

ASSEMBLY 24 JULY 2015

Academic

National Science Olympiad 2015

A number of our boys have again performed exceptionally well in this year's National Science Olympiad. The competition includes around 30 000 learners from across the nine provinces in South Africa as well as the SADC countries Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

- Bishops have a total of 16 boys scoring in the top 200 across the SADC countries.
- Five of our boys scored in the top 50 across SADEC – including one Grade 10. This placed them in the top 20 in South Africa.
- Four boys were placed in the top 10 in South Africa.
- Soo-Min Lee placed joint second in South Africa – 4th across SADC.
- Jeremy Wilkinson – first place in South Africa and first overall!

Some Results in Detail:

Position in South Africa:

- 1st Jeremy Wilkinson
- 2nd Soo-Min Lee
- 5th Liam Cook
- 10th Jonti Oehley
- 17th Angus Thring
- 39th Matthew Morris
- 39th Ahmed Dhansay
- 59th Laurence Midgley

These are truly impressive achievements and represent Bishops' best ever performance in the competition.

Certificates will be delivered and distributed at a later date.

We congratulate all these boys on their outstanding achievements.

National Mintek Quiz

The Western Cape Mintek Science Quiz team won the National Mintek Quiz held in Johannesburg. The team consisted of two boys, one of whom was Jeremy Wilkinson who had earlier won the National Science Olympiad. Congratulations Jeremy on these fine achievements.

De Beers English Olympiad

Congratulations to Angus Thring and Soo Min Lee who were placed 15th and 28th respectively in the De Beers English Olympiad - an excellent achievement considering that there were 8000 entrants.

English Alive

Alexander Peile has had his English creative work, 'Descended from Wolves', published in 'English Alive 2015'. This is an excellent achievement as 'English Alive' is an annual anthology of the best writing from High Schools and Colleges all over Southern Africa.

ACADEMIC TROPHIES

Following the June exams, academic awards to be made are:

ACADEMIC TIES (37)

Grade 12

Mikaeel Adam, David Bruchhausen, Kieran Cattell, Kelton Miller, Tom Murray, Justin Nel, Stefan Olbrich, Callum Parton, Alan Pohl

Grade 11

Christopher Mitchell

Grade 10

Nicholas Featherstone, Arthur Fisher, Finbarr Lebona, Mitesh Valodia

Grade 9

Finn Geldenhuys, Shane Goodsell, Jonathan Greyling, Francesco Guerrini, Dean Jacobs, Thomas Janisch, Junho Ko, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Labberte, Jeff Malherbe, Okuhle Minyi, Joshua Mol, Tom Newbury, Rayhaan Omar, Jonathan Pletts, Theodore Psillos, Derek Reissenzahn, Tim Sharples, Brandon Snider, Ryan Solomons, Karl Stapelberg, Peter Thacker, Brandon Thomas

ACADEMIC JERSEYS (6)

Grade 12

Julian Dean-Brown, Dylan Maxwell, Jeremy Wilkinson

Grade 11

Francois Stassen

Grade 9

Derek Reissenzahn, Brandon Snider

Trophy for **MOST IMPROVED HOUSE-GRADE** = Gray House Grade 11

Trophy for **BEST PERFORMING HOUSE-GRADE** = Mallett House Grade 12

Cultural

The 2015 French Tour

Last Sunday afternoon, the 2015 Bishops French Tour returned to Cape Town after three and a half weeks in the south of France. For fifteen College pupils, the trip was a huge success on all levels: the young men saw and did a great deal, they ate especially well (making many culinary discoveries en route) and, as an added bonus, their French improved significantly with every passing day!

The first two weeks were spent in the beautiful town of Nice; here the boys were hosted by local families while they attended morning lessons at a downtown language school; each afternoon was spent visiting nearby attractions and places of interest. During these excursions, the young tourists spent time in the museums and markets of Antibes, Monaco and Juan-les-Pins ... as always, however, the picturesque town of Villefranche probably ended up as their favourite.

After this initial fortnight, the tour party then travelled some three hundred kilometres to reach the heart of Provence: their next base was to be near the town Carpentras at the foot of Mont Ventoux, a regular challenge for cyclists on the annual Tour de France. Again, they got to see a great deal of all that is on offer in this lovely neck of the woods: they cycled through lavender fields in full bloom, they kayaked under the famous aqueduct at the Pont du Gard, they attended the Bastille Day celebrations in the town of Maluacene and also went on a guided tour of the medieval Abbey of Senanque.

