

ASSEMBLY 4 September 2015

Welcome

We are privileged to listen to our string ensemble this morning. They will be playing a piece called “*The Arrival of the Birds*” which is a track from the 2008 Disney-nature documentary about flamingos in Tanzania. This piece was composed by *The Cinematic Orchestra*, a British Nu-Jazz and Electronic music group, assisted by Steve McLaughlin and Teese Gohl, who wrote music for other films such as *Johnny English* and *Hannibal*.

The arrangement of this score for the ensemble has been done by Grant McLachlan, who is an internationally recognised film composer. Grant is also an OD and was in Founders House while at school.

The String Ensemble is directed by Lucia Di Blasio-Scott.

Academic

Academic Voucher

Congratulations to Joshua Gray and Joshua Elliott who are awarded an academic vouchers for achieving three commendation certificates.

Computer Olympiad

Congratulations to Jeremy Wilkinson for being placed first at Bishops in the recent Computer Olympiad and for being selected for the final round of the Olympiad.

Writing Competition

Congratulations to Alex Peile who, this year, had literary work selected for English Alive 2015, and most recently has been awarded a **Gold Certificate** in the The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, based on the theme of 'A Young Commonwealth'. The Royal Commonwealth Society received more than 13,000 entries from over 600 schools in 49 Commonwealth countries and territories. Congratulations Alex this is an outstanding literary achievement.

Science Expo

The following boys were awarded medals at the UCT Science Expo on 2nd September:

Gold medals were awarded to Felix Burt and KwangBem Ko for their project: "Harnessing electrical energy from different piezoelectric crystals"; Nicholas Peile and Michael Wilson-Trollip for "How water affects spinach growth in window farms"; and Angus Thring and Richard Wellington for the "Meissner effect and flux pinning in a high-Tc superconductor".

Bronze medals were awarded to Christian Rohrer and Francois van der Merwe for Bowling injuries among teenage cricketers; Nicholaos Tapanlis for Generating energy from candles; and Nicholas Bowden and Nicholas Featherstone for Recycling with a parabolic reflector.

Cultural

Debating

For consistent participation in Internal debating leagues, for 80% attendance at all coaching sessions, for assistance with admin when required and for adjudicating at Rotary Debates and the UCT provincial championships in 2015. Half-colours are awarded to Aidan Bizony for representing the SA Schools team for the second year in a row. Desmond Fairall is re-awarded his Distinction Tie.

Drama

After the recent success of 'Cold Stone Jug' at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the following new drama awards are being made:

Half Colours: Jonathan Frost; Ibrahim Kerbelker (Technical); Nayati Moodliar; Alex Peile; Alex Steyn; Ross Tucker; James van Niekerk and Ronald Walters (Technical) .

Full Colours: Graeme Irvine; Ben Steyn and Jordan van Tonder.

Special mention must be made of Nicholas Peile and Karl Stapelberg who were integral members of the cast, but who are not eligible for awards as yet, as they are in grade 9.

Visual Arts

Kelton Miller and Alessandro Miroto (Mallett House, Grade 12) are awarded half-colours for Visual Arts. They have met the criteria for this award through their high level of achievement and commitment in this field.

Liam Cook - Prize Winner - Young Creatives Competition

Liam Cook won first prize in the Cape Town Creative Academy's Young Creatives Competition. The prize includes a Cape Town Creative Academy study bursary to the value

of R20,000. (This is the second year in a row that a Bishops pupil has won the competition; last year Ihsaan Dawray was awarded first prize).

Music

Certificates

The following matric music pupils did exceptionally well in their exams and Eisteddfod: Christian Cotchobos received a distinction (90%) for theory grade 6, Josua Joubert received a distinction for his grade 8 drumkit exam and Rhiyaan Smith received 3 Gold Diplomas at the Cape Town Eisteddfod earlier in the year.

