

Assembly Friday 20th June 2014

Academic

Science Achievements

Tom Orton, Murray McKechnie and Ihsaan Dawray participated in the regional finals of the Mintek Science Miniquiz Competition earlier this term. The team came second in the competition but in the written component, Tom and Murray came first and second respectively. Tom and Murray have therefore been selected to go to the finals these upcoming holidays but due to Tom also going to a computer competition, he is not able to take up the place offered to him. In addition to this; Tom, Murray and Ihsaan along with Daniel Mesham and Liam Cook have been invited to take part in the Youth Science Week organised by SAASTA who run the National Science Olympiad. This event is held in Pretoria during the holidays and the invite is only extended to those who have achieved outstanding results in the National Science Olympiad. Awards for these achievements are made at a ceremony in Pretoria. We congratulate all these boys on these fantastic achievements and wish Murray all of the best for the Mintek Finals.

English Olympiad

Nicholas Cullinan and Rahul Naidoo have achieved positions in the Top 15 of the 2014 De Beers English Olympiad which was written in March this year. This is an outstanding achievement as this is a national examination in which 8000 candidates had entered this year. As part of their prize, Nicholas and Rahul are invited to attend the 2014 National Schools Festival in Grahamstown from 13 – 17 July, courtesy of the De Beers English Olympiad. The accommodation, registration fee for the National Schools' Festival as well as a contribution towards transport will be sponsored. The rank order of the Top 15 will be announced at the De Beers English Olympiad Prize Giving ceremony on Thursday 17 July, and the Top 15 will receive prizes. The Top 3 will receive R25 000 and those ranked 4 to 15 receive cash or book prizes, and we'll be keeping our fingers crossed for Nic and Rahul to end up in that Top 3. All candidates ranked 1 to 50 receive one year's free tuition from Rhodes University, subject to meeting the University's entry requirements. Well done to Nic and Rahul.

UCT Maths Competition

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The 2014 UCT Maths Competition had 6932 entries from 152 schools.
A maximum of 75 students from one school may enter the competition.

The overall result for each school is based on the scores of the top 30 students.

In the 35 years that the competition has been held at UCT, Bishops, Rondebosch Boys' High and Westerford have occupied the top 3 positions.

This year Rondebosch Boys' High won the competition after a 7 year winning streak by Bishops. Bishops came 2nd and Westerford 3rd.

The Prize Giving for Gold Award winners – top ten individuals and top 3 pairs was held on 14th May.

Bishops had 2 pairs and 7 individuals receive Gold Awards.

In Grade 9 Nicholas Featherstone came 4th.

In Grade 11 Soo-Min Lee came 1st, Christian Cotchobos 4th and Michael Thomson 10th.

In Grade 12 Daniel Mesham came 3rd, Murray McKechnie 6th and Tom Orton 10th.

In the pairs section in Grade 11, Stefan Dominicus and Jonti Oehley came 2nd while Matthew Kuttel and Joshua Knipe came 3rd.

Intel ISEF Global Science Fair

Award of a Distinction Tie to Boyd Kane because he represented South Africa at the prestigious Intel ISEF Global Science Fair held recently competing with 1700 top young scientists and competed at senior level with students from ages 16 – 18. He was awarded a Certificate of Honourable Mention by a learned society at Intel ISEF and won a gold medal at Cape Town Expo and a silver medal at the South African International Science Fair, both in 2013.

Academic vouchers

Congratulations to Jonathan Greyling, Michael Van den Heever, Sanele Mayosi and Okuhle Minyi who have received 3 commendations and are therefore awarded an academic voucher.

Derek Reissenzahn has received his second set of 3 commendations, and is therefore to be awarded his second academic voucher.

Sport

Golf Tour

Six of our first team golfers were invited to the prestigious Woodlands International College golf championships in Gauteng during May. Over 152 of the top golfers around the country gathered at the Serengeti Wildlife & Golf estate to battle it out for the title of Junior masters and don the winning red blazer.

- Cole Cruickshank played extraordinarily well, shooting two rounds of 74 and only misfired on the middle day during gusty conditions that turned the Masai Mara championship course into a monster! Cole ended 11th overall in the competition and can be most pleased with his nation-wide ranking.
- Nic Pithey also delivered top notch golf on the Jack Nicklaus designed course and amassed 80 Stableford points for a ranking of 41st in the championship.
- Liam Cook and Matthew Rudston tied for 86th place after the tough conditions forced the organisers to drop the medal format in pace of Stableford points off scratch.
- In the Junior section Senne Ramiah played very steady golf well suited to the Links style of the 27 hole layout and he finished 18th in his section with 66 points.
- Ameer Tyer partnered him in the better-ball format to finish 37th.

Overall Bishops ended up 13th out of 25 schools in the team format and it was great to see our golfers competing with the most talented girls and boys in the country.

Western Province Schools Rugby

Although the announcement and capping ceremony has already taken place and this is the first time we have had a full College Assembly, it is important that we announce that 9 rugby players have made respective Western Province Schools' teams to play in the upcoming tournaments in the holidays.

- WP U16 to play in the Grant Komo Week: Lubelo Scott.
- The Western Province U18 B Team to play at the Academy Week : Sam Mitchell Andre Manual.
- The Western Province U18 A Team to play at the Craven Week Tournament: Jean-Pierre Smith, Mervano Da Silva, Saud Abrahams, Jez MacIntyre, Justin Heunis and Gerard Pieterse.

We congratulate the players and the coaching team on this proud and outstanding achievement and wish them all the best. We also wish the 1st XV luck as they will be playing in the Independent Schools Festival in Michaelhouse without their WP members during the

holidays which will certainly give some of the new and younger players an opportunity to prove themselves. They play Michaelhouse on 2nd July, Kearsney on 3rd July and St Albans on 5th July.

Squash News

Congratulations to the 1st team on getting to the final of the Top Schools knock-out and on giving the national champions Rondebosch a good run for their money in the provincial final. Also, well done to 9 out of the 10 squash teams on beating Wynberg in the recent derby weekend squash fixtures. The overall result was Bishops 101 games to Wynberg's 39. The team with the best record so far is the under 15A team which is unbeaten – having had resounding wins over WBHS, SACS, RBHS and Paarl Boys.

The WP provincial teams have yet to be finalised but congratulations to the following who were awarded their provincial colours at the recent awards evening: U19 Stefan Ranoszek and Peter Brink U16 Glenn Yates U14 Calvin-Ziegler Smith and Jonathan Greyling We wish them every success in the WP Closed tournament next weekend and at their respective Inter Provincial Tournaments during the holidays.

WP Cricket selections

Congratulations to the following players for being selected to represent WP Cricket in December: Tyla Scarles (U17A) Okuhle Minyi (U15B) Richard Baikoff (U15B) In addition to that Tyla is also one of the boys to have been invited to the Regional u 17 ,Cricket South Africa ,High Performance camp being held in Paarl on the 11-12 July at Boland Park.

SA Waterpolo

Andie During, Kimon Haralambous and Liam Neill have been chosen to represent South Africa at an u18 level for waterpolo. Keanan Alexander has been selected as reserve for this team.

This is the highest number of South African u18 representatives Bishops has ever had in waterpolo. A truly exceptional effort.

General

Springbok Colours for Scouting

James Blyth and Christopher Lea have been awarded Springbok colours for scouting. As this is representing South Africa on a national and international basis they qualify for a distinction tie.

Canoeing

Stuart Bristow has been selected for the S.A. canoeing team to compete at the world marathon championships in Oklahoma in September. The team will be away from the 20th of September until the 1st of October.