The last three days provided the real highlight, however: having relocated to the town of Castellane, the tourists went on a full-day canyoning adventure in the Gorges du Verdon, an amazing outing which the boys will surely remember for a long time.

Throughout the tour, the young men received compliments from all manner of folk: the headmistress of the language school, restaurant managers, bus-drivers, tour guides and even fellow tourists... all were impressed by the boys' manners and courtesy! Well done to them!

General

IBSC Conference

We would like to thank and congratulate the boys who helped at the recent IBSC conference. These boys gave up a week of their holidays to be at school and help with all sorts of things that needed to be done. Primarily they were ambassadors for the school, showing delegates around and answering any questions they had. We received many compliments from delegates about the way they conducted themselves. Delegates remarked on how smartly they were dressed, how well they expressed themselves and the pride they showed in their school. It must also be mentioned that they did not do this job alone. As you know, the conference was organised by all the boys' schools in the southern suburbs and so they were part of a team made up of boys from Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg and were therefore able to show delegates the close working relationship we have between the schools. I have little doubt that working with boys from the other schools also allowed for friendships to form in a non-competitive environment. Please would the following boys come forward so that I can hand them a letter of acknowledgement and thanks from the organising committee of the conference: Richard Berkeley, James Wilson, Taahir Bhorat, Tyger Thompson, Daniel Goldberg, Matt van Westenbrugge, Tristan Hermans, Trent Braga, Oliver Stevens, Kieran Cattell, Stefan Dominicus, Nic Featherstone, Wesley Holtman and Reece Oellermann .

All-Rounders Ties

The following are to be congratulated on being awarded their All-Rounders ties:

Arthur Fisher and Carl-Phillip Lehmann.

Sport

Hockey

Congratulations to the following Bishops boys who were selected to SA National Squads: Dayaan Cassiem - SA U18A Tom Richardson - SA U18B Idrees Abdulla and Bulelani Ngqukuvana - SA U16 High Performance Squad.

Craven week rugby

Teams from the Western Province enjoyed most successful campaigns during the recent interprovincial tournaments held during the school holidays, with both the Craven Week team and the Academy Week team winning their respective

competitions.

The Academy Week was held in Vanderbijlpark. Bishops had three representatives at this tournament (Tristan Leyds, Lubelo Scott and JP Smith); each of these three players scored three tries during the three games played by the team from the Western Province, with JP's three tries all coming in the final match of the week! Due to injuries in the earlier games, Joel Paarwater was also called up to join his schoolmates and duly played in the last game, too, meaning that there were four boys from Bishops who participated in this final.

All matches in the under-18 Craven Week were played on the grounds of Paul Roos in Stellenbosch. Here the Western Province team would go on to break a number of records with their exciting brand of rugby. The team ended up scoring the most tries ever at a Craven Week and, in three games, posted the highest points tally ever recorded at this annual tournament; this included a record winning margin in a final, when they beat the team from the Eastern Cape by 95 points to nil. Our representatives from Bishops, Cornel Smit and Brandon Salomo, played significant roles in the victories recorded by the Western Province and are to be congratulated on their performances.

Well done to all of our players on their different achievements at this most prestigious level.

Waterpolo Holiday News

An u17 Bishops waterpolo team participated in a training camp and a series of matches in Hungary over the June/July holidays. The squad played two top Hungarian club teams with good results, beat the Scottish u17 national side and also beat an American club team from California. James Morritt-Smith and Brandon Burke went to Malta in July to represent South Africa u16. The A and B team were entered into an u18 tournament against Malta, England and Widex - a Dutch club side. They had some very close games with the A team finishing 3rd and the B team 5th overall.

Liam Neill and Keanan Alexander have been selected for the SA u20 team that will participate in the FINA World Men's Junior Championships in Kazakhstan 4 - 12 September 2015. Only 11 players were selected for this team. It is a particularly impressive achievement considering both Liam and Keanan are still only u18.

Fencing Commonwealth Champs

Fencing Commonwealth Championships July 2015

South Africa placed 4th, winning 2 silver team and 1 bronze individual medals at the

recent Commonwealth Champs at UCT during the holidays. Three fencing OD's participated in the champs and two won silver medals. Rhiyaan Smith, Soo-Min Lee, Shirag Maharaj and Winner Kazaka formed part of the weapons check team and were integral to the smooth running of the competition. Their service to the sport is greatly appreciated.

Golf

Congratulations to our Captain-of-Golf, Cole Cruickshank ,who won the Parow Junior Open (75) as well as the Royal Cape Junior Open 70) during the holidays. Nicholas Thompson won the B-division at the WP Champs held recently.
