

Assembly 8 April 2016

Cultural

Cultural Tour to Europe

Bishops/ Springfield Convent Cultural Tour to Istanbul, 17th March to 1st April 2016

On 17th March the tour party consisting on 9 Bishops pupils and 23 Springfield Convent girls, accompanied by Mr. Hyslop and two teacher from Springfield, flew out from Cape Town international airport on a Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul where the group stayed for two nights, moving on to Italy where they toured Rome, Assisi, Sienna, Florence, Padua and Venice.

In particular, being in Istanbul and Rome, two great ancient, strategic, imperial and holy cities, the group was made aware of these places being pivots around which so many significant historical events have turned. The touring party was able to experience and see tangible evidence of history, art and culture everywhere they went.

Whether it was sailing on the Bosphorus, which separates Asian Turkey from European Turkey, entering the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, viewing Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling paintings in Rome, enjoying the streets of Florence with art at every corner, spending Good Friday in Assisi or travelling the waterways on Venice on a water taxi, it was an enriching, life-changing experience for all concerned. The tour saw a wonderful spirit develop between the boys and girls as members of one touring team. For many it was an opportunity to appreciate the richness of European history and culture and to grasp how significant it still is for people from all over the globe.

The boys in the tour party were: Boyd Kane, Angus Thring, Myles Julius, Campbell Reyburn, Peter Thacker, Robert Jack, Lloyd Jones, Andile Themba and Tyger Thompson.

Everest Base Camp Expedition

During the last week of last term, nine Bishops boys (Dominic Beaumont, Duncan Edelstein, Aedan Foulkes, Sheridan Laudien, Michael van den Heever, Steven van den Heerver, Kamal Sacranie, Anton van Wyngarden and Connor Price), two staff members (Mr Mitchell and Mr Kruger) and eight parents flew to Kathmandu in Nepal and then on to Lukla (one of the most dangerous airports in the world) to begin a 14 day trek through the Himalayas with the aim of reaching Everest Base Camp. The trip offered everything (and more) that one would expect with an adventure of this nature, including the obligatory snow storm, the inevitable diarrhoea, the extreme biting cold, the long days of hiking, the unpleasant effects of high

altitude on one's breathing, the uncomfortable conditions associated with such a trek and the odd emergency evacuation by helicopter because of High Altitude Sickness. All of this paled though when compared with the breath-taking views of Everest in particular, the beautiful valleys, banks of rhododendrons and the humbling mountains as well as the quiet enriching presence of our Sherpas. On the way to Base Camp a number of the boys pushed themselves even further by summiting Kala Patthar, a 5164 m peak and one which is used for altitude preparation by Everest expedition teams. The whole group really showed great determination under some extremely difficult walking conditions and, best of all, every night we always found something to laugh about. Congratulations to all the gentleman involved in this trek – who all showed incredible inner character and their overt support of each other in times of hardship, was something to behold.

Drama Awards

For their roles in *All Shook Up* and for their contribution to Drama at the College, in previous productions, the following boys are congratulated on their awards: Half Colours: Marcus Knight, Nicholas Featherstone (technical), Ibrahim Kerbelker (technical re-award) and Ronald Walters (technical re-award). Full Colours: Chris Hyslop, Joe Linley, Julien Schlebusch and Mitchell Christy (re-award).

Sport

Athletics

At the end of a successful Athletics season, the following athletes are awarded Half and Full Colours:

Half Colours: Chris Rhode, Ya'eesh Collins and Seb Prentice

Full Colours: Theuns Kuhn (re-award) and Jaime Garlick (re-award) We congratulate these athletes on their achievement.

Cricket

Tour to Dubai and India

On the 16 March 24 boys and 3 staff members departed for the Bishops first ever cricket tour to Dubai and India.

The first stop was Dubai where 4 games were played against local academies. Bishops won all 4 games comfortably with some really good performances by Tyla Scarles, Rob Lancefield, Nikolai Piotrowski and Calven Wilson.

