

Assembly, 27 January 2017

Assembly Introduction - KB Ko (Dip ABRSM)

There are times when I have the privilege of mentioning really special achievements and the one I am going to tell you about today concerns KB Ko.

In October last year, KB (who is one of Music Scholars) entered a post-grade 8 music practical examination, the Diploma examination of the Royal Schools of Music, London. This Diploma is a professional qualification and one that people ordinarily would only attempt when studying music at a University level. The entrant for such an examination needs to present a 40 minute recital programme from memory and the works which are expected to be presented in the performance need to clearly demonstrate virtuosity on the instrument. KB not only passed this examination but was awarded it with Distinction and he is also now able to write Dip ABRSM behind his name -a phenomenal achievement

As part of this assembly, KB is going to play for us one of the works he performed in this examination. The work is called Danza ritual del fuego - translated meaning – The Ritual Fire Dance. The work was composed by Manuel De Falla in 1915. The piece was influenced by the traditional ceremony of the fire dance which is a dance in honour of the fire-god and during this dance, people would actually dance through the flames of a fire! KB is taught by Mrs Lucia Scott and he is going to be accompanied by Mrs Sasha Mammadova - who is also one of our music staff members.

Sport

Cycling Captain

Congratulations to Grant Leslie who has been appointed Cycling Captain for 2017.

Swimming Captain

Congratulations to James Morritt-Smith who has been selected as the Swimming Captain for 2017.

SA Fly Fishing

We would like to congratulate Murray Gordon (Ogilvie) and Stefan von der Heyden (Mallett) on their selection to the National team for Fly Fishing. The 16th FIPS Mouche Youth World Championships will be held in Prodnik, Slovenia from 7th to 13th August 2017. We wish Murray and Stefan every success!

Boat Race 2017- 3rd Place

Standard Bank Schools Boat Race 2016 : From 9 to 10 December 2016, the Bishops 1st VIII consisting of Stephane Pienaar, Oliver Innes, Andrew McAdam, Callum Wehmeyer, Nicholas Bowden, Stuart Boynton, Nicholas McAdam, Zola Baird and Andile Themba, raced in the Standard Bank Schools Boat Race held on the Kowie River in Port Alfred.

The 1st VIII crews from rowing schools around South Africa raced the 7,2km course in a heads race on Friday afternoon where they were set off at intervals of roughly 30 seconds in order to be seeded for the finals which were to be raced on Saturday. Based on the results of the 2015 finals, we were seeded 5th for the heads races, and were set off after St. Benedict's from Johannesburg who placed 4th in the previous year, while the strong crew from St Andrews whom we beat in 2015, were set off after us. The Bishops 1st VIII raced a brilliant race where they managed to catch up more than 20 seconds on the traditionally strong St. Benedict's crew. Their strong racing resulted in them finishing with the 4th fastest time of the day and seeded them in the B final to race for the bronze medal against the 2015 winners St. Albans. Saturday afternoon saw the culmination of months of hard work and commitment from the 9 boys in the 1st VIII. The race started with the 2 crews clashing coming out of the start which resulted in a restart. St Albans got the upper hand out of the restart but not enough to get clear water over Bishops. The Bishops 1st VIII fought themselves back into the race and drew level again with St Albans by the 2nd corner getting themselves the advantage of this corner. Coming out of the corner the 2 crews again looked to be heading for a clash but with some clever thinking by Andile and determination and grit for the oarsmen, Bishops were able to pull away from St Albans. From this point on the Bishops 1st VIII were in the leading position and the gap between the 2 crews began opening up with each stroke they took. Bishops beat St Albans convincingly to win 3rd place and take home a bronze medal. It is the first time since 2005 that Bishops have won a medal at the Schools boat race and the boys can be extremely proud of their performance as well as their commitment and dedication leading up to this event.

General

Public Relations Group for 201

Public Relations Group for 2017: Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent the PR Group for 2017. We wish them well for the important work which they will do during the year ahead. PR Group ties are issued to: Victor Allen Tom Barty, Thomas Coombe, Finn Geldenhuys, Liam Gordon-Turner, Dean Jacobs, Alex Jankovich, Hugo Janssens, Terry Kim, Andrew Knight, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Labberte, Jeff Malherbe, Okuhle Minyi, Harry Newman, Nicholas Peile, Jonathan Pletts, Theodore Psillos, Connor Price, Nivar Rajoo, Kamal Sacranie, Tim Sharples, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Michael Steytler, Logan Tait, John van Niekerk and Nic Vine-Morris.

All Rounder's Tie

Joshua Mol and Ciaran Manca are to be congratulated for being awarded an All-Rounder's Tie.

Bishops New Boy Heritage Test

The winner of the Frank Reid Shield for the top average mark in the Bishops New Boy Heritage test is Birt House. Will Matthew Byron please come up and get the shield.