

ASSEMBLY 4 August 2017

I would like to begin by congratulating every one of you boys and the staff who ensured that **CLASSIC POPS 2017** was such a special and spectacular event. This message which I received from the Head of Hershel, Mr Stuart West, sums it up well:

Congratulations on a truly outstanding and exquisite evening of music. The boys were the hero of the evening and rightfully so! They were majestic and remarkable in their varied and sumptuous musical performances. You must be so proud! As a previous staff member and honorary OD I was bursting with pride.

I must commend the music staff for pulling this all together at a start of another demanding term – they make it look effortless. I know that this belies the hundreds of hours of work that has produced the 9th Classic Pops. Bravo!!

Academic

June Academic Awards

This morning we take a moment to celebrate our boy's academic achievements. Academic success is no accident, it requires hard work, perseverance and diligence; and the best way to learn the value of hard work is by the experiencing working hard!

Academic ties and jerseys require meeting the awards criteria in three exam sessions, requiring ongoing diligence and effort.

The following boys are awarded academic ties:

Grade 12: Richard Baikoff, Brandon Burke

Grade 11: Thomas Barty, Michael Beckurts, Mark Bergh, Liam Gordon-Turner, Daniel Le Jeune, Tristan Smith, John van Niekerk

Grade 10: William Hamilton-Russell, Luke Richardson, Rushay Shiba, Oliver Stewart, Ross Tudhope

Grade 9: Jono Bateman, Ben Cheminais, Anton Coutts-Trotter, Christopher Dicey, Neil Du Toit, Michael Ford, Niccolo Guerrini, Oliver Kane-Smith, Andrew Low, Jonathan Mopp, Gerard Murray-Cooke, Rohan Naidoo, Alex Saurma-Jeltsch, Ian Sherwood, Stuart Stevens, Daniel van Nimwegen, Maximillian Wolfson.

The following boys are awarded academic colours/jerseys for achieving excellence in their academic endeavours:

Grade 12: Andrew Hodgson, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Brendan Naude, Luca Powell, Ivan Stassen, Calum Wehmeyer, Richard Wellington

Grade 11: Thomas Janisch, Christopher Kotze, Ryan Solomons, Karl Stapelberg

Grade 10: Euan Musselwhite

Grade 9: Robert Dugmore

National Science Olympiad

A number of our boys have again performed exceptionally well in this year's National Science Olympiad. The competition included almost 40 000 learners from across the nine provinces in South Africa as well as the SADC countries Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe as well as some schools in Australia.

Bishops had 5 boys scoring in the top 50 across the SADC countries and these boys were all invited to the Youth Science Forum held in Johannesburg over the holidays:

Angus Thring
Kwangbem Ko
Andrew Hodgson
Nicholas Featherstone
Nicholas Bowden

Kwanbem Ko was placed 17th in the competition overall and Nicholas Bowden 25th. Andrew and Nicholas Featherstone were both placed in the top 50.

Angus Thring was first place first overall in the competition for the second year running. This year he scored 94%! Angus was awarded a special award for extraordinary achievement and R30 000 towards study at any university of his choice. In recognition of this extraordinary achievement Angus is awarded a distinction tie.

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

Cultural

Music certificate

Rory Schram is to be congratulated on achieving a distinction (a mark above 90%) for his Trinity School Grade 3 Drum Exam.

Interact Tie Award

Brandon Burke (Grade 12, Birt House) is awarded an Interact tie for his service to the community.

Sport

Squash

We congratulate **Glenn Yates**, not only on his selection as an Under 18 Springbok squash player, but also on some excellent performances at the World Squash Championships which

were held in New Zealand during July. In the individual draw, Glenn played several tough matches and ended up achieving the best world ranking of all the South African players. He was then unbeaten in the international series of matches for the South African team. Well done Glenn!

In the recent squash IPTs around the country no fewer than 14 Bishops players represented Western Province – the highest number ever. **Matthew Reid**, who played at Number 1 for the WP U14s, is to be congratulated on being selected as one of the top seven SA players in his age group.