On the 20 March the group left for India. After 4 days of sight-seeing in Delhi and Agra they moved on to Gwalior to play the Gwalior Division County u18 side in the Captain Roop Singh Stadium. This stadium is of historic significance to South Africa as in 1991 the late Clive Rice led the SA team onto the field against India as part of SA's first international tour since re-admission.

The last leg of the tour took them to Jaipur, 5 hours south of Delhi where they played another 4 games, winning three and only losing one before returning to Delhi.

Indian pitches, in general, are batsmen friendly and our batsmen were keen to make use of the opportunities on offer. Calven Wilson, Nikolai Piotrowski, Rob Lancefield, Tyla Scarles, Jono Bird, Nic Viljoen, Matt du Plessis, Richard Baikoff, Brandon Snider and Gregor Bell all reached the 50 run milestone on at least one occasion and Jono Bird (132), Richard Baikoff (118*) and Rob Lancefield (100) were able to capitalize to reach their centuries.

Bowlers had to work exceptionally hard and credit must go to Ross Tucker for his 5/36 against the Youvraj Singh Academy and both Max Newbury and Jayden Rossouw who ended up with 13 wickets each.

The 2016 Dubai & India cricket tour was a huge success with the 1st side winning 4 out of 7 games and the 2nd XI winning 5 out of 7 games. More importantly the lessons learnt on the field and off the field will stay with us all forever.

Awards

The following cricketers scored centuries on the recent tour to Dubai and India:

Jono Bird 132 (1st XI vs Modern School (Delhi) 22 March 2016)

Robert Lancefield 100 (2nd XI vs Scindia School (Gwalior) 25 March 2016)

Richard Baikoff 118* (1st XI vs Neeja Modi School (Jaipur) 28 March 2016)

Ross Tucker took a fifer and receives a mounted ball 8-1-36-5 (2nd XI vs Youvraj Singh Academy 21 March 2016).

Golf

Well done to the top 4 ranked golfers in the school who represented us so well at the National Golf Championships at Dainfern over the past weekend.

Anton Volkel lead from the front as captain with rounds of 88 and 81 ably assisted in the combined medal format by Freddie Spencer who shot 86 and 83. Unfortunately day 2 had to be curtailed after severe thunderstorms and lighting left the par 72 course unplayable. Finley Knight and Peter Thacker made up the other team also combining for a gross total of 169 and so the boys finished tied 49th out of the best 90 players in South African high schools.

Captain of Golf

Anton Volkel will serve as Captain of Golf for 2016. We wish him all of the best.

Hockey

The team started their season with a thrilling match against St Andrews. In a match which ebbed and flowed the final score was 4 all.

St Stithians Easter Hockey Festival

We arrived on Wednesday 23rd March and went straight into our first match against Westville Boys. The team was up for the challenge to prove themselves in the opening game of the festival, which ended in a 1-1.

The next day presented a double header for us with a game against Parktown Boys in the morning, which we won 4-0. This was followed by a game against the hosts, St Stithians in the early afternoon. The game was fast paced and exciting, and ended in a 4-4 draw.

The last two games were played on a Saturday morning against Pearson High, which we won 2-0 and the final game was played in the early afternoon against Pretoria Boys with us going down 2-3, with Pretoria scoring two quick goals in the last 8 minutes of the match.

Overall, the squad displayed excellent teamwork and comradery and we were pleased with the pre-season preparation.

Hockey Leadership 2016

Captain – Wesley Gardener, Vice Captains – Simon Kilpin and Dylan Burke.

Rugby

First XV Rugby Report: The College's First XV played four matches during the recent vacation. The first full match of the season involved the annual derby against St Andrew's College, here at Bishops. Our new team made a promising start, scoring a couple of thrilling tries from deep in their own half, and enjoyed a comfortable lead at half-time, but the visitors came back strongly to ensure that the scores were level with ten minutes to go. Bishops were able to convert pressure into points at the end of the game however, and ran out winners by 27 points to 17, having scored five tries along the way.

