

PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY MESSAGE: FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017

Today I want to celebrate and acknowledge a very special member of our Bishops community. Last year Michael Beckurts, together with his facilitator, Alie Hakizimana, participated in the Grade 10 Epic, spending time at the water-base, Sandrif and Elizabethfontein. Since he has been at Bishops Michael has excelled at art, and so it was decided that while he was on the Epic a large part of his time should be devoted to doing what he loves best.

It was arranged that an art teacher, Georgina Behrens, would accompany him while he was at the Elizabethfontein base to assist him with his artwork. One of the main objectives while at the Elizabethfontein is for the boys to interact with and support the local Elizabethfontein Primary School. Michael decided to use his artwork there to make cards which would be sold to raise funds for the Primary School, which is in desperate need of resources. These cards have been printed and are now available for purchase in the school shop, either in packs of 5 or individually. In normal circumstances an artist would benefit financially from such a project, but Michael has decided to donate all proceeds to the Elizabethfontein Primary School, a wonderful and generous gesture on his part. If all the cards are sold he will raise R200 000.

The Principal of Elizabethfontein Primary came to Bishops on Wednesday for the launch of the Epic video and the launch of the sale of these cards. Just as she thanked Michael then, we want to thank and congratulate you, Michael, on this incredible effort and for being prepared to do something so significant for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. You continue to be an inspiration to all of us at Bishops and we salute you!

