

Assembly, Friday 24 February 2017

Introduction

The jazz band is here to perform two pieces this morning by the composer Gordon Goodwin:

High Maintenance - a piece that has sass and a funky attitude!

The Jazz Police – a piece that combines rock, swing and jazz elements

Bishops has many ensembles in which the boys can play. The largest is the **wind band** which consists of flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoon, saxophones, trumpets, trombone, euphonium, tuba, a bass guitar and a percussion section. At the moment there are 69 members of the wind band and the repertoire includes music from the movies, TV series as well as symphonic repertoires.

The **jazz band** is a smaller 17 piece ensemble, consisting of saxophones, trumpets, trombone, piano, bass guitar, guitar and drums. Entry into the jazz band is by invitation only, so the jazz band is equivalent to a First Team sport. The repertoire is primarily jazz, so the jazz band is also referred to (ironically) as Big Band, based on the jazz of the Big Band era in the 1930s and 40s.

Academic

Molteno Library Service Ties

Nicholas Peile and Angus Longmore have been awarded service ties for two years' outstanding service to the Molteno Library. They have been crucial to the day-to-day running of the resource centre, maintaining the integrity of this very busy space, and have provided sound leadership for the junior monitors. Congratulations to both of them.

Interact Tie Awards

I have pleasure in announcing the award of Interact ties to the following boys:

Luca Powell, James Aron, Ryan Lawson, Matthew Hanssen, Ross Tucker, Theodore Psillos, Michael Beckurts and Thomas Barty for their valuable contribution to community service through the Bishops Interact Club. They will all continue to be involved in a range of Interact projects during the course of 2017.

Sport

Athletics

On the tail end of a very competitive Sports Day and Triangular (and that impressive relay finish by the Bishops u19 relay team), the following u19 athletes are congratulated on earning their Athletics colours this season:

Half Colours: Tom Barty (800m) and Rob Macdonald (100m)

Full Colours: Murray Bruce (100m), Ross Goodwin (400m) and Richard Wellington (200m & 400m).

It is significant to note that Richard receives full colours for both 200m and 400m. It does not happen often that an athlete earns full colours in two different events in the same season. Congratulations to these athletes on their respective achievements and, as important, the manner in which they have competed!

Shooting

Andre Truter, current vice-captain of the shooting squad, recently achieved a bronze medal (3rd) in the under 21 “Sporter” class; this while shooting in a competition for the South Peninsula Schools’ Shooting side.

Indoor Hockey

A number of Bishops hockey players were selected to represent various Western Cape teams in the PSI Indoor Hockey Nationals held in Cape Town at the end of 2016.

In the U14 age group: Tim Kotze; Conor White and James Van Wyk.

In the U16 age group: Idrees Abdulla; Daniel Nelson; Adam Stonestreet and Scott Jeffery
In the U18 age group: Christian Rohrer (captain); Wesley Gardener; Malachy Barbour; Chris Hyslop; Nic Rubin; Drew Turpin; Luke Ranzoszek; Dayaan Cassiem; Mustapha Cassiem and Warwick Pitman.

As a result of their outstanding performances at the tournament Dayaan Cassiem; Mustapha Cassiem and Christian Rohrer were selected to the u18 SA All Stars tournament team and Idrees Abdulla to the u16 SA All Stars tournament team. Christian Rohrer and Mustapha Cassiem are awarded a Distinction Tie. Dayaan Cassiem was awarded a distinction tie in 2016.

(Idrees will be representing the u16 SA All Stars in a quadrangular tournament in March). In addition, Christian Rohrer was named Player of the Tournament.

Buffalo Rowing Regatta

Bishops returned from the Buffalo Regatta with a good idea as to where they stand against the other top rowing schools from across South Africa ahead of the South African Schools Rowing Championship to be held in March. Well done to Nicholas McAdam, Shaun O'Brien, Francois Breytenbach, Rhys Williams and Dominic Beaumont, who won gold for the U16 coxed four ahead of St. Benedicts from Johannesburg. Unfortunately the rowers at the regatta were greeted by an unfamiliar thunder storm, and due to lightening the remainder of the races on Saturday were called off with the result that none of the finals for the main eights races took place.

Selborne Sprints Rowing Regatta

Bishops participated in the Selborne Sprints regatta whilst in East London, which saw the crews racing over 500m as opposed to the normal 2000m they are accustomed. The boys experienced some tight racing and the supporters were kept on the edges of their seats to see who had crossed the line first according to the finishing cameras. Our 1st VIII placed 3rd overall, our 2nd VIII placed 2nd to St Andrews, and our U16 eight came away with 2nd place to St Benedicts. The 2nd coxed four walked away with a comfortable win, while Nicholas McAdam just managed to cross the finish line ahead of St Benedicts by 0,21seconds to claim 1st place in the U16 single sculls event.

W.C. Rowing Championships

This weekend the Western Cape Rowing Championships were Held at Elgin Country Club. The Regatta ran smoothly in the morning section of the day with races not being effected by the wind too much. However as the day progressed the wind picked up and as a result many of the races after lunch were cancelled. After discussion between the officials and heads of clubs it was decided that a select few races were to be held, all races would now be 1000m rather than 1800m for the senior crews. All crews still had a good day with our junior crews once again being commended on their sportsmanship.

The results were as follows:

JM15A 8x: 2nd

JM16A 2-: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

JM15B 4x: 1st and 4th

JM16B 1x: 1st and 5th

JM19 1st 4+: 2nd

JM 19 1st 4-: 1st

JM 15B 8x: 2nd

JM19 2nd 4+: 1st and 2nd

JM 19 1st 2-: 1st; 2nd; 3rd and 5th

JM14A 4x: 2nd and 5th

JM19 1st 1x: 5th

JM16A 2x: 4th

JM16A 1x: 3rd

JM19 1st 8: 1st(1st 8); 3rd (u16A 8); 4th (2nd 8)

JM19 2nd 4x+: 1st. JM16 A 4x+:3rd.

First Team Squash

The Bishops first squash team took part in the recent St Andrews Bloemfontein Squash Festival. This is the most prestigious squash festival of its kind in the country and participation is by invitation only. This year 22 schools took part from all over the country, with Bishops being the only school representative from the Western Cape.

Despite our top player and captain Glen Yates not being available through injury, our young team performed admirably against some strong opposition. Results were as follows:

Beat Kearsney College 5 – 1
Lost to Pretoria Boys High School 2 – 4
Drew with Selborne College 3 – 3
Lost to Grey High School 1 – 5
Beat St Johns College 4 – 2

The team was represented by Jonathan Greyling, Ibrahim Kerbelker, Charlie Yates, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Brandon Snider and Nic Gleeson.

Climbing

The annual Inter-Club Top Rope and Lead Climbing Competition in the Western Cape took place on Sunday 12th February. Bishops finished second and the following boys received medals:

Charles Carter won Gold in the Top Rope Boys Group. In the Beginner 1 Lead Boys section Alexander Bain Lee received Gold, Ethan Ellis Silver and Thomas Kingdom Bronze. Brian Daniel was awarded Gold in the Beginner 2 Lead Boys category and Tristan Smith won a Bronze medal for Intermediate Lead Boys.

Congratulations to all our climbers.

General

Stefano Fernandes, Angus Longmore and Nivar Rajoo are to be congratulated on being awarded All Rounder's Ties.