

ASSEMBLY, Friday 15 September 2017

Academic

National Physics Olympiad

The South African Physics Olympiad is run annually by the South African Institute of Physics (SAIP) for the top performing students in the National Science Olympiad. The exam focuses on pure physics and is set at a higher level than the Science Olympiad.

10 of the Bishops boys invited to write the exam took up the challenge; Angus Thring, Stuart Boynton, Nicholas Featherstone, Kwangbem Ko, Chris Aubin, Nicholas Bowden, Calvin Wehmeyer, Nivor Rajoo, Andrew Hodgson and Felix Burt.

Three of these boys, Stuart Boynton, Nicholas Featherstone, Kwangbem Ko were all awarded Silver certificates (Honorable Mention) for coming in the top 50 across the country. Well done gentlemen!

We are also extremely proud to announce that Angus Thring scored the top mark in the exam (86%). This is a remarkable achievement in a very difficult exam! For this, Angus was awarded first prize and a Bronze medal.

The medal was presented to Angus in a small ceremony in the Principal's office by Case Rijdsijk; the convener of the competition and Professor Patrick Woudt, president of The SAIP and head of the Astronomy department at the University of Cape Town.

These are all very impressive results and we congratulate all these boys on their outstanding achievements.

Academic Vouchers

James Mason and **Rohan Naidoo** are congratulated on receiving three commendations for academic endeavor and are awarded an academic voucher.

Sport

Inter House soccer

Well done to White House who won the junior inter house soccer in the final played against School House. We also congratulate School House who won the senior inter house soccer played against Mallett; most School House matches ending in penalty shootouts.

Villager 7s

On Friday 1 September, two Bishops' teams participated in the annual Villager 7s rugby tournament - the 49th since its inception. The U19 B team won one game and lost two and were unfortunately knocked out after the Pool games. The U19A team, however, progressed through their Pool games beating SACS B, Milnerton and a Georgian International team in the process. We then beat Bosch A in the Quarters and followed this up with a convincing victory against SACS A in the Semis. This left us with a tough final against Paarl Gym, who had two SA Schools players in their ranks. In a pulsating encounter, Bishops emerged as worthy victors - a fantastic achievement and a wonderful way to end the 2017 season.

Inter House 7s

The Inter House rugby 7s were held last Friday and the winners for each age group were: U14- School House; U15- White House; U16- Founders; U19- School House. The overall rankings, based on the results from the finals and all the Pool Games, are as follows: 3rd place – Kidd House - 33 points; 2nd place- School House - 37 points; and the 2017 Inter House winners are Founders House on 41 points.

Cross country

We congratulate **Oliver Stewart** on an exceptionally good performance in the cross country schools league. He won all his races in the local southern zone league, including the zonal trials for WP Champs. He ended the provincial season with a win at Western Province Champs, which was his fifth consecutive gold medal in this event. The WP Champs win ensured his selection for the Western Province Schools team to run in the Cape Schools Championships that took place in Pacaltsdorp, George, on the 29th of August. This event included athletes from Boland, Garden Route, Central & Klein Karoo, West Coast and South Western Districts. He was selected for both the WP Provincial team and Cape Schools' team after winning his event. Last weekend he competed for WP in Potchefstroom in the ASA SA Cross Country Champs and finished 8th in a competitive race run at high altitude. We wish him every success in the SA Schools Championships which take place on the 29th of September in Kimberley. Oliver will represent the Cape Schools team.

Hockey

1st XI Retains the WP KO Cup

The 1st XI hockey retained the Western Province Boys Hockey Knock Out Cup by beating Rondebosch 1 - 0 in the final at Hartleyvale. This is the third year in a row that the Bishops Hockey 1st XI have won the cup. This achievement crowns a very successful season for the team. Well done.

Junior Inter House Hockey

Congratulations to KIDD House who won the Junior Inter House Hockey.

General

Service Tie

Congratulations to **Wesley Holtmann** who has been awarded a Service Tie in recognition of his contribution to the Bishops Referees' Society and his officiating of rugby matches over the past 3 years.