

Assembly – 23 May 2014

Academic

Thomas Orton along with two other South Africans has been selected to attend the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) competition which takes place from the 13th-20th July 2014 in Taiwan, Taipei.

The International Olympiad in Informatics is an annual competitive programming competition for secondary school students and is one of the most prestigious computer science competitions in the world. UNESCO and IFIP are patrons. The first IOI was held in 1989 in Pravetz, Bulgaria.

The contest consists of two days computer programming, solving problems of an algorithmic nature. To deal with problems involving very large amounts of data, it is necessary to have not only programmers, "but also creative coders, who can dream up what it is that the programmers need to tell the computer to do ... the hard part isn't the programming, but the mathematics underneath it." [1] Students at the IOI compete on an individual basis, with up to four students competing from each participating country (with 81 countries in 2012). Students in the national teams are selected through national computing contests, such as the Australian Informatics Olympiad, British Informatics Olympiad, and Bundeswettbewerb Informatik (Germany).

There are 94 countries competing this year. The finalists of the South African computer Olympiad were put through 8 months of selection process and training camps.

Boyd Kane and Intel ISEF 2014

Boyd has returned to Cape Town having represented South Africa at Intel ISEF 2014. While his project did not win any awards, Bishops and Expo can be proud of his achievements. His creativity and dedication are an example to future young scientists. Well done Boyd.

Academic Voucher

Ryan Solomons, Ryan Lawson, Tristan Collis and Cole Kruger are congratulated on achieving 3 commendations and have therefore earned an academic voucher.

Cultural

Debating

After having competed at the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships at St Stithians in Johannesburg last year, the following boys were selected as part of the National team to represent South Africa at the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Lithuania in April this year: Rahul Naidoo (finished in second place both in the National and World Championships) Dan Mesham (finished in 4th place at Nationals and 14th overall at World Championships) Nic Cullinan (finished 6th at Nationals and top 40 at World Championships) Nikhal Narismulu (finished in the top 40 at World Championships) Desmond Fairall (finished in top 30 at World Championships) To put their positions into perspective, there were 160 participants at Worlds from 16 countries, so they deserve to be congratulated for a job well done.

Drama Colours

Congratulations to Benson Joubert on being awarded his Full Drama Colours (Technical) for his excellent work in the Memorial Theatre lighting box over the past four and a half years!

Music Certificates

A number of boys wrote their grade 5 theory exam given by the Royal Schools of Music. This is an internationally recognized board and the pass mark is 67%. Chris Aubin received a merit, which is a mark over 80%.

The following boys achieved a distinction; that is a mark over 90% for this exam: Jack Belcher, Benedict Chetwin, Arthur Fisher, Andrew Hodgson, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Angus Thring, Timothy Tzemis and Mac Cheminais, who achieved 100%!

Sport

Hockey

Congratulations to the following Bishops hockey players who have been selected to represent Western Province at the U16 and U18 Inter-Provincial Tournaments to be played in Kwazulu-Natal in July:

WP U18A - Garth Turner WP U18B - Michael Wright, Lloyd Gardener and Justin Nel WP U16A - Simon Kilpin, Wesley Gardener and Dayaan Cassiem
WP U16B - Christian Rohrer Idrees Abdulla

WP Disas - Daniel Nelson and Gregory Bolus. They will play at the U14 Inter-zonal tournament in Cape Town in July.

Mountain Biking

The Bishops Cross Country Mountain Biking team took part in the PPA Tru-Cape Mountain Bike race in Grabouw on Saturday the 10th of May. In the 25km race, Chris Viljoen rode a time of 1 hour 22 minutes to win the race. Stefan Dominicus finished 15 seconds later to claim 3rd place overall. This is a remarkable achievement!

In another event, Karl Prins participated in the second round of the SA Gravity Enduro Mountain Bike Series held at Delvera on Sunday the 18th of May. He managed a first place in the under 14 age group and was placed 17th overall out of 116 riders.

Tennis

Congratulations to:

Jeremy Hudson who won the Western Province U16 Masters Tennis Competition on the weekend of 17th and 18th of May.

Tom Sutcliffe played in the Western Province Mini Series of which there are 4 in the year. He won the U16 singles title and played a smart brand of tennis throughout the tournament without dropping a set.

Fencing

Well done to all the beginner and cadet fencers who entered the Boland Open competition on 17-18th May. Carl Philip Lehmann won his first medal for cadet foil and Alaric McGregor also won bronze in this event. Chris Steyn bettered his performance and placed 10th. Rhyiaan Smith placed 6th in junior epee and Soo-Min Lee won silver in junior epee and bronze in senior epee. Well done to all the fencers who entered.

Rowing

Nine of the Bishops rowers were selected to row for the South African Schools Rowing Union in the Ghent International Regatta in Ghent Belgium. This is an international club regatta with representation this year from Ireland, Great Britain, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany. The South African boats, in which Bishops athletes were represented came 4th in the pair, double and quad, 2nd in the four and 1st in the eight, which was made up nearly entirely of Bishops Athletes. The following boys were awarded Western Province Colours, South African Schools Colours and now rowing half colours:

Preston Thomas ,Jean Pienaar ,Michael Peter, James Faure, Philip Morkel-Brink, ,Sven Wellman, Chris Gruber, Chris Mewet and Jono Rossouw

Comrades Marathon

Next Sunday the iconic Comrades Marathon takes place from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. No less than 7 Bishops staff will be taking part; Messrs Kemball, Kruger, Walsh, Richter, Maree, de Villiers and Spieringshoek. We wish them well.