Colour Awards

Congratulations to the following boys who are awarded colours for music:

Half Colours: Jack Belcher, Arthur Fisher, Andrew Hodgson, KB Ko, Stuart Mesham, Stephane Pienaar

Full Colours: Lee Cooper

Distinction Tie Award

Josua Joubert has achieved grade 8 exams in two separate music instruments. He attained 92% for Drum Kit and 86% for Orchestral Percussion, both exams being taken with Trinity College, London. So too, Josua's matric composition, written for full orchestra, was performed at the last ensemble concert and will be performed again at the Composers' Concert on the 20th October. In light of these significant achievements and his exemplary contributions to the department, Josua is awarded a distinction tie.

Sport

Cross Country Schools' League

Congratulations to Shaun O'Brien, Karl Weinert and Oliver Stewart who took part in the schools' league cross country zonal championships recently, Oliver Stewart was selected for the WP team to compete in the national championships in East London on 3 October. We wish him well in this race.

Golf

The Bishops Golf Championship and Interhouse Challenge was held at Royal Cape this past Sunday.

The individual title was yet again won by Cole Cruickshank with an 18 hole score of 75. This was the third year in a row that Cole has won the individual title - a fantastic achievement!

Richard Schwulst placed second while Peter Thacker placed third after a count out. Can Cole please come forward to collect the Pagliari Plate for the third time?

The Martin Versfeld 'Rookie of the year' trophy goes to Peter Thacker.

The Interhouse title was a close-fought affair with Ogilvie edging out Gray by one stroke. Could the Ogilvie captain please come forward to collect the Interhouse Trophy?

The following golfers achieved half-colours for golf: Liam Cook, Matthew Rudston, Nic Pithey, Anton Volkel and Senne Ramiah

Full colours for Golf: Cole Cruickshank.

Hockey

The following boys have been awarded colours for hockey:

Half Colours are awarded to Simon Kilpin, Callum Parton and Ross Nelson (re-awards), and to Peter Brink and Tyla Scarles.

Full Colours: Justin Nel and Lloyd Gardener (re-awards), Tom Richardson, Dayaan Cassiem and Wesley Gardener.

Senior Inter House Hockey

The Senior Inter House Hockey took place on Wednesday 2nd September and the final was contested between Ogilvie and White House. After full time the scores were level 1-1. The game went to showdowns and White won 2-1 to be the senior champions for 2015.

Rugby

Distinction Tie Award

Following his selection and outstanding performances for the WP U18 Craven Week, Cornel Smit was selected to play for the South African Schools A team against Wales; Italy and England. For this he is awarded a Distinction Tie.

Colours Awards

Rugby Colours for 2015 have been awarded to:

Half Colours: James Macdonald

Full Colours:

Tristan Leyds, Lobelo Scott, Seb Hanekom, Cornel Smit, Andre Manual, Brandon Salomo, Francois Stassen, Jarryd Lurie, Joel Paarwater, Connor Osborne, Luciano da Graca, JP Smith, Keanan Alexander and William Day (Re-award).

Sailing

Last year's award of The Ross Dyer Trophy for Sailing Excellence was to one of our matrics, Matthew Morris for amongst other things his excellent organisation of the Lipton Cup sailing team of 2014. Nicholas Ryall has been captain of the Sailing team for two years and has participated fully and to a high level in a number of regattas during his time at Bishops. He has led the team with distinction and with a degree of commitment that set a very high standard for others to follow. He is a most worthy recipient of this trophy.

Squash

The squash teams had their final matches over this last weekend bringing to a close a successful season. Our 10 squash teams all fared well in their respective WP leagues. The 1st team beat WBHS and SACS twice but came second to RBHS in the southern suburbs rankings. Bishops continues to remain well represented in the Western Province with no fewer than eleven boys playing for Western Province across the age groups. The most successful sides in the school were the Under 19A, Under 15A and B sides. All three sides won their respective leagues and both the Under 15A and B sides were unbeaten throughout the year, with the A team securing impressive wins over strong Paarl Boys High and Paul Roos teams. In the last match against Rondebosch Boys High School the four Under 15 teams scored 53 points (out of a maximum of 56) to Rondebosch's 10 points.

