constantin Brâncuși were my early heroes with their flowing, organic shapes. I wanted to do the



*Eiffel Tower*

same by carving from wood first and then progressing to bronzes. Once I started at Bishops my first memories are of Sam Butler at the Prep School and later Major 'Bob' Wilson at the College. Both teachers gave me plenty of encouragement and taught me many worthwhile lessons which I still use today – especially with regards to my drawing aspect of art. My late mother Enid, was also a driving force behind my art – constantly encouraging me to 'go with my passions and the rest will fall into place' – both in my sporting life and my art. I only found out later in life that my father was also an exceptional artist. He loved drawing with a pencil and my mother told me that it was a passion he had wanted to pursue earlier in his life, but his Naval career stopped this from happening. I therefore believe I inherited my drawing skills from my father.





### Paris

**DH:** How much time does an average painting take you to complete?

**RR:** My wife Lee always says – ‘5 days and 28 years of experience’. This is always a difficult one to answer as some of my pieces are huge and complicated that take weeks and potentially even months, while others can take 2 – 3 days and others a week or so. It is very difficult to give a painting an average time frame.

**DH:** Your style of painting can be described as very analytical and precise with plenty of attention to detail. How did you hone this style?

**RR:** Hours and hours of work! But to be serious, always a lot of drawing work is required before I paint. I then try and use as big a brush as possible slowly working my way

down to the fine detail. One of the reasons I like working with charcoal, is that lots of drawing is involved, but you can cover large areas of paper and then through a process of subtraction with erasers, removing charcoal and creating the textures you are trying to achieve.

**DH:** Which artists have influenced your practice?

**RR:** Over the years I haven’t had that much time to study many other artists, but there are a few I have at one stage or another tried to ‘pinch with my eyes’ areas of the way they painted. These include, like most young art students, the ‘Impressionists’ – Monet, Manet, Degas and Renoir; then the ‘Post Expressionists’ – namely the Americans of the 1950s and 1960s. Also included in that list is the Pop

Artist, Andy Warhol. There was a stage in my career that I wanted to follow in the foot steps of an iconic South African artist, John Meyer – especially with regards to his atmospheric South African landscapes. Despite still admiring his work, I rather prefer a more looser and ‘Impressionistic’ style in my fine art, with areas of sharp focus. Some of the other artists that I have studied and followed are: the French artist Nicholas de Stael, the English artists, John Turner, Ken Howard and the German artist living in England, Frank Auerbach.

**DH:** What are the challenges of working as a full-time artist?

**RR:** It is very demanding time wise which has a big effect on families. Trying to control and manage that is very difficult. You are only as good as your last painting – in other words you have to continuously keep painting. It is occasionally very challenging to focus on something you stopped working on the week before.

**DH:** Please share with us about your upcoming exhibition in Santa Fe, New Mexico in October 2016. What themes and concepts are you looking at? What artistic mediums will you be utilizing to get these themes to your audience?

**RR:** My upcoming exhibition is the result of a collaboration between myself and a large corporation based in the USA. The pieces are going to be a collection of portraits, African Big Five animals, New Mexico Native Americans, American wildlife as well as paintings of local (Santa Fe and New Mexico) landscapes and aspects of buildings. It is going to be a collection of a variety of media,

ranging from charcoal and Conté or pastels to pencil and acrylic paint.

## CONSTANTIA WINE TOUR



### *Blake, entertaining the Aussies while on tour*

Blake Gowar (2005F) started The Constantia Wine Tour during the 2012/2013 summer. After spending many years travelling the world while working in the service and hospitality industries both locally and abroad his passion for these industries came together to form a small and growing business. The tour has recently been awarded by *Luxury Travel Guide* as Cape Town's Wine Tour Operator of the Year in the 2016 Holiday & Tour Specialist Awards. The awards programme selects winners based on their achievements and strengths in the travel industry. All winners of the 2016 Holiday & Tour Specialist Awards are subject to the same rigorous assessment criteria, carried out by our experienced in-house professionals as well as a number of celebrity guest judges. This ensures that only the most deserving teams, businesses and individuals walk away with one of these prestigious accolades. The tour specialises in small groups offering exclusive, intimate and private experiences as well as larger corporate

tours. SnapScan and Primedia have had the pleasure of experiencing the tour. ODs may enjoy reading that Constantia is the oldest wine region in the Southern Hemisphere and should be proud as there are lots of ODs that work as winemakers and farm owners in Constantia. Justin Van Wyk (Beau Constantia & Constantia Glen Winemaker), Greg Louw (Silvermist Winemaker) and Pierre du Preez (Proprietor of Beau Constantia Wine Estate) all played first team and there's just something special about being associated with the oldest wine region in the Southern Hemisphere while having played for the oldest rugby team in the Southern Hemisphere. The Constantia Wine tour hosted Robbie Fleck and Bobby Skinstad's Cape Town 10s Rugby Team as a build up for to their 2016 CT 10s campaign. Thankfully they won their tournament.

