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PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



Mrs Sharlene Groom

The fourth term flew past in a haze of farewells, wedding bells, tinsel and Christmas carols. We managed to fit so much into such a short time and although we were constantly busy, we had great fun and laughter along the way. Mrs Noell Andrews left us at the end of 2014 to retire to a beautiful home at Wedderville Estate where she will spend her days in the countryside, along with her husband, Donny and her Mum. Mrs Andrews had spent the past 14 years at Bishops Pre-Prep, developing this section of the school

into a well-run Pre-Preparatory school of over 200 pupils and 13 staff members. She has been the initiator of many new ideas over the years and this has been instrumental in the success that this school now enjoys. A group of happy, well-adjusted, eager-to-learn young gentlemen gather at Bishops Pre-Prep each morning, ready to learn from inspired teachers with a passion for education. A special thank you and farewell party was held to honour her contribution to Bishops Pre-Prep over the 14 years she was involved. Miss Heather Mills married Mr Rowan Fraser in December and we wish them both a long, happy and blessed life together.

Mrs Ashleigh Osborne joins our permanent teaching staff in 2015 in a Grade 2 class while Mrs Groom will move into Mrs Andrews' position as Head of the Pre-Prep.

One of the highlights of the term surely has to be the Pre-Prep Carols Service. The boys beamed with enthusiasm as they sang carols and read beautiful Bible verses and prayers in the Chapel, together with their parents in celebration of Christmas. The staff paid a special tribute to Mrs Andrews by singing her favourite chorus at the chapel service, as a surprise.

There was much activity amongst the boys this term: Maths Olympiads, golf competitions, athletics meetings and inter-schools galas are but a few of the things boys were involved in.

We are exceptionally proud of the following Grade 2 boys who were voted by their peers to be recipients of their Gentleman's Badge:

Andrew Betty, Joshua Anderson, Thomas Ludlam, Bafokeng Lehloenya, Rohit Patel, Luke Pyle, Ben Karlein, Max Estcourt, Luke Moorgas, Daniel de Rauville Rohm, Zachary Anderson and Theodor Scheder-Bieschin.

A SA Kids Golf Tournament was held at Mowbray Golf Club in November. Fourty boys played and boys from Bishops achieved the following results: Medals: **Reece Salie** 72, **Gavin Martin** 70, **James Whiffler** 66, **Adam Constant** 65, **Jacob Oelz** 64, **Ross Walker** 64, **Tristan Swanich** 60. Trophy: 4th place **Storm Grewe** 57, 2nd place **Caden Chuang** 45.

All the Pre-Prep boys participated in the Living Maths Olympiad. We are exceptionally proud of the following boys for achieving excellent results:

Our classes have had a busy, productive term 4 and have the following to report:

GRADE R:

The fourth term is a very busy time in the Grade R section of our school. There is so much to do and so little time! Some of our boys completed the Living Mathematics Olympiad and some good results were achieved. Well done boys! The Pre-Prep supported Poppy Day and the boys could purchase a poppy. The funds raised through this were used to support veterans of war and their families. We were actively busy preparing for our Nativity Play from early in the term, so by the time the actual day arrived it went so smoothly. It was very special and I could see some moms wiping away tears as they saw their boys saying and

Name	Surname	Grade	Mark	David	Tripe	1	23
Oliver	Howie	R	21	Matthew	Walker	1	21.5
James	Kilkenny	R	20	Matthew	Maurel	1	21
Noah	Souter	R	20	James	Samassa	1	21
Tiago	Premion McPherson	R	20	Rohan	Rossouw	1	21
John	van den Heever	R	20	Jack	Gomes	1	21
Jem	Joubert	R	19	Robert	Forrest	2	23
James	de Waal	R	19	Sebastian	Jack	2	23
Luke	Hofmeyer	R	19	Michael	Kotze	2	23
Alexandros	Laspatis	1	25	Matthew	Selby	2	23
Noah	Macnab	1	23	Caden	Chuang	2	23
Daniel	van den Heever	1	23	Daniel	De Rauville Rohm	2	21
Michael	Viljoen	1	23	Nicholas	Bosini	2	21
Ryan	Webb	1	23	Benjamin	Karlein	2	21
Akshay	Thakersee	1	23	Jack	Allerton	2	20
Katlego	Setai	1	23	Joseph	Lappin	2	20
				Jamie	Stephen	2	20

Some of our Pre-Prep boys participated in Inter-Schools athletics meetings this term, representing Bishops, and the following boys are recognised for their outstanding results at these meetings: U7: **Cayden Mushonga** and **Rowan Piorkowski**; U8: **Adam Constant** and **Arran Muir**.

singing their songs and words so beautifully. This is always a special occasion ending off a very special year. We welcomed our new boys for 2015 at a New Boys' Tea and this was well attended. The parents looked as excited and happy to be entering into a whole new era of the lives of their little ones. We played



Grade R boys working hard.



