

Assembly Friday 25th July 2014

Academic

National Science Minquiz

Murray McKechnie represented Western Province as one of three members of the Western Province MinQuiz team who took part in the National MinQuiz competition held in Johannesburg during the holidays. The team did extremely well in the competition and was placed in the top 5 national teams. In addition, Murray was personally awarded a Distinction for his written quiz. We congratulate Murray on this outstanding achievement.

National Science Olympiad

The following boys all performed exceptionally well in the 2014 National Science Olympiad (29 000 participants): Thomas Orton - first in South Africa - invited to International Youth Science Forum in London. Daniel Mesham - eleventh place. Murray McKechnie, Jeremy Wilkinson and Ihsaan Dawray placed in the top 50. Liam Cook, Nicholas Hyslop and Warren Black all placed in the top 100. Soo-Min Lee, Laurence Midgley, Muhammed Razzak, Matthew van Niekerk and Hamid Toorabally placed in top 200. We congratulate all these students on their impressive performances and wish Thomas well as he attends the International Youth Science Forum.

English Olympiad

You will remember that at our final assembly at the end of last term we wished Nic Cullinan and Rahul Naidoo (who had come in the top 15 competitors) well, as they went to the Grahamstown Schools' Festival where the rankings were to be announced. The news is that Nic came second and Rahul third (out of more than 8000 candidates nationwide), which is a fantastic achievement. In addition, each of them received an award of R25000 and one year's free tuition for any course at Rhodes University. We congratulate the two of them. In addition, of the 11 who wrote the Olympiad, FIVE received Gold Diplomas and FIVE Silver. The Gold awards went to the following boys: Nic Cullinan, Rahul Naidoo, Dan Mesham, Tom Orton and Stefan Ranoszek (Grade 11).

Maths Olympiad Round 3

The Mathematics Department is pleased to announce that 16 boys from Bishops have qualified for Round 3 of the South African Maths Olympiad.

Pupils who qualify for Round 3 are the top 100 Junior and top 100 Senior students in the country. Bishops was the school with the most number of pupils to get into Round 3

We congratulate:

Grade 12: Warren Black, Matthew Boynton, Murray McKechnie, Daniel Mesham, Tariq Salie and Matthew van Niekerk.

Grade 11: Christian Cotchobos, Sam Jeffery, Soo-Min Lee, Matthew Morris and Michael Thomson.

Grade 9: Christopher Aubin, Nicholas Featherstone, Brendan Naude and Angus Thring.

Grade 8: Okuhle Minyi

They will write Round 3 on September 12th along with 67 other students from the Western Cape.

Academic Awards

Following the June exams, there are Academic awards to be made.

ACADEMIC TIES:

Grade 12: Tristan Meyer, Nikhal Narismulu, Gerard Pieterse

Grade 11: Justin Hedges, Rayhaan Surve, Jeremy Wilkinson

Grade 10: Christopher Mailer

Grade 9: (June of Grade 9 is a boy's earliest opportunity to gain a Tie)

Ryan Acton, Christopher Aubin, Nicholas Bowden, Murray Bruce, Felix Burt, Michael Burton, Mac Cheminais, Jamie Diggle, Giuseppe Guerandi, James Hamilton-Russell, Andrew Hodgson, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Kwangbem Ko, Tivon Loubser, Gabriel Makin, Andrew McAdam, Julian Mort, Laurence Mort, Brendan Naude, Stephane Pienaar, Jaxin Podesta, Luca Powell, Christian Rohrer, Gregory Schoeman, Ivan Stassen, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Angus Thring, Francois van der Merwe, Calum Wehmeyer, Richard Wellington.

ACADEMIC JERSEYS

Luke Baker, Liam Cook, Christian Cotchobos, Josh Knipe, Stefan Ranoszek, Tim Allan, Nicholas Cullinan, Muhammed Razzak, Simon Thompson.

