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The Trustees are pleased to report that since the launch of the 175 Campaign in November 2016, more than R25 million has been pledged or received.

The goals and targets of the campaign have also been further communicated to groups of ODs and parents locally and a UK launch is planned for 24 April 2017. Workshops and presentations have been well supported and at each one there has been a lot of positive energy and input. A number of updates and suggestions have been received and the Trustees are very grateful for the tremendous input received to date.

The primary objective of the Trust is to enhance excellence at all levels within Bishops and each project within this campaign has been carefully planned and designed with this in mind. South Africa is in desperate need of enhanced excellence and innovation and Bishops will continue to be relevant and strives to play an even greater role in this regard. The matric results in recent years and the success of the Bishops boys in both local and foreign universities bear testimony to this.

The Extra Term Initiative is a wonderful initiative that continues to gain momentum. This program is aimed at significantly increasing bursary income that will be made available to talented boys from all communities who would otherwise not be in a position to attend Bishops.

As Henry David Thoreau said: “Things do not change; we change”.

Bishops will change and there is a commitment to keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of education in the twenty-first century.

This campaign requires a concerted effort from the stakeholders of Bishops and all of you are invited to contribute to this very exciting campaign.

Great start!

Phase 1 Target
R175,000,000

Progress as at March 2017
We extend our sincere gratitude to the following people who have already donated so generously to the 175 Campaign:

**The Bishop Gray Circle**

Individuals whose gifts to the Bishops Trust over a five-year period have amounted to more than R5,000,000
- Raymond and Wendy Ackerman

**The Chairman’s Club**

Individuals whose gifts to the Bishops Trust over a five-year period have amounted to between R1,000,000 and R4,999,999
- Simon Pele & Magda Wierzycka
- Gavin and Tess Joubert

**Fellows of Diocesan College**

Individuals whose gifts to the Bishops Trust over a five-year period has amounted to between R250,000 and R999,999
- Norton Ramsay Foundation
- Roger and Charlotte Beach
- Sygnia Asset Management
- Williams Family

**1849 Society**

Individuals whose gifts to the Bishops Trust over a five-year period have amounted to between R20,000 and R249,999
- Guy and Kerry Florin
- Duane Mark Cable
- Anthony John van Ryneveld
- The Flax Family
- Deon and Vanessa Hofmeyr
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- Gordon and Nina Traill
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*Architects’ impression of proposed Conservatoire*
COLLEGE NEWS

STAFF NEWS

Mr Gerry Noel, Mr Richard Smith, Mr Joc Wrensch and Ms Sally Bowes took their long leave and were replaced by Mrs Wendy Moul, Mrs Dawn Ellingson and Mr Francois Botha (OD) respectively.

The following members of staff were promoted: Mr Mark Mitchell (Deputy Head – Culture), Mr Leon Glanville (House Director – School House) and Mr Barry Emms (Assistant House Director – Founders House). The following new responsibility appointments were made: Mr Jarryd Bradley (TIC Tennis), Mr Trevor Pasquallie (TIC Rock climbing), Mr

Richard Smith (TIC Conditioning) and Mrs Nella Freund (Head of Library and Resource Centre).

We welcomed four new staff members to the Bishops family this term: Dr Stephen Sproule (Deputy Head – Academics), Mr Bradley Smith (Life Orientation and TIC of Rowing), Mr Caleb Nel (English) and Mr Ruan Ellis (Afrikaans). The intern team for 2017: Mr Yanga Guwa (Maths and Science); Mr Samuel Majaca (Maths and Science); Mrs Jess Elliott (English, Drama and History); Ms Juante Wall (BSU). Ms Kirsty Green; Ms Jabulile Mazibuko and Mr Chris Ekron return as interns.

SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

Obituary

Caroline Pekeur, our beloved Cleaning Supervisor, suffered an aneurysm on 30 November 2016 and did not regain consciousness and died on 4 December. Caroline started working at Bishops in 1980. She was at Bramley House for 15 years before moving to the Cleaning Department. In 2005 she was promoted to the position of Cleaning Supervisor, a position which earned her the respect and love of boys, parents and staff alike. Caroline was a formidable straight-talking leader, who had a heart of gold, but didn’t suffer fools gladly. Above all she loved Bishops and everything she did was always in the best interests of the school. Caroline was legend and we will miss her every day.
Farewell

At the end of last year we said goodbye to the following staff members: Wendy van Heerden (PA to Guy Pearson), Kathy Dimbleby (Housemother: White House), Sheila Roff (Music Administrator), Bettie Kaptein (Second Cook Central Kitchen) and Charlotte Heynes (Second Cook Central Kitchen).

All the above staff members gave many years of loyal service to Bishops and when Wendy and Sheila left they had worked at the School for nearly 50 years! We wish Wendy, Kathy and Sheila a peaceful and productive retirement. Bettie and Charlotte – we hope you are putting all your good cooking skills that we benefited from so many years, to good use.

Gina Clayton, Marketing Co-ordinator at the Prep left the Prep at the end of February. Gina, known for her energy and efficiency, made a huge contribution to the Prep and will be sadly missed.

We also said goodbye to Richard Khontyo, our Grounds Supervisor, who elected to take early retirement. Richard had over 30 years’ experience at the College and was definitely the most youthful 62-year-old on our staff.

Transfers

Verna Leverzencie and Yolanda Raman have moved from the Admin Building to the Hub (formerly Lower Common Room) where they have taken up the positions of PAs to the Deputy Headmasters, Stephen Sproule and Warren Wallace. Their new roles will include assisting the Teachers-in-Charge of Sports with regard to sports administration. Lael Rothenburg has moved from the Admin Department to the position of Information Manager in the IT Department.

Promotions

Congratulations to Wesley Cupido who was promoted to the position of Maintenance Supervisor while Sean Heuvel, who previously held the position, has taken up the newly created position of Project Co-coordinator.

Carol Witbooi has taken over the reins from our dear Caroline Pekeur as Cleaning Supervisor. We wish her well as she steps into her shoes of her friend and colleague.

Well done to Catherine Simelele on her well-deserved promotion from Third Cook to Second Cook in the Central Kitchen.
Appointments

This term we were pleased to welcome the following new staff members: Caroline Berry (PA to Guy Pearson), Angela Fordham (Housemother White House), Iona Beukes (Music Administrator), Cedric Opperman (Handyman), Princess Fongoqa (Teachers’ Assistant Grade N), Marcelino Vincent (Teachers’ assistant Grade N), Vuyani Parafini (Teachers’ Assistant Grade N) and Sharon Hobson (Part-time Marketing Co-ordinator Prep).

Staff Development

Last year the School organised private learner’s license classes for interested support staff members. Transport was also arranged for the staff to the book their learner’s license tests and then to write the test a few weeks later. We wish all our successful learner drivers good luck on the road.

This term three of our Bishops’ staff members, Julius Madolo, Patrick Jacobs and Robert Njokoya, who look after the School’s swimming pools, are having weekly swimming lessons at a nearby swimming school.

Long Service Awards

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The annual Long Service Awards held on 6 November 2016 recognized 11 support staff that had been at Bishops between five and 30 years. Special tributes were paid tribute to Wendy van Heerden and Cheryl de Villiers. Guy Pearson thanked all the support staff for their hard work and service through the years and wished them a well-deserved break at the end of the year.
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

We are pleased to announce that the Matric Class of 2016 achieved exceptional results. We are extremely proud of these results and congratulate every boy on his achievements, and thank all the Bishops teachers whose guidance and motivation made these results possible. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- 151 boys wrote the exam of whom 149 (98.7%) achieved a Bachelor's pass and two boys a Diploma pass
- There were 513 subject distinctions (3.4 per candidate)
- 15% of all subject results were above 90%
- 48% of all subject results were above 80%
- 16 boys achieved an aggregate of 90% and above
- There were 59 A aggregates (39% of the class)
- The top student was **Daniel Tate** with an aggregate of 96%, followed by **Nicholas Janisch** with 95%
- Nine distinctions were achieved by **Nicholas Janisch**
- Eight distinctions were achieved by **Ahmed Dhansay, Luke Baker, Jonathan Rossouw, Francois Stassen, Daniel Tate, Drew Turpin, Stuart Mesham** and **Anton Volkel**
- 20 boys achieved 7 distinctions; 11 achieved 6 distinctions and 19 achieved 5 distinctions
- 39% of the class achieved 5 distinctions or better
- **Ahmed Dhansay, Nicholas Janisch** and **Alexander Peile** scored 100% for Mathematics.

