

# ASSEMBLY, 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

## Introduction

The wind band consists of wind and brass instruments – flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, alto and tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and tuba as well as a percussion section.

The Bishops wind band has 63 members – it is the largest ensemble in the school and plays a varied repertoire of film music, Classical as well as Pop music.

Today the band is performing the piece **La Virgen de La Macarena**.

La Virgen de La Macarena was the patron saint of Macarena in Seville, Spain. Spanish bull fighters, known as matadors, would pray to this saint before entering the arena. This piece is a traditional bullfighting song and the music paints a picture of the spectators cheering in the arena, the matadors in the ring and the general excitement that accompanies bull fighting!

Listen out for the solo trumpet and clarinet parts, which represent the matador.

## Culture

### **Talent Africa Competition**

Over the long weekend Michael Wilson-Trollip travelled to Port Elizabeth in order to compete in the Talent Africa Competition in the instrumentalist category and ended up winning this category. In the competition Michael was also awarded the prizes for best technique of an instrumentalist as well as best overall instrumentalist. Besides this, Michael was placed second overall in the competition and has been selected to represent South Africa at *Talent America* in New York. Congratulations, Michael.

## Sport

### **Golf**

The first team Golfers travelled to Sun City this past week to participate in the Westville Boys High Sun City Challenge. Mr Gibbon took our lowest handicap Freddie Spencer along with Finley Knight (captain), Peter Thacker, Fergus Alexander and Thomas Lee. The competition was an individual Gross and Team NETT competition in which the 4 best of the 5 scores count. Freddie Spencer got off to a flying start with rounds of 76 and 75 to place 4th out of 104 boys on the extremely testing Gary Player Course, which hosts professional tournaments every year. Finley started with rounds of 81 and 90 while Peter started with two rounds of 88. In the team event Bishops were coming 9th out of 21 teams after the first round. The second round was played at the LOST CITY Golf Club. After a solid start, Freddie was hoping to seal a victory but a poor final round, hampered by punitive rough, dropped him down to 10th place.

The final results included Peter finished 45th, Finley finished 61st, Fergus finished 71st and Thomas finished 79th out of 104 boys. Overall the team ranked 13th out of 21 National teams. The tour was a great success playing some of South Africa's most demanding and iconic courses. The Bishops boys acquitted themselves extremely well over the 3 rounds.

## **Swimming**

Irshad Abrahams participated at the Junior African Swimming Championships held in Cairo, Egypt from 27th to 30th March 2017. Irshad achieved a bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke and a fourth place in the 100m breaststroke. Both events were personal best times. Team SA won the overall competition. Well done Irshad!

## **Climbing**

David Naudé took part in the 2017 Provincial Lead Climbing Competition and won the u/17 Boys title. Congratulations!

## **Waterpolo**

Congratulations to Tom Ross Lee, Bingo Ivanisevic and David Nivison on being awarded Distinction Ties for their outstanding achievements in waterpolo, culminating in winning a gold medal for their country at the u17 EU Nations Cup.

## **Sailing**

Cameron Clark has been selected together with five other sailors to represent South Africa at the 2017 RS Tera World Championships at Carnac Yacht Club in Brittany, France, from 29 July to 4 August 2017. Cameron is one of three sailors in the RS Tera Pro class the other three being in the RS Tera Sport Class. Congratulations!

## **General**

### **All Rounder's Tie**

Peter Thacker is to be congratulated on being awarded an All Rounder's Tie