

Assembly 8 May 2015

Cultural

Music Colours

Joe Linley needs to be congratulated on achieving his Half Colours for Music

Public Speaking

For being selected to the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking team and competing at the World Championships in April, the following boys have been awarded Distinction ties: Desmond Fairall (re-award) Stefan Ranoszek, Alexander Peile and Giuseppe Guerandi

Visual Arts

James Wilson has met the criteria for the award of Half-Colours (Visual Arts), having demonstrated a serious commitment to this discipline. Amongst many other achievements, he has participated successfully in the Visual Arts section of the Bishops Eisteddfod over a number of years, and has produced work of a high standard.

Debating

You will not be surprised to hear the name Desmond Fairall coming up for another award. Desmond has already represented South Africa in Thailand as a junior speaker and was selected as one of the top speakers at that tournament to form an SA invitational team at The Euro-Asian competition in Turkey this year. For this he has received a Distinction tie. Desmond has NOW been selected for the South African Senior Debating team. Only FOUR South Africans are selected, from EVERY SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA, in a process which began with Provincial selection throughout South Africa LAST AUGUST. This is an enormous achievement and commitment. South African debaters commit to 20 hours of training A WEEK in the lead up to the World Schools championships which take place in Singapore. This is the toughest competition in the world. We have great pleasure in re-awarding Desmond Distinction for his remarkable achievement.

Sport

Biathlon

Oliver Stewart represented Western Province in the SA Biathlon Champs (run/swim) held at Coetzenberg.

He competed in the u15 age group which is the first year of his two years in this age category. He ran a 4:18 for his 1500m and swam a 1:04(100m) - both times beating his personal bests for this season.

The competition was tough but he narrowly went on to win the Gold medal and also broke the South African u15 record as well. He was further rewarded for his efforts by receiving his South African Biathlon Colours.

Fly Fishing

Congratulations to Warwick Reid who will be representing the Boland senior A side at this year's senior SA fly fishing nationals.

Grey Golf & Racquets Festival

On the 24th of April 16 tennis, squash and golf players went to PE for the Grey Golf and Racquets Festival.

Tennis

The tennis team consisted of Tom Sutcliffe, James Murray, Daniel Gregory and James Mitchell. There were eight teams and the standard of tennis was very high. Bishops came second in their pool by beating Grey Bloem and Rondebosch B. In the playoffs they lost against Grey PE and came 4th overall in the Festival. The team must be commended for their good sportsmanship. Tom Sutcliffe was one of the best players at the Festival, only losing one match.

Squash

The squash team did exceptionally well to end up as the top school in their tournament losing very narrowly to an Eastern Province Invitation side in the final.

Stefan Ranzoszek captained the team – leading them to the final of the doubles event on the first day and then getting the better of Pearson, Grey High and Framesby before drawing 3-3 with their EP opponents in the final of the main event. Unfortunately, despite also being tied on games won, the points tally went against Bishops and so we missed out on the gold medal by just 4 points!!

This was an outstanding performance from a young team playing against mostly older opposition. Congratulations to Alex Green, Calven Wilson, Jonathan Greyling, Brandon Snider and Charlie Yates on such an impressive performance.

Golf

Well done to the golfers who also participated in the GREY PE festival over the long weekend. Richard Schwulst and Freddie Spencer led from the front and scored well in the betterball format. Nic Viljoen and Piotrowski conquered the local PE golf course and scored many stableford points. Playing the Jack Nicklaus links course at St. Francis was a real treat and Josh Smith and Peter Thacker coped well with the bunkered layout. The windy Humewood links was our last course and in testing conditions the boys coped well. Congratulations to all the golfers who represented the school so well.

First XV Rugby Tour to Gauteng

Over the Freedom Day weekend, the First XV travelled to Gauteng to participate in a festival at Jeppe Boys High, where the hosts were celebrating the 125th anniversary of their founding.

On the Saturday, Bishops took on the KES first team. Unfortunately it was a stop-start affair, with many breaks in play and few opportunities for the visitors to build momentum. Despite this, the Bishops team did what needed to be done. The players defended manfully and ran the ball whenever there was a chance to attack, eventually scoring five tries to win the game 33-15. A well-known journalist who has covered schoolboy sport in Johannesburg for many decades tweeted about how good it was to see Bishops in action on the Highveld once again, adding that when Diocesan College play their brand of rugby ... "that's the real beautiful game"!

Two days later, on Monday 27, Bishops were up against Pretoria Boys High; this was a much better game which became a try-fest and a celebration of high-calibre running rugby. Once again, however, the victory was firstly built on peerless and resolute defence. Once possession of the ball had been secured, tries were run in from every corner of the ground. 59 points were added to the scoreboard, without a single point being conceded by the visitors.

Well done indeed to the First XV on a most impressive visit to Johannesburg!

General

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books took place last Thursday night, 23rd April, at Bergvliet High and our Bishops team came 4th out of 20 schools, the best we've done in years and by far the best all

boys school. Each team must comprise three seniors and two juniors. Congratulations go to Alex Peile, Taahir Bhorat, Tyger Thomson, Angus Longmore and Miles Boeddinghaus, as well as James Rumbelow as reserve, for answering literary questions that ranged from Shakespeare to Terry Pratchett to movies based on books.

All Rounder's Tie

Christopher Mailer is to be congratulated on being awarded his All Rounder's Tie.

13 Year Ties

Congratulations to the following boys who have been awarded their 13 Year Ties:

Mikaeel Adam; Aidan Bizony; Jonathan Bampffield-Duggan; Travis Barrett; Simon Bisset; Andoni Buhler; Luke Burton; Dylan Castle; Kieran Cattell; Ross Church; Marco Comititis; Cole Cruickshank; Luciano da Graca; Simon Dennis; Stefan Dominicus; Oliver Dyer; Desmond Fairall; Jeremy Gebers; Max Gobel; Liam Goff; Xander Gowar; Alex Green; Christopher Hitchman; Dylan Hoffman; Graeme Irvine; Luc Janssens; Angus Johnstone; Julian Knobloch; Matthew Kuttel; Joshua Maree; Laurence Midgley; Matthew Morris; Edward Murphy; Liam Neill; Stefan Ranoszek; Tom Richardson; Nicholas Ryall; Sozon Sarandis; James Smith; Rayhaan Surve; Nicholas Thompson; Michael Thompson; Dean Thorne; Benjamin Tzemis; Julian van der Watt; Matthew Viviers; Ross Willis; Jordan Woodman.