The squad then travelled up to Johannesburg to take part in the St Stithians Easter Sports Festival. The first game against Durban High School was a game of two halves. Our performance in the first half was hardly memorable as the players struggled to adapt to the

speed of the game and the altitude. However, though we trailed by 17 points to nil at half-time, the second half would see a spirited fight-back that began with a try in the very first minute. Bishops went on to score four tries in all, but our opponents scored as well, and, once again, the scores were level with a minute or two left on the clock. The Firsts won possession of the ball deep in their own half, went on the attack and were eventually awarded a penalty in their opponents' midfield. With the last kick of the game, this penalty was converted to ensure victory by 27 points to 24.

In the second game of the festival, Bishops was pitted against formidable opponents from Grey PE. After a hard-fought first half, Grey enjoyed a slender lead courtesy of a couple of penalties. Unfortunately, our players made a string of errors in the first five minutes of the second half, with each mistake being pounced on by the opposition who raced into a comfortable lead which they would build on for the rest of the half. Final score: Grey 44, Bishops 0.

The third game against Westville Boys also began in disappointing style as our opponents scored in the first minute and then again just a few minutes later. The Firsts showed impressive character and guts as they made every effort to fight their way back into the game; their defence was solid, too, as Westville mounted a series of attacks on our try-line. Despite this courageous resistance, the team trailed by eight points at half-time, and were still five points down with five minutes to go before some fine work by the forwards led to a try in the final minute. Thanks to their four tries, Bishops were able to tie the game in the end: 20 points to all.

All members of the First team are to be complimented on their behaviour and conduct during their time in Johannesburg; they players proved to be fine ambassadors for the College, on and off the field.

Sailing

MAC 24

Last term eight of our boys competed in the Milnerton Aquatic Club 24-hour sailing challenge. In this challenge, the team of 8 boys race the same boat for 24 hours, from midday on Saturday to midday on Sunday. 35 boats competed and the Bishops boat came second in her class and sixteenth overall. The team was lead by Boyd Kane, and the team members were Andre Truter, Alex Russell, James Rumbelow, Peter Worthington-Smith, Cameron Clark, Zac Young and Niels Triaden (who is at the Prep).

Interhouse Sailing

Congratulations to Ogilvie on winning the trophy this year.

Shooting

Last term the College shooting team led by Jonathan Basset outshot the experienced OD during Founder's Day. This announcement was delayed until the Shooting Cup for this annual competition, the Chippy Robinson Founder's Day Shooting Trophy, could be appropriately engraved. Thus this trophy returns to the College after a three year interval. Our top four shottists in order of their competition points were: Jonathan Bassett, John Frost; Andre Truter and Shakir Dollie.

For our Shottists of the Term Trophy, awarded to the top average for the season, this was won by John Frost.

Waterpolo

Congratulations to Founders House for winning both the Junior and Senior Waterpolo inter-house trophies last term. The Founders junior team beat Mallett House in their final and the Founders senior team beat Kidd House in their final.

Well done to Brett Sneddon and Jordan Nel who have been selected for the WP u18 team that will participate in the Currie Cup later this month in Durban.

Congratulations to Brandon Burke who participated in the EU Nations Cup over the holidays. He represented the SA u17 team and they made it all the way to the final, just losing to Malta 11-10. Brandon was named Player of the Final, a huge achievement.

Bingo Ivanisevic, Rob Young, David Nivison and Tom Lee were invited to SA u16 trials in Durban last weekend. Rob Young, David Nivison and Tom Lee were all selected for the SA u16B team and Bingo Ivanisevic as reserve for this team. They will tour to Malta in July to play in a series of internationals.

General

Riding for Rhinos

During the recent Easter holidays, Cal Tait and Matthew Perrott cycled from Cape Town to Knysna in an effort to raise money for the translocation and security of a rhino from a high risk poaching area in KZN to 'safe havens' in Botswana. They did this over 5 days and cycled 600 kilometres. They were joined on day one by Chris Hyslop and on day four by Logan Tait. On day 4 they cycled to just outside Mossel Bay where they had the opportunity to view Rhinos in their natural habitat. They also met and spoke to an anti-poaching unit. It was a self-initiated and self-driven project and they managed to raise over R150 000 for their cause. Well done!