

Assembly 22 July 2016

Welcome

New and Exchange Students

EXCHANGE: Anshul Shroff Pranav Pandoh (Lawrence School, India), Drew Davis (Montgomery Bell Academy, USA), Jay Waller and Sam Nash (Culford, England), Tomi Lewis (Llandovery, Wales), Christopher Raatgever (King William's School, Isle of Man), Fernando Blach (Colegio, Virgendeenuropa, Spain), Charlie Storey (The King's School, Australia), Maximillian Veitinger, (Begemann Schule, Germany), Tom Westropp (King's Bruton, England), Tom Addison, (Framlingham College, England).

NEW: Casper Vagn-Jensen and William Vagn-Jensen (American International School) and Seth Liddell, who is returning to Bishops from George Golf Academy.

Academic

Academic Awards

Academic Ties have been earned by:

Grade 12: Marcus Knight, Warwick Reid and Jason van der Linden.

Grade 11: Zola Baird, Marcus Craig and Andrew McAdam.

Grade 10: Nivar Rajoo, Kamal Sacranie and Logan Tait.

Grade 9: Jack Clayton, Matthew Derman, Liam Foxcroft, Murray Gordon, Jakob Holm, Tom Liefeldt, Euan Musselwhite, Reece Oellermann, Tomas Slaven, David Straughan, Max Tedder, Tristan Turner, Kenau Vith and Andrew Williams.

Academic Jerseys are awarded to:

Grade 12: Dylan Burke and Stuart Mesham

Grade 11: Nicholas Bowden, Felix Burt, Jamie Diggie, Kwangbem Ko, Gregory Schoeman (in absentia) and Nikolaos Tapanlis.

Grade 10: Ryan Labberte

Grade 9: Joshua Elliott

The Trophy for Most-Improved House Grade goes to: Birt House Gr 12

The Trophy for Best Performing House-Grade is awarded to: Kidd House Gr 12.

National Science Olympiad 2016

A number of our boys have again performed exceptionally well in this year's National Science Olympiad. We want to especially congratulate:

1st overall, Angus Thring (With a score of 86% beating the runner up who scored 79% by a significant margin) Scores at the top are often very close and separated by only one or two percentage points.

Ahmed Dhansay was placed 3rd Overall and Andrew McAdam & Nicholas Janisch were placed in the top 50 nationally.

These are all significant achievements and we congratulate all these boys on their outstanding achievements.

English Alive 2016

Callam Tait has had his English creative work, *The Invisible Man*, published in the 2016 edition of *English Alive*. 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.

Cultural

Music Colours

Congratulations to the following boys who have reached the requirements for Music Awards.

Half Colours

Cameron Braun, Terry Kim, Jeff Malherbe, Theodore Psillos, Kamal Sacranie and Nikolaos Tapanlis.

Full Colours

Jack Belcher, Arthur Fisher, KB Ko, Stephane Pienaar Daniel Tate and Alexandros Vavatzanidis.

Ensemble Ties

Ensemble Ties are awarded to the following boys who have completed 3.5 years of service to one of the Music Ensembles at Bishops:

Jack Belcher, Arthur Fisher, Giuseppe Guerandi, Chris Gruber, Andrew Hodgson, KB Ko, Julian Mort, Ben Nel, Jack Newman, Stephane Pienaar, Jonathan Rossouw, Nikolaos Tapanis, Angus Thring, Alexandros Vavatzanidis and Alex Williams.

Sport

Fencing Tour to Germany

The fencing tour to Germany during the holidays was a great success. 9 Fencers accompanied Mrs Withers and the coach to Tauberbishofsheim Olympic Fencing centre for 2 weeks training. All the fencers experienced world class private coaching and training with members of the German national team. In between fencing, the Bishops fencers cycled, canoed and toured around Wurzburg, taking in the cultural sights of this region of Bavaria.

Hockey

After the recent U18 and U16 IPT's in the June/ July holidays, Dayaan Cassiem was selected to represent SA U18A, Wesley Gardener SA U18B and Idrees Abdulla SA U16A. Congratulations to all these players.

Dayaan Cassiem receives a distinction tie after competing for South Africa in a three match test series against Australia in Pretoria. SA won the series 3-0. Congratulations Dayaan.

Downhill Mountain Biking

We congratulate Max Wolfson on his achievements in Downhill Mountain Biking. This season, in his age group, he came first in the Western Cape Series and first in the SA Series, also winning the Western Cape Champs, All-Africa Champs, and most recently, the prestigious SA Champs.

Rugby

The Independent Schools Rugby Festival was held at Bishops during the holidays where 20 independent schools from across South Africa participated. Perfect weather conditions, super support and some stunning running rugby contributed to a very successful event. Bishops 1st XV played three matches beating Eton 62 - 12 and Hilton College 35-31 and losing to arguably the strongest side at the festival- Kingswood 24-34 in a very exciting match.