## BLADES FOR BISHOPS

Mark lives in Geneva, Switzerland where he works as a specialist in Superyacht and Business Jet Finance. Following school he read for BA and LLB degrees at UCT after which he qualified as a UK Solicitor with leading London shipping law firm Holman Fenwick Willan, based in the City. He has spent the last 10 years with BNP Paribas (Suisse) SA in Geneva. Mark was Captain of Boats and Head of School in 1992 (as regards the latter, following in the footsteps of a well-known South African astronaut) and counts, as his



*Michael Bands at the Grabouw Prize Giving 1992*

major achievement during his time at the Bishops, 'getting Herschelle Gibbs (1992O) to pull his socks up.'

Mark writes, "The 2016 Rio Olympics are over, and whilst I've had the chance to become an armchair expert in the finer points of table tennis and dressage I was, as usual, drawn to the rowing as my Olympic sport-of-choice (and in which South Africa had silver medal success in the Men's Coxless Pairs).

I was a Bishops oarsman between 1989 and 1992 – Captain of Boats in my final year – and I always say that once you've rowed, it stays in your blood regardless of whether or not you touch a blade again. I came to rowing primarily because I was pretty hopeless at cricket. My cricket career having peaked in Pat Channing's U14D XI (I don't think there was an 'E' team), it was Michael and Louise Bands who suggested that I join the Rowing Club which they had picked up following the memorable John Peake's departure in 1988. Louise (my long-suffering extra Afrikaans

*1st VIII 1992*

teacher) and Michael, the then Bishops Chaplain, had injected their typical energy and vigour into keeping the club going during what had been an uncertain period. It was a family affair as their son Christopher (Choppy) Bands (1990K) was a rower at the time, and went on to become Captain of Boats in 1990.

And so started a period in my school career that I look back upon with great fondness and gratitude. Don't get me wrong: it was a love-hate affair and I recall frequently collapsing in pain with leg cramps following Ergo sessions for crew selection on the Bands' lawn (they lived in the last house on the left of the Avenue, just before the Music School). This is far removed of course from the swanky rowing

centre that is being planned at the Oaks!

But there were the good times too: the thrill of taking SACS by half a canvas or the fantastic feeling of the boat sitting perfectly and sliding through the water almost effortlessly, as the timing clicked into place and the crew moved as one.

Water sessions at Zeekoevlei were another memorable experience. Not the easiest piece of water to row on but it prepared us well (under the patient guidance of our head coach, Gary Williams) for regattas on those often challenging rowing surfaces of Roodeplaat Dam, the Buffalo River and the V&A Waterfront. The organic sludge of uncertain origin on the bottom of the Vlei was always a



*G Williams Trophy 1992*

deterrent for the scullers against falling in!

During my time as a rower at Bishops the advancement in our materials was slow as the Club gradually established itself as a major contributor to the sporting life of the school. As I recall, we had one eight and two fours (Janousek) as well as a couple of sculls. ‘Cleaver’ design blades hadn’t yet hit the scene but we were very excited when in my final year, we moved on to graphite blades. What a difference they made to the wooden ‘Macon’ blades that we had been using before.

Now, looking on 24 years later, Bishops Rowing appears to be in a different place altogether and the evolution stellar. A quick browse through the Bishops Rowing site

shows OD rowers representing their country at the Junior World Championships, as well as them rowing for the prestigious Leander Club. Bishops crews now compete at Henley and in the US and regularly take top placings in local and national level schools regattas. Achievements we could only have dreamed of in our time!

It’s when my eldest sons, Sébastien and Hugo tell me that they too would like go to Bishops and try rowing – sadly difficult given that we live in Switzerland – that I’m reminded how fortunate I was to be able to benefit from all that the school had to offer, including the chance to be a Bishops oarsman.

And so (to conclude on the Olympic theme),



I look forward to watching Bishops Rowing continue to grow and thrive; citius, altius, fortius!”

*Mark Burgess (Ogilvie 1992)*

## FLYING HIGH



*Nigel, and his son, Ben, sitting in the Sportstar*

Nigel Thomas (1986G) lives on a property on the South Coast of Sydney called Carraway, in the dairy country. Nigel recently completed his Pilots Certificate, fulfilling his childhood dream. There is a recreational club across the Shoalhaven River from his property so he joined in December 2015 and started training over some of Australia's most beautiful countryside. He bought a great little two-seater plane called a Sportstar by Evector. His daughter Erin, now 14, has had her first lesson and his son Ben, age 9, is already begging him to start flying. Nigel would love to show any ODs visiting Carraway, Sydney, the view from 3000 feet!