At the WCED Awards Ceremony held at the Leeuwenhof, home of the Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille, Bishops received the following awards:

- **Nicholas Janisch** and **Alexander Peile** received merit certificates for achieving full marks (100%) for Mathematics
- **Nicholas Janisch** and **Daniel Tate** received merit certificates for coming in the top 20 in the Western Cape
- Bishops received a merit certificate for being one of the top three Independent Schools in the Western Cape.

We also heard the good news that **Daniel Tate** and **Matthew Perrott** have been awarded Allan Gray Fellowships.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Bishops music boys did extremely well in the Royal Schools of Music grade 5 theory exam. The following boys achieved a distinction for the exam (that is a mark above 90%): **Robert Dugmore, David Straughan, Andrew Low, Liam Foxcroft** and **Jody Williams**.

Music pupils also wrote the exams in the Trinity College of London’s Rock and Pop category and did very well: Distinction: **Thomas Coombe** (grade 2 drums), **Rory Schram** (grade 2 drums) and **Connor Price** (grade 5 drums).

**PASTORAL AFFAIRS**

The Frank Reid Shield for the top average mark in the Bishops New Boy Heritage test was awarded to **Birt House**.
**SPORTING AFFAIRS**

**Murray Bruce** (100m), **Ross Goodwin** (400m) and **Richard Wellington** (200m and 400m) were awarded Full Athletics Colours.

**Tom Barty** (800m) and **Rob Macdonald** (100m) were awarded Half Colours.

The following cricketers received a signature bat for scoring centuries: **Richard Baikoff** (108* 1st X1 vs Woodridge), **Lukhanyo Mntonintshi** (127 2nd X1 vs Woodridge) and **Ethan Kieffer** (112 u15a vs woodridge). Mounted cricket balls for boys who took 5 wickets or more in a match were awarded to: **Rowan Howard** (19-11-34-6 u14A vs Wynberg Boys’), **Rowan Howard** (10-1-15-5 U14A vs Woodridge), **Na’eem Adonis** (8-0-40-5 2nd X1 vs Woodridge), **Gus Farara** (5-3-7-6 (including a hattrick) U14B vs Bellville U14A).

**Grant Leslie** was appointed Captain of Cycling.

**Alaric McGregor** was selected to the Junior South African Fencing Team and will compete internationally this year.

**Murray Gordon** and **Stefan von der Heyden** were selected to the National Team for Fly Fishing and will compete at the 16th FIPS Mouche Youth World Championships in Prodnik, Slovenia.

**Dayaan Cassiem** represented the Proteas Men’s Hockey Team in a triangular competition against the Netherlands and Belgium.

A number of Bishops’ hockey players were selected to represent various Western Cape teams in the PSI Indoor Hockey Nationals: U18: **Christian Rohrer** (C), **Wesley Gardener**, **Malachy Barbour**, **Chris Hyslop**, **Nic Rubin**, **Drew Turpin**, **Luke Ranoszek**, **Dayaan Cassiem**, **Mustapha Cassiem** and **Warwick Pitman**; U16: **Idrees Abdulla**, **Daniel Nelson**, **Adam Stonestreet** and **Scott Jeffery**; U14: **Tim Kotze**, **Conor White** and **James Van Wyk**. As a result of their outstanding performances at the tournament, **Dayaan Cassiem**, **Mustapha Cassiem** and **Christian Rohrer** were selected to the U18 SA All Stars tournament team, and **Idrees Abdulla** to the U16 SA All Stars tournament team. **Christian Rohrer** and **Mustapha Cassiem** were awarded Distinction Ties. **Dayaan Cassiem** was awarded his Distinction Tie in 2016. In addition, **Christian Rohrer** was named Player of the Tournament.