Squash

Congratulations to Glenn Yates on not only playing at No. 1 for Western Province in the recent squash IPT but also on being selected as one of the top 5 players in the country at under 19 level. To do this as a Grade 11 is an outstanding achievement. He will represent the SA Schools team on their tour to Malaysia later this term.

International Swimming

Michael Houlie in Birt House recently competed in the Treviso Cup in Italy. He won 3 Gold Medals and in each of his events he set New Championship Records in his age group. In the 50m Breaststroke Michael's time of 28.57 seconds was a new South African Age Group Record for Boys aged 16 years (this is remarkable because Michael turned 16 just a week earlier). As a result of Michael's achievements, Swimming South Africa has selected Michael to represent South Africa at the Africa under 20 Youth Games in Angola from the 9th-19th December. Congratulations Michael.

UK Tennis Tour

On the 23rd June 10 tennis players accompanied by Mr Theron and Mr Fawcett flew to England for two weeks. The team's first stop was King's Canterbury and thereafter they travelled through the south of England. They played 9 fixtures, a mix of singles and doubles, and won 8 out of their 9 matches. The team spent three days in London during the middle of the tour having some time to explore and relax. They had the privilege to play on grass, synthetic clay as well as Australian Open surfaces. The hospitality and facilities of hosting schools were unforgettable and the team grew in skill while gaining enormously in experience.

Tennis Awards

The following boys receives half colours for tennis:
Francois van der Merwe, Ben Nel, Luca Powell and Michael Viana.

The following boys receives full colours for tennis:
Malachy Barbour, Lloyd Wood, James Mitchell, Chris Mitchell and James Murray.

General

Ranger Course

BISHOPS RANGER COURSE TO PHINDA and SOMKHANDA

Earlier this year, Bishops boys; Matthew Perrott, Callum Tait, Chris Hyslop and Logan Tait cycled 600km (CT to Knysna) to raise funds for the rhinos. They successfully raised R179 000. For all their fundraising efforts, Nkonka invited the 4 boys to stay at the lodge and participate in the rhino notching experience today, which forms part of the Bishops ranger course. A portion of the funds they raised went towards the costs of the rhino notching, done during the ranger course. The remaining funds go towards the costs of a rhino orphan kept on Thula Thula Rhino Orphanage.

These 4 matric boys as well as 21 grade 9 boys with their mums from Bishops School arrived at Phinda to embark on a Ranger Course. This course allowed the group to explore a variety of scientific research studies in the field of conservation, game capture, archaeology and bird ringing.

The Bishops/Somkhanda rural school fundraiser has been involved with building a new classroom funded by the Bishops parents and boys involved in this course. The Ranger Course also allows boys to collect points towards their Presidents Award. All boys and moms completed more than the 67 minutes towards Mandela Day. This is another way Bishops inspires individuals to make a difference in South Africa and take a lead in building a great nation.

Bishops in Botswana

During the past holiday Ethan Ellis, James Howard, Derick Reissenzahn and Andre Truter along with parents Bronwyn Howard and George Reissenzahn and Mr Court spent a week in the Okavango Delta. They camped out under the stars at night in makeshift camps on islands in the delta and spent the days exploring the waterways in Mokoros and going on game walks. It was a real privilege to spend time in this vast wilderness area teeming with game and birdlife.

2016 Military History Tour

During two weeks of the past holiday, 15 grade 9s and 4 grade 10s, together with Dr Warwick and Mr Richter, formed up our Bishops Military History tour complement which toured predominantly military historically related sites in France and Belgium. Our chief aim was participating in an official acknowledgment of the battle of Delville Wood centenary, but also to remember all South Africans who died during the First World War and particularly the 112 OD fatalities. The Delville Wood centenary commemoration was held at the massive Thiepval Memorial in Picardy, France. This memorial commemorates the 72 426 servicemen from Britain and her then dominions, included South Africa, registered as missing with no known grave. The site was particularly appropriate for the over 1000 South African dead of Delville Wood, for during the battle most of their bodies were either disintegrated or buried by shellfire. There are only 67 South African graves in the Delville Wood cemetery, most of our dead from this battle are commemorated at Thiepval. Kyle Elliot and James Frankenfeld laid a wreath on behalf of the OD fallen, followed by each member of our group placing a small cross. Our Bishops tour party were amongst many other South African school representatives present alongside numerous veteran and other related organizations.

Our boys visited many other battle sites, military cemeteries and museums and not only related to the First World War. During the first week of the tour we viewed the Normandy Beaches of World War Two fame of which the highlight had to be Omaha Beach with its enormous American military cemetery. We also experienced something of the complex and

fascinating medieval French historical era through visits to the majestic cathedrals of Laon, Reims, Mont-St-Michel and Bayeux, where we viewed the famous tapestry which depicts the 1066 Norman invasion of England. Not only did we partake in an important military remembrance pilgrimage for our South African fallen, but the tour also helped us appreciate something of our deep European roots. This tour was a fascinating and highly recommended experience which will hopefully be repeated for other history students.