

BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



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PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT



Mrs Sharlene Groom

The last term of the year always seems to be the most exciting and yet most exhausting. We are inundated with celebrations of the year coming to a close and acknowledgements for all that was achieved. Sitting and reflecting on the past year I am struck by how much has been accomplished. Bringing change to systems and things that work well is never easy, the challenge being to make them even better than they were before. Broadening our vision and seeing

things from different angles has allowed us to plan ahead into 2016 with many new and exciting challenges in store for everyone.

We bid farewell to Ms Denise Swartz who has been an assistant at the Pre-prep for the past 13 years. Denise retired at the end of 2015 and we wish her endless blessings as she peruses her hobbies and has the opportunity to relax. Thank you, Denise, for your loyal years of service and dedication to the boys at Bishops. We also welcome two new Interns to our programme for 2016: Ms Kirsty Meyer and Ms Laura de Klerk. These two ladies replace Ms Fierdous Karriem and Ms Princess Fongoco. We wish them all well in their new endeavours.

We celebrated an outstanding Music Concert at the end of the year and Ms Desire Swanich needs to be acknowledged for her amazing presentation of all our music pupils. We indeed have lots of which to be proud.

Many of our boys participated in a variety of sport and cultural activities throughout the term. We are very proud of all their achievements as we continue to inspire boys to give of their best and challenge themselves.

Our combined Carol Service and Nativity filled the Chapel to capacity. What a lovely celebration to end off the year, followed by a huge picnic which was more like a carnival. Thank you to the PA ladies for spoiling us with a jumping castle, face painting and food stalls. What a lovely evening of fun and festivities.



Grade R boys ready for the Carol Service



*Connor Francis and Hamaad Badroodien
enjoy the Restaurant theme*



*Jonty Osler brought Mexican food for our Food
Around the World theme*

GRADE R

The fourth term is a very busy time in the Grade R section of our school. We kicked off by looking at two topics: Castles and Festive Food. Specific focus was placed on table manners. The boys had the opportunity to bring food from their favourite country. We had a feast tasting all the different dishes and platters. The boys loved trying out new foods they had never tasted before. Big excitement filled the Grade R classrooms on the morning of our De Grendel Farm outing. Here we had the opportunity to see the dairy, go on a tractor ride and see some wild Bontebok and Springbok. We ended it off with a picnic and some running games on the grass in front of the beautiful Manor House. Thank you to the Graaffs for having us. As we do every year, we supported the Sunflower Fund once again with great enthusiasm. The boys looked colourful and excited to be wearing their bandanas. The funds go towards a good cause to help those suffering from leukaemia. We welcomed our new boys for 2016 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 their lives with their little ones. We played games, had delicious goodies to eat and ended off with a special story. We were all looking forward to teaching our new class in 2016! We were lucky to have the opportunity to participate in a clay workshop offered by Dale, our clay teacher. We made little bowls and the end products were beautiful. The boys took them home as a Christmas gift for mom and dad. 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.

GRADE 1



Henry's Happy Lucky Packets

As always the fourth term is a very busy and exciting one. Our first theme for the term was learning all about money and the jobs that people do. During our Numeracy lessons the boys learnt all about money, the value of it, and how to use it in a practical way. Each classroom set up a shop where the boys could buy and sell goods. We also visited Rosen Castle, a play centre, where the boys had fun role-playing some of the jobs that people do. Some of the play stations were: Capitec bank, Checkers, and eTV. The highlight of this theme must be our Entrepreneur's Day. The boys come to school with a prescribed amount of money and 10 articles that they had made. The classroom had been arranged into a shop by the teachers and each boy then set up his stall. After he had advertised his wares, the shopping began. Once again this had all been carefully planned and



Matthew shops at Rosen Castle



Sam's Peg Crocs

each boy had a chance to buy and sell. At the end of the day everyone was happy, having sold all their wares and having a full bag of goodies to take home. As our outreach for the term we supported the Sunflower Foundation with the boys wearing bandanas to support this very worthy cause. We also had a civvies day where we collected money for others. It is important that we encourage our pupils to think of others. All the Grade 1 classes had a turn to “host” an assembly this term. Each class chose a relevant message to share through acting and singing. Even though we do get a turn to have regular chapel services with Father Terry, the Bishops Praise is a special highlight for us all. It's also the one time that we all get together, the entire school, from Grade 1 to Grade 12, to praise and worship God. The little boys really got

a sense of belonging to the greater Bishops Family. This year the school has decided that it is very important to instill good habits of healthy eating and being fit. As a result, in addition to our usual Phys Ed. Programme, we have concentrated on developing an appropriate Physical Literacy Programme. This daily time on the field is thoroughly enjoyed by us all. Before we knew it, it was time to prepare for Christmas. Each boy was given a special Christmas Book to work in and the classrooms were decorated with Christmas decorations and art. Together with the Grade Rs, the entire Pre-Prep had a wonderful Carol Service in the Memorial Chapel followed by a family picnic on the field. What a fun way to end a great year, all together, giving thanks and praising God.



Fun in the Sun

GRADE 2

Another year wrapped up in Grade 2! For the first time, this year, even our boys started commenting on how quickly the year had flown by! Perhaps the saying that time really does fly when you're having fun is correct! Our boys went across to The Red Cross Hospital to be a blessing and sing at their end-of-year Christmas party. Our boys were truly amazing and sang like angels.

Ryan Webb agreed that he felt so happy to be able to sing for the sick children. Our outing to Polkadraai was a real hit! **Rowan Piorkowski** said that it was such a great experience to pick his own sweet strawberries. **James Samassa** said the strawberries were big and delicious. **Viggo DuPlessis** was careful to choose the sweet strawberries and leave the sour ones behind! We all agreed that it was an incredibly hot day in Stellenbosch, but nevertheless we loved it. We all want to go back! The Father and Sons camp out is always a firm favourite in the fourth term. **Jamie Archibald** loved the fact that they could play until it was dark. **Kieran Hollis** said there was even some mystery through the evening and someone kept knocking on their tent. They eventually had to put **Jamie T** on guard!

Michael Bailes summed it up and said they had such a great party! It was just fun! Athletics

has also been a welcome mathematical challenge amongst the boys and has really brought out the competitive spirit in the Pre-Prep! One of these competitive streaks was discovered in **William Prestige**, who loved seeing his class come tops on the hall of fame each week. **Owen Cross** worked hard to get lots of points, so that his name could appear on the hall of fame! **Noah Macnab** embraced this new adventure and loved all the activities he discovered, especially the live Athletics. Hats off to Mrs Swanich and her musos! What an incredibly talented bunch of boys we have here in the Pre-Prep! **Joshua Diggle** and **Akshay Thakersee** loved being backstage where they got to look at all the instruments. **Andoni Augoustatos** agreed that being backstage meant you really had to listen to the music to try and work out what instrument was being played. **Daniel Malan** said he loved playing in front of such a big audience! We ended our term with our Pre-Prep Christmas Carols and Nativity. The boys mesmerized us with their musical and singing abilities. We all had so much fun picnicking together afterwards as our last celebration together! We wish the Grade 2s well as they embark on their journey in the Prep school. You are going to love every minute. We will miss you!

Sharlene Groom