Congratulations to the following on being awarded colours for squash:

Half colours: **Jonathan Greyling (re-award), Charlie Yates, Brandon Snider, Calvin-Ziegler Smith, Tim Wright and Nick Gleeson.**

Full colours: **Glenn Yates (re-award) and Ibrahim Kerbelker.**

South African Hockey selection

As a result of their outstanding performances at the U18 and U16 National Tournaments, three Bishops hockey players were selected to South African school sides: **Idrees Abdulla**, representing WP U18B was selected to the SA U17 High Performance team and **Mustapha Cassiem, Caleb Oliphant** and **Chris Clark** representing WP U16A were both selected to the SA U16 High Performance team. Both the WP U16A side (with **Mustapha Cassiem and Caleb Oliphant**) and the WP U18A side (with **Malachy Barbour**) won their national tournaments.

Dayaan Cassiem, the Bishops 1st team Captain, represented the South African Men's team at the Hockey World League tournament in July. He scored a goal in South Africa's victory over Japan, and was named "man of the match" on two occasions. An amazing achievement for such a young player. Congratulations to all of these hockey players.

Swimming

Michael Houlie (Birt House) did exceptionally well at this year's Commonwealth Youth Games held in the Bahamas. He won the 50m Breast Stroke, setting a new Championship record. He also won a gold medal in the 100m Breast Stroke and a silver in the 200m Breast Stroke. He set new South African Age Group records in each of the events that he competed in. Congratulations Michael!

Waterpolo

The 2017 Maccabiah Games took place over the June/July holidays and two Bishops boys were selected to play for the South African Junior Waterpolo team. It is the third-largest sporting event in the world, with 10,000 athletes competing. The athletes competed on behalf of 85 countries, in 45 sports. **David Nivison and Ryan Solomons** formed part of the South African team that travelled and competed against Israel, USA, Brazil and Hungary in a round-robin format. The competition was of a very high standard and after some close losses, the team ended 5th overall. Congratulations to David and Ryan on their selection and participation.

Polo

Marek Kanigowski was invited to work for a professional polo player in England during the school holidays. Subsequently, he was also invited (the only SA player) and sponsored to play in the Zimbabwe open polo tournament last weekend. Well done Marek!

Fly Fishing

Stefan von der Heyden (Grade 8 Mallett House) received full Protea colours for fly fishing and is currently attending the Junior World's Fly Fishing championship in Slovenia from 29th July to 14th August.

General

World Biotech Tour

Logan Tait won the Cape Town round of the World Biotech Tour which is being run in conjunction with Science Centres around the world. In November the winning ambassadors will meet in Japan. Logan will be taking part in the National Finals at the Sci Bono Centre in Johannesburg at the end of September. At the Cape Town final held last term Logan was awarded a very good compound light microscope which he has decided to donate to Ilingeletu secondary school in Malmesbury. To make this hand over of the microscope more meaningful Logan and three other Bishops boys will be running a short workshop at Ilingeletu with 8 students from Ilingeletu on how to use a microscope and making simple microscope slides so that they in turn can teach other students at the school.

Youth Education Sustainability Leadership

A Youth Education Sustainability Leadership Programme was run at Bishops during the holidays under the auspices of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. Representatives from eight schools around the country attended and used the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to look at the challenges we face in the future. The delegates were introduced to systems thinking and complexity before working collaboratively to examine how they can be active citizens and make a difference within their own schools. They had an opportunity to share and discuss their ideas with principals, teachers and business managers attending the Education Sustainability Leadership Programme. Thank you to **Aedan Foullkes and Anton van Wyngaarten** from the Sustainable Agricultural Society and **Derek Reissenzahn and Logan Tait** from Global Issues Network for attending and for their positive contributions.

Ranger Course 2017

A total of 14 people went on the Ranger Course during the July holidays. Over 130 birds were netted and data recorded about them. Of these birds, there were 36 species of which five are endemic to the area and one bird that could not be identified (possibly an unrecorded colour morph of an existing species). Three rhino were dehorned as part of the Bishops Rhino Project.

A wide range of other community and conservation projects were completed over the seven days that the group was in Phinda. The group were able to examine fossil beds over 75 million years old and understand the impact of climate on sand forest regeneration. Bishops continues to make an important impact on both the communities around Phinda as well as conservation. It is hoped that a new fund raising initiative can take place next year in the lead-up to the 2018 Ranger Course.

All Rounders Tie

Francois Breytenbach is to be congratulated on being awarded an All Rounder's Tie.