## RAVI ZACHARIAS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Michael Day (2009F) recently completed his undergraduate qualification in theology and apologetics at Oxford University. He will begin postgraduate studies in theology in October.

Simultaneously, he shall be employed by Ravi Zacharias International Ministries as a part-time speaker. This organisation seeks to engage with society's important questions regarding the relevance of Christianity in today's complex social climate. Michael's role will be to speak on the social, ethical and intellectual barriers to belief in God, both in high school and university settings. The objective is to encourage individuals to think through the reasons for belief in the Christian God. He will be representing the organisation as a speaker in the UK and South Africa. If anyone is interested to find out more please contact Michael at [michael.day@wycliffe.ox.ac.uk](mailto:michael.day@wycliffe.ox.ac.uk)

## NEW BIRD

Peter Steyn (1955O) and Andre Demblon made a rather astonishing find near Strandfontein Sewage Works when they located an odd bird. Andre managed to get a record shot of it. Unsure of the ID, he sent the photo through to Peter, but, since Peter was out at sea, he only picked up the message much later on after returning to the harbour. After fighting through traffic to make it



*Rufous-Tailed Scrub Robin*

there while it was still light, several others were able to relocate the bird in late afternoon light and get a reasonable look at it. Something didn't fit with this bird in terms of local options and they all started thinking of another, more esoteric option, which they were later able to confirm based on several visible features. The bird that Peter and Andre had stumbled upon is a Rufous-Tailed Scrub Robin (*Cercotrichas Galactotes*), a bird never before recorded in South Africa and an absolute mega of the highest quality!

It is a species that migrates into Africa, normally as far as South Kenya, so this was possibly a case of reverse migration. It is superficially similar to Kalahari Scrub Robin, but the facial patterning is subtly different, the wing pattern is different and the tail pattern differs, in that it has a darkish T-bar extension up the middle of the tail. Congratulations to Peter and Andre on this special find, and to all his co-birders who did the head-scratching with him as he worked through the ID process.



*Bill and Andrew in the front of his game viewing vehicle, and his wife, Karine, their camp guard, Elvis, in the next row with my wife, Maryse and our sons, James and Ross, in the back.*

## SMALL GET TOGETHER

During the July school holidays Andrew Collins (1985O) and his family were invited by a friend, Kathryn de Bruyn, to stay on her family's game farm in the Klaserie Private Game Reserve bordering the Kruger National Park. Towards the end of their

stay, her parents joined them and Andrew discovered that her father, Bill de Bruyn (1948F), is an OD. His OD jersey was the first clue. They had some wonderful chats around the camp fire about their days at Bishops and Bill's years of farming in the Free State near Ladybrand.

# SPORT

Congratulations to the following ODs:

## RUGBY

■ Nicholas Fenton-Wells (2004F) on signing for English Premiership side Bristol for the 2016/17 season. He will join Nick Koster at the club.



*Nicholas Fenton-Wells in action for Bedford during the English Championship season.*

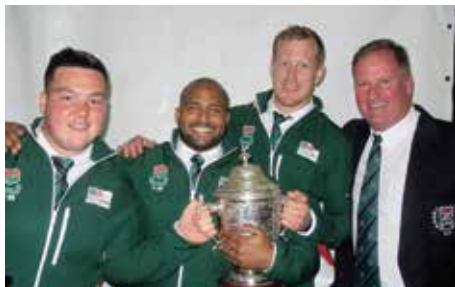
■ Wesley Chetty (2006O) and Johnny Kotze (2011S) on representing Western Province in the Currie Cup qualifiers.



*Wes Chetty (Left) celebrating his WP call up with long time team mate Ashley Wells.*

■ False Bay Rugby Football Club in Constantia were crowned champions of the WP Super League A during the 2016 season,

finishing unbeaten and defeating the likes of Stellenbosch, UCT and Durbell along the way. This is the first time the club has won the ultimate prize in Western Province Club rugby since 1972 when Basil Bey (staff) was the coach of the False Bay side. Brendan Fogarty (2010) is coach of the second side and Dasch Barber (2006M) is the Club Captain.



*Seen proudly displaying the trophy are club members and ODs (left to right): Grant Muller (2011M) (1st XV hooker), Wesley Chetty (2006O) (1st XV prop), Graham 'Snoopy Knoop' (2005O) (1st XV lock and Captain), Kevin Lennett (1984O) (Club Vice Chairman)*

■ Dasch Barber (2006M) on making his International debut in a friendly for a German XV vs La Rochelle.



