

ASSEMBLY, 21 APRIL 2017

Cultural

Public Speaking

During the April holidays, four of our boys, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Mac Cheminai, Gabriel Makin and Nicholas Peile, participated in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Australia as part of the South African team. In what was one of the toughest competitions to date, our boys performed well in the regular rounds, with most of them ranking in the top 80% of the competition. In these rounds, Nikolaos came joint first in Persuasive Speaking (the best SA competitor in speech) and Nicholas Peile came joint 7th in Interpretive Reading (also the best SA competitor in this event). In addition, Nikolaos Tapanlis was ranked third place overall, and second place in Persuasive Speech in the Grand Final, which is an amazing achievement indeed. Congratulations on a wonderful personal result, but also to all of our boys for competing exceptionally well and making their mark on the world stage.

Sport

Waterpolo

SA u17 Waterpolo

Over the Easter weekend (14-16 April) Bingo Ivanisevic, Tom Lee and David Nivison travelled to the Czech Republic to represent the South African u17 team at the EU Nations Waterpolo Cup. These three boys were selected to play in this international tournament after performing at a top level at the u16 Tri-nations in Malta in 2016, at the u17 CANA Games in Zimbabwe in February 2017 and at the u18 Currie Cup Tournament in Stellenbosch in March 2017. At the EU Nations Cup, South Africa beat: Wales 13-1, Lithuania 17-6, Switzerland 13-10, and the Czech Republic 12-6. They then beat England 8-6 in the final, taking home gold. Over the course of the tournament, Bingo scored 4 goals, Tom Lee scored 8 goals and David Nivison saved a crucial 5m penalty in the final against England.

Horse Polo

Marek Kanigowski has continued to excel in this sport, and has raised eyebrows in the senior polo community. Marek spent the Easter Weekend in Plettenberg Bay, playing at the highest level, and was asked to play with two current Springboks and the best player from the Free State for the East Qwa-Qwa land side, which against all odds went on to win the tournament. Marek won Most Valuable Player, and went on to win the second tournament of the season. Marek was asked to stay in Plettenberg Bay over this week to receive personal coaching from the South African Polo Association, and has been invited to play in a tournament in England over the June July holidays.

Hockey

Netherlands Tour 2-16 April

Bishops 1st team squad and Colts (Development) team toured the Netherlands during the April holidays as part of the 2017 pre-season preparation. We stayed in the cities of Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Utrecht and The Hague where we attended 4 coaching sessions by top Dutch coaches, played 5 warm up matches, watched Euro hockey league ¼ final matches and participated in the HDM club tournament over the Easter weekend. This tournament included clubs and schools from Australia, Ireland, USA, Canada, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

The boys also engaged in some cultural and leisure activities, a 15km bicycle tour to the Kinderdijk Wind mills, a canal cruise in Amsterdam, a humbling visit to the Anne Frank House museum and a visit to Efteling theme park. The boys were great ambassadors for the school while they were abroad as they were extremely well behaved, resulting in an enjoyable tour for everyone. They received many compliments from the host clubs and hotel staff for their good manners and excellent conduct. There were some great life lessons learnt, both on and off the field. The cherry on top being the 1st team winning the final on Easter Sunday against the host club HDM.

Summary of results:

1st team warm up matches	Colts team warm up matches
Game 1 vs HBR draw 3 -3	Game 1 vs HBR lost 2-3
Game 2 vs Doorn won 7-1	Game 2 vs Doorn won 2-1
Game 3 vs Xenios won 6-1	Game 3 vs Xenios lost 1-3
Game 4 vs Den Bos lost 1-4	Game 4 vs Den Bos lost 1-10
Game 5 vs Phoenix draw 1-1	Game 5 vs Phoenix lost 0-5
1st team U19 Tournament Results	Colts team U17 Tournament Results
Game 1 vs Rhomburg won 5-2	Game 1 vs Oree won 3-2
Game 2 vs Mariztburg lost 0-1	Game 2 vs Victoria lost 0-3
Game 3 vs Como Secondary won 9-0	Game 3 vs HDM won 3-0
Game 4 ¼ final vs HDM 2 won 7-0	Game 4 ¼ final vs Aberdeen Grammar lost 2-3
Game 5 semi-final vs Rohmburg won 5-1	Game 5 Position play off vs Victoria won 3-1
Game 6 Final vs HDM 1 won 7-1	
Played 11, Won 7, Lost 2, Draw 2 Goals for 51, Goals Against 15	Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6, Goals for 17, Goals Against 31