**David Naude** was appointed Captain of Rock Climbing. Bishops finished second and the following boys received medals at the annual Inter Club Top Rope and Lead Climbing Competition in the Western Cape: **Charles Carter** won Gold in the Top Rope Boys Group; in the Beginner 1 Lead Boys section **Alexander Bain Lee** (Gold), **Ethan Ellis** (Silver) and **Thomas Kingdom** (Bronze); **Brian Daniel** was awarded Gold in the Beginner 2 Lead Boys category and **Tristan Smith** won a Bronze medal for Intermediate Lead Boys.

The Bishops 1st VIII rowing team, consisting of **Stephane Pienaar**, **Oliver Innes**, **Andrew McAdam**, **Calum Wehmeyer**, **Nicholas Bowden**, **Stuart Boynton**, **Nicholas McAdam**, **Zola Baird** and **Andile Themba**,
raced in the Standard Bank Schools Boat Race held on the Kowie River in Port Alfred and returned home with bronze medals. At the Buffalo Regatta, Nicholas McAdam, Shaun O’Brien, Francois Breytenbach, Rhys Williams and Dominic Beaumont won gold for the U16 coxed four. The Bishops 1st VIII placed 3rd overall, the 2nd VIII placed 2nd, and the U16 eight place 2nd at the Selborne Sprints Rowing Regatta. The 2nd coxed four won comfortably, while Nicholas McAdam claimed 1st place in the U16 single sculls event.

Robert Macdonald and Felix Burt were appointed as Captain and Vice-Captain of Rugby respectively.

Andre Truter, current Vice-Captain of the Shooting squad, achieved a bronze medal in the U21 ‘Sporter’ class while shooting in a competition for the South Peninsula Schools’ Shooting side.

Glenn Yates was appointed Captain of Squash.

James Morritt-Smith was appointed Captain of Swimming. At the WP Swimming Championships, Michael Houlie broke his own SA record, for boys aged 16, in the 100m and the 50m breaststroke. Michael dominated the breaststroke events for seniors and won the award for the top male swimmer (highest FINA points scorer). Michael was also part of a victorious South African swimming team that dominated the medals at the Africa U20 Youth Games. In his individual capacity he won four gold medals – a remarkable achievement because Michael was the youngest male swimmer to medal.

Brandon Burke was appointed as Captain of Water Polo, and Aidan Neill as Vice-Captain. Brandon Burke and James Morritt-Smith were awarded their ‘century tie’ for playing over 100 games for the Bishops 1st team. Aidan Neill was awarded Full Colours for Water Polo. Bingo Ivanisevic and David Nivison were selected to the South African U17A team and toured Zimbabwe. Tom Lee was selected for the SA U17A team to go to the EU Nations Cup. This is the second time that these three boys have been selected as the top 13 players in their age-group in the country.

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Library: Nicholas Peile, Angus Longmore
Water Polo: Matthew van Westenbrugge, Liam Gordon-Turner, Matt Klingenber, Robert Young, Tom Lee, Alex Jankovich, Will Linley, Nic Cattell, Tom Liefeldt, Matt Smith, Sam Elliott and Ryan Sneddon.

PR GROUP

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Head of School:
• Christian Rohrer (Kidd)

Deputy Heads of School:
• Bulelani Ngqukuvuna (School)
• Michael Burton (Kidd)

Heads of Houses:
• Ivan Stassen (Founders)
• Arthur Fisher (White)
• Felix Burt (Gray)
• Jamie Diggle (Ogilvie)
• Brandon Burke (Birt)
• Sanele Myosi (Mallett)

CLASS OF 2016:
MATRIC NSC RESULTS

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Remembrance Day was a splendid affair with flags flying as the Servers marched into the Memorial Chapel. Tony van Ryneveld spoke about the Battle of the Somme and the particular part played by South African Troops at the Battle of Delville Wood. Rousing hymns and sombre moments filled the Memorial Chapel as we as a school remembered those “who do not grow old as we grow old. We will remember them”.