*Dasch Barber (Left) following his debut for Germany.*

## HOCKEY



*Maties (Stellenbosch University) winners of the Western Cape Hockey League 2016 – James Drummond (2012W), Alex Stewart (2013O), Tom Richardson (2015G)*

■ Alex Stewart (2013O) and Ryan Julius (2013K) on being selected for the SA Under 21 squad to participate in the Premier Hockey League. The Squad will play in the tournament as the Golden Gate Gladiators.

■ The following have also been selected to participate in the Hockey Premier League: Pierre de Voux (2004O) (Garden Route Gazelles), Callum Buchanan (2008G) (Mapungubwe Mumbas) and James Drummond (2012W) (Maropeng Cavemen).



*Ryan Julius in South African Indoor Hockey Action.*

■ Ryan Julius (2013K) on representing the South African National Indoor Hockey Team in a test series vs Namibia.

## SAILING



*Left to right: Stefano Marcia, Roger Hudson(1996W), Asenathi Jim, Brevan Thompson (2011)*

■ Roger Hudson (1996W) and Asenathi Jim ended 20th overall in the 470 dinghy sailing at the Olympics after coming 11th in their heat. Brevan Thompson (2011O) was also there as part of team.

## TRAIL RUNNING



*Ben Brimble in Giants Cup action.*

■ Ben Brimble (2003G) on finishing 2nd in the 2016 Giants Cup 2 day trail race.



*Colin (right) at the finish.*

■ Colin Chaplin (1992O) completed South Africa's iconic five day Whale of Trail run on the 6th of August.

# MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



## SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2016

*by Dr Paul Murray*

We are living in a world of violence. Violence is everywhere today. We see it on the media and hear about it over the news. The recent, terrible incident in Nice, a popular holiday resort on the French Riviera, sent shock-waves through the world as it was revealed that little children had been killed in the incident. The other day one of my Grade 12s related how, a whole year ago almost to the day, their family were in Nice standing on the esplanade exactly where the shocking incident of the truck driver driving into a holidaying crowd, took place. Many of us are in contact with people who know of someone who has come close to a very violent happening. One turns one's mind to our own school and to the acts of violence that in the past many ODs have been directly involved in. There are memorial plates, plaques and tablets commemorating their names. In the Brooke Chapel, for instance, there are stained glass windows commemorating two wars former Bishops students (ODs) died in, the Rhodesian War of 1896-1897 and the South African War of 1899-1902. A little further north of the Cederberg where each year the Grade 10s go hiking on the Epic, is Darter's Poort, in the Namakwa District Municipality. It is named after Lt James Darter who was killed in action in the war on 16 March 1902. He attended Bishops before going off to fight in the war. We even had an OD fight in the Crimean War of 1853 – 1856, although he was a survivor! But our attention turns

predominantly at this time to the War Memorial Chapel dedicated to ODs that fought pro fide et patria in the Great War (1914-1918) and the ODs who fell in the Second World War (1939-1945). The former's names are enshrined on the Tablet above the entrance to the Memorial Chapel; the latter, at the War Memorial Hall (now the theatre). At a recent Assembly we heard from Mr Pearson the Principal and Mr Westwood the Deputy, how important it is for us to remember the war dead. Before we began the service on the first day of this term Mr Westwood who led the service called for a moment's silence to honour those ODs and others who fell in war, in this case, particularly, 100 years ago in the Battle of the Somme and at Delville Wood. Mr Pearson referred to a contingent of boys from our school led by Messrs Richter and Warwick in the June 2016 school holidays, to remember and honour the fallen ODs at the Delville Wood Memorial in France, which they visited, dressed in Number Ones. Dr Murray read the poem 'Drummer Hodge' by Thomas Hardy to illustrate the futility of the death of young men, who die not only far away from home but also on the threshold of their youth (in limine) as the 112 ODs. He then read an excerpt from Katherine Tynan's 'Flower of Youth' written in 1915, as an ironic account of heaven filled with the fallen young, so as to keep the elderly company. To bring across the graphic, he read from the archival records, an account of an OD Ronald Rawbone who was heavily wounded at Delville Wood (or Devil's Wood as it was called by the soldiers), but who was fortunate to survive to tell the story. Dr Murray ended by reminding that the College's motto was Pro Fide Et Patria (For Faith and Country). He read the verse 'The Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon, published in 'The Times' on 21 September 1914: "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old/Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn./At the going down of the sun and in the morning/We will remember them." Dr Murray will give a talk on 31 October 2016 at the Monday morning service, to commemorate the 90th year of the Memorial Chapel.



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