At the tournament Dayaan Cassiem was named top goal scorer and player of the tournament, while Jayden Rousseau won the goalkeeper award in the U17 age group.

Hockey Leadership 2017

Vice-captains: Michael Burton and Ivan Stassen

Captain: Dayaan Cassiem

U16A Colts Hockey Tour

A team comprising 15 boys and coached by Mr Aziz Cassiem travelled to York High for an u16 hockey festival. They played a total of 6 matches in three days. They won 5 matches and drew one. Five of the u16A squad for 2017 were not available for this tour as they were touring overseas with the first team. This makes these results even more remarkable. Congratulations to the boys, as they conducted themselves in a manner that brought honour to the Bishops badge. A special thanks to Mr Tony Noon for driving the team and for his support and words of wisdom.

Climbing

David Naude in Grade 10 came first in the U/17 Boys' and first in the Men's Open categories at the recent National Boulder Series Championships held in Cape Town. He won the overall National Champion title and has been selected for the SA team to compete at the Climbing World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria. He will also represent South Africa at the World Cup in Munich. Well done, David!

Rowing

At the end of last term the following rowing achievements were omitted from the assembly notices:

Andile Themba was awarded half colours for rowing.

At the annual rowing dinner Nic Bowden was awarded the John Rideout Fellowship Cup. This is the first time that this award has been made and was donated by Christine McAdam in memory of her late father who rowed for the UK and was a rowing coach at Bishops in the 1970's. He took the first ever Bishops rowing team to SA Champs. This is a very special award and is essentially for Sportsmanship. Well done Nic!

Rugby

Eastern Cape Rugby Tour

The 14A/15A/16A/2nd and 1st XV had a wonderful and rewarding trip to the Eastern Cape with 6 out of 10 wins and a draw. Notable successes were the U15s who scored a total of 108 points to 0 in both their games. With their recent win against Paarl Boys they are looking in top form. The U14s certainly seemed to find their groove especially in their match against St Andrews which they completely dominated. The 1st XV beat St Andrews in a very exciting game which amazingly saw three interception tries in the match. Bishops cover defence was outstanding which ultimately led to their deserved win in the end. Their match against Kingswood was equally exciting even though the 1st XV struggled to find their rhythm against a very skilful and plucky and skilful Kingswood side who had their whole school in support. Again some incredible cover defence and an uncharacteristic driving maul led them to another victory.

Team	Opponent	Result
1st XV	St Andrew's College	Won : 29 - 21
2nd XV	St Andrew's College	Draw : 17 - 17
U16A	St Andrew's College	Lost : 10 - 38
U15A	St Andrew's College	Won : 36 - 0
U14A	St Andrew's College	Won : 64 - 0
1st XV	Kingswood College	Won : 16 - 13
2nd XV	Kingswood College	Lost : 14 - 22
U16A	Kingswood College	Lost : 22 - 28
U15A	Kingswood College	Won : 72 - 0
U14A	Kingswood College	Won : 50 - 21

General

White Rhino Trail

A total of 13 Bishops boys in Grade 11, two LEAP students and 3 staff spent 7 days in KZN. The boys were divided into three groups and had a very special time in the bush. The highlights of lion sightings and being charged by a female white rhino were offset by the very real spectre of poaching. The group encountered 3 white rhino carcasses in a small area of the Imfolozi Park. It is hoped that Bishops can continue to find ways of helping these fine animals.