Grade R bids farewell to Mr Hampton



Grade R morning ring

games, had delicious things to eat and ended off with a special story. Moms and Dads had the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea in the Hall with Mrs Groom. We were all looking forward to teaching our new class in 2015. This term we looked at Science Investigations and managed to experiment with some fun and exciting discoveries. Our boys moved from one class to the next to see the teachers perform different experiments and this meant we learnt so much! We were lucky to have the opportunity to participate in a clay workshop offered by Dale, our clay teacher. We made pinch pots and the end product was beautiful. The boys took them home as a Christmas gift for mom and dad. There is always plenty of excitement in Grade R on a Thursday when we are expecting Mike Hampton to come and visit. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to him as he is now entering into a whole new adventure at Common Ground Church. We hope he will be happy there and look forward to seeing him when he visits the Pre-Prep. We had a busy term, but the boys loved every minute and did us proud. We will miss them so much but know they are well prepared for yet another wonderful part of their schooling careers.

Carmen van Zyl, Carron Cale and Geordie Nolte

GRADE 1

The final term of Grade 1 is always an exciting one as our little boys have gained so much confidence, and the world of reading, writing and mathematics has been opened up to them. We were so proud of all that they had accomplished, and they were ready to take on almost anything. Our first focus was on learning to work with money. We played 'Shop, shop' in the classroom and counted

huge piles of coins. The boys chatted about their parents' occupations and wrote about what they want to be when they grow up. The highlight was our Trading Day when each child had to bring items that they had made to sell to their peers. They set up their stalls, advertised their goods and had to market their items to the rest of the boys in the grade. Then the shopping began - it was a fun-filled morning and a great deal was learnt in the process. Before we knew it, it was time to begin our Christmas theme. The boys enjoyed a special Christmas puppet show in the theatre. We joined the rest of the school for a service of Praise and Worship in the Mallet Centre. It was a good experience for our little boys to see the big boys and the older boys delighted in our hearty singing. We decorated the classrooms with Christmas decorations that we made and learnt about the real meaning of Christmas. Our final outing was to Kirstenbosch and many of the parents joined us in doing the Monty Mongoose walk and exploring the beautiful gardens. It was great to relax together as a grade 1 last time and enjoy a picnic under the trees. We also had end of year class parties



Christmas Celebrations in Grade 1



Grade 1 boys with their technology creations

with delicious treats to eat. The boys were overjoyed when we had a visit from Father Christmas who delivered ice-cream for everyone to enjoy. The boys practised hard for the Christmas Carol Service which was absolutely lovely. They sang like angels and we were so proud of the little boys who did the readings so well. We bid a sad farewell to Noell Andrews and sang her favourite song 'You're beautiful'. It was a special way to end the Grade 1 year!

Rosemarie Harris, Ann van Breda and Nazli Meredith

GRADE 2

Another great year in Grade 2 done and dusted! Term 4, as always, was incredibly busy and filled with many exciting events! Sticking

to our theme on Natural Disasters, the Grade 2s visited the Newlands Firebase. **Chase Logie** said it was great because he went in the helicopter. **Caden Ridgway** loved seeing the water trucks. **Reuben Truter** learnt when it is safe to make fires and how to put them out. **Sebastian Cheminais** said he learnt that Cape Town is the only place that has Fynbos and it has to be burned every few years. As an outreach, we went to sing and be a blessing at the Red Cross Children's Hospital Christmas party! **Michael Kotze** noted that every time they finished singing a song there was one little boy who started clapping, encouraging the whole audience to applause. **Andrew Betty** left feeling very fortunate for his health. **Cameron Wallace** was encouraged by all the smiling faces while



Fun with maths in Grade 2



Grade 2 fun at break with Kids Gym

he was singing. Congratulations to all the boys who participated in the Music Concert! Your hard work practising your instrument paid off! **Daanyaal Hendricks** loved the choir's performance and was amazed at **Cameron Wallace's** duet with his brother. **Michael Davidson** congratulated these two, also mesmerised by their talent. **Andrew Betty** congratulated **Mrs Swanich** on her excellent organisation of the show. **Arran Muir** congratulated the entire team, saying their performance was brilliant and he loved how they tried their best! Always a highlight for the boys in the last term of Grade 2: the

father and son camp out! We were amazed at how anxious the boys were to not have technology for the night. For days before there were murmurs of who was bringing an iPad or who had an iPhone with games that they would be able to play. It appears technology won and **Josh van Wyk** was happy to report that they managed to watch a movie in Yusuf's tent. **Adam Constant** happily played soccer right through the night! Roasting marshmallows was a hit! **Storm Grewe** reckoned he was the most popular boy of the evening as all the boys wanted to join him in his rooftop tent! So, what were their highlights in the Pre-Prep? Apparently the new Kiddie Gym equipment has left

fond memories! Grade 1 Trading Day seemed to be a unanimous highlight for most of the boys! And the yearly Prep carnival was also a school event the boys loved! Mrs Fraser's class said they would miss their teacher! And what are they most excited about moving forward...tackle rugby, water polo, blazers, merit badges, robotics, two breaks, and hot lunch. **Jack Campbell** revealed that crossing the road is going to make him feel all grown up! Boys, your teachers will miss you, but we wish you well as you continue your journey through Bishops. All the best!

Laurelle Fry, Heather Fraser and Ashleigh Osborne