A number of matrics played their last representative match for Bishops, notably Stefan Ranoscek and Peter Brink, who have represented the first team for the past four years. Special mention must be made of Peter Brink whose departure ends a legacy of four Brinks who have all played squash at the highest level at Bishops. Peter's two brothers recently matriculated from Bishops, both representing Western Province. His dad represented the school and South Africa in the late 1970's.

Congratulations to the following who have been awarded colours for squash in 2015:

Full Colours: Stefan Ranoszek, Peter Brink (both re-awards), Alex Green and Glen Yates.

Half Colours: Jonathan Greyling.

Interhouse squash

Senior winners: Ogilvie House beat Birt House 2 – 1 in the final

Junior winners: Mallett house beat Ogilvie House 3 – 0 in the final.

Will the number one players come and collect the trophies.

Surfing

On Sunday 23 August, the Inter-House surfing event was held in tricky conditions at 'Horse Trails' on the West Coast. Contestants battled to adjust to strong currents and fickle swell, but it was the Gray House team of Jeremy Gebers and Jack Harrison that prevailed by a single point over the brave challenge of Tristan de Ch Alain and Joshua Mol of Kidd House.

Well done to all participants and a big thank you to ODs Tim Stirrup and Devon Neill for judging the contest.

Waterpolo

Keanan Alexander and Liam Neill are away this week representing South Africa at the FINA Men's World Junior Championships. Keanan is awarded a distinction tie and Liam Neill is re-awarded a distinction tie for this achievement.

Waterpolo at Bishops could not operate without "service" and commitment from players who involve themselves in the running of the table, the coaching of younger teams and the refereeing of fixtures before their own matches. In recognition of this, the following boys have been awarded service ties for Waterpolo for their commitment to the sport over the last 3 years: Michael Alberts, Keanan Alexander, Jordan Nel, Tom Baldwin, Cameron Glynn-Dicks, Brett Sneddon, Alex Williams, Matt Perrott, Tim Langerman, Brandon Burke, James Morritt-Smith, Cayden Marquis, Aidan Neill and Paolo Bersella.

Special award to a Grade 9, Jonathon Pletts, who has been awarded a service tie early in recognition of his hard work and commitment to the sport.

General

All Rounders Tie

Theuns Kuhn, Julian Dean-Brown and Jonathan Crowther are to be congratulated on being awarded their All Rounder's Ties.

Molteno Leadership 2016

A huge congratulations to Taahir Borat who has been made Head of the Molteno Library for 2016. We wish him and the strong Library leadership team all the best for next year!

Leadership Distinctions 2015

The following have been awarded distinctions for leadership:

Alex Steyn, Luke Smith, Brandon Salomo, Matthew Roberts, Christian Cotchobos, Matthew Morris, Cornel Smit, Michael Thompson, Daniel Gregory, Nic Frankenfeld, David Bruchhausen, Nicholas Ryall, Dylan Maxwell, Piers Johnston, Eddy Murphy, Reece Conrad, Graeme Irvine, Hamid Toorabally, Rhiyaan Smith, Rayhaan Surve, Jarryd Lurie, Robert Lees, Jeremy Wilkinson, Ross Nelson, Jonathan Crowther, Saadiq Brey, Jonti Oehley, Sam Jeffery, Jordan van Tonder, Siya Qamgwana, Josua Joubert, Sozon Sarandis, Julian Dean Brown, Stefan Dominicus, Justin Hedges, Stefan Ranzoszek, Justin Nel, Tim Jankovich-Besan, Kelton Miller, Tom Murray, Kieran Cattell, Tom Richardson, Leonardo Potgieter, Tom Sutcliffe, Liam Cook, Tomas Badenhorst, Luc Janssens and William Baldwin.