MOST IMPROVED HOUSE GRADE: Kidd House Grade 11

BEST PERFORMING HOUSE GRADE: Mallett House Grade 12

Cultural

English Alive

We congratulate Joseph Kahn (OD), Siseko Maweyi and Angus Thring on having their English creative work published in English Alive 2014. 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, and has become one of the most popular and well-known 'products' available to all South African Schools and Colleges.

Debating

We congratulate Rahul Naidoo who was part of the South African Debating Team that won the World Debating Competition in Prague.

General

All Rounder's Tie

The following are to be congratulated on being awarded their All Rounder's Tie: Nicholas Cullinan and James Gilson.

Distinction Tie

At the end of last year, **Garth Turner** was selected to represent the South African U17 5's hockey team and was appointed as vice-captain of the side. They went on to win the gold medal at the Africa Cup qualifier and will represent South Africa at the youth Olympics in Beijing later this year. Garth was also a prominent member of the U18A WP hockey team that won the recent U18 IPT, beating Natal Coastal in the final. He was then selected for the South African U18A squad and which competed in a three match series against Australia after the IPT. For these outstanding achievements, Garth Turner is awarded a Distinction Tie. Congratulations.

Sport

SA Schools Trials

Saud Abrahams is congratulated on making the final squad to attend the SA Schools Rugby Trials on Saturday in Kempton Park. Saud is one of four Western Province Players to be selected for the final trials. We wish Saud all the very best -well done!!!

Squash WP representatives

Congratulations to our squash players who represented Bishops so well in the recent IPTs across the country. They were: at the u19A tournament - winning Bronze - Stefan Ranzoszek u19B; winning Silver - Peter Brink and Alex Green; u16A - winning Silver - Glenn Yates; u14A - winning Gold - Calvin Ziegler-Smith and Jonathan Greyling. Calvin-Ziegler is also congratulated on being ranked under14 No.2 in SA Schools - a fine achievement.

1st XV Rugby

Despite being deprived of the services of eleven 1st XV regulars, we managed to give an excellent account of ourselves at the Independent Schools Rugby Festival hosted by Michaelhouse from 1 to 5 July.

It was encouraging to see the way that the 2nd XV, 3rd XV and U16A players who were fortunate enough to be given this opportunity, adapted to the demands – especially the higher tempo - of playing for the Bishops 1st XV, and despite the disappointing performance in the first game – against the hosts – this was undoubtedly a very worthwhile and enriching experience for boys and coaches alike, and this augurs well for the remainder of this season and the foreseeable future.

As usual, we ran the ball at virtually every opportunity and in doing so entertained and impressed many people, made many friends and showed that we were enjoying what we were doing!

For the record we: lost 25-41 to Michaelhouse;
 beat Kearsney 40-13; and
 beat St Alban's 49-5.

Thank you to the boys for being such fine ambassadors for the game and our school! :**Geoff Kieswetter**

And now for something completely different!

Adam Rothschild, lead guitar; Jake Bennett, vocals and rhythm; Benson Joubert, bass guitar; and Lood van Niekerk, drums, have formed a band **EARLY HOURS**. They are finalists in a competition called "Get Out Of The Garage", one of 10 bands chosen in South Africa. Each shortlisted band recorded an original song at a session in the pop-up Converse Rubber tracks studio in Johannesburg. The winning act will fly to Europe and then to the Big Apple to perform a live gig and to record with famous New York Producer, Aaron Basinelli. The winning band will be determined by a public voting process.

If you would like to listen to Early Hours you can log in to www.soundcloud.com/earlyhours.

There are two ways to vote. The first way is to send an sms reading "GOOTG2014 Band 1" to 45783.

The second way is to go to www.myssl.co.za/converse and vote for Early Hours (the first band). It may ask you to log into facebook but this is only to ensure that you fulfill the voting prerequisites.

In each case a person is allowed 3 votes (or 6 in total if they vote in both ways) but any single vote would be massively appreciated.

I hope the Bishops Community will support these enterprising and talented young men!