All too soon, the end of the year was upon us with a host of activities, which all followed one upon the other. Matric Prize Giving and Valedictory were both celebrated with the pomp and ceremony that the occasions deserve, followed by tears and the loud and proud singing of Psalm 150 as the Matrics departed the Memorial Chapel for the last time. Soon it was time for end-of-year exams, Matric finals and the 2016 Epic. The Hikers were sent off from the Blessing of the Boots service to complete 16 days of personal growth and development.
challenge and came back stronger, fitter and happy with their achievement. The Carol Service followed with some breaks from the normal. Prep School decided to host two evenings with half the school at each service; Pre-Prep held their Nativity play and Carols as an early evening function on the lawns outside of the newly built Grade N block, while College held their Carol service on the last day of term before going off for the Summer Holidays. In that time we also said farewell to the Rev. Natalie Simons-Arendse, Chaplain to St Cyprian’s Diocesan School for Girls and welcomed the Rev. Andrew Weiss as her replacement. We wish them both God’s richest blessings. Musically we enjoyed an amazing array of guests including the Cape Town Male Voice Choir, The VOX group of John Woodland, Patrick Cordry and the True Voices Choral Singers, Richard Cock and his evergreen Christmas Concert in the Memorial Chapel. Our Spirituality Leaders of 2016 were able to see the fruits of their good idea and hard work as 300 Bibles were placed into the Chapels. Peter Hyslop (head of Art department) is hard at work inscribing the names of donors into the books. The Christmas Day Service was well supported with a large number of ODS, staff members and family members present.

Prayer Groups of the College were hosted to a year-end function to say thank you for the love and support experienced during the year. It is always a blessing to know that the four Prayer Groups (Pre-Prep, Prep, College and Men’s Group) are there and continue to lift up the school in prayer. We are grateful for those who have prayed and continue to support us and look forward to meeting many new members in the months ahead. A little known, but interesting, event happened during the school holidays when Clergy of the Cape Town Diocese were invited to Evensong with the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at the St George’s Cathedral. He was on a private holiday and visiting Archbishop Thabo. A few days later, the two Archbishops paid a low-key visit to Bishops. A highlight of the new term was the realisation of the fact that the Brooke Chapel had celebrated 136 years of worship in the chapel in January 2016.

2017 New Boys were invested into the school at a special New Boy Service, held in the Memorial Chapel. The New Boys were encourage by Mr Guy Pearson, Principal, to promise to support and to uphold the traditions of the school. He then presented each boy with a certificate of welcome. Mr Pearson’s charge read as follows:

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**PRINCIPAL’S CHARGE:**

*I charge you to strive in your power:
to uphold the values and traditions of our College, Bishops,
to honour and enhance the spirit of its founding Fathers,
and to be found worthy of this privilege entrusted to you.*

*Will you be faithful to this charge?*

**RESPONSE: With God’s help, I will**

*I admit you to Bishops and welcome you and your family into this community*
Repairs to the Brooke Chapel continue. Sadly, the long-term damage to the floors and foundations is even more apparent with the floors of the sanctuary area sinking. It appears that the damp problem in the Vestry has been arrested. The team of landscapers has determined that the level of the Chapel Gardens must be lowered and that better drainage needs to be installed around the Brooke. At present, paving stones are being lifted, trenches dug and modifications are being made. Next door to this, the Founders driveway area is also undergoing a change as the tar is lifted and replaced with cobblestone. We are assured of a beautiful ending to this hard work.

As we look forward to the end of the first quarter of 2017, we celebrate the opening and blessing of the new Grade N classroom facilities, the arrival of new boys and staff members at all levels of the school. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are upon us and we look forward to the promise of the Resurrection at Easter.

A number of exciting events have taken place in the Chapels with the celebration of the marriages of Chris Raubenheimer to Corinna Kaltenbacher; Jamie Faull to Kelly Hunt and the very special nuptials of Richard Morris (OD) to Bev Kemball (Staff member). We also welcomed a number of children into the faith with the baptism of Mason Campbell, the Trail twins (Andrew and Oliver), Lula McVitty, Amelie Arenhold, Jack Lister, Daniel Bruce and Marius Cornellisson. Sadly, we have had occasion to also take our leave of a number of prominent Bishops staff, ODs, and parents including, Russel Morse, Giovan Portuesi, Basil Bey, Gary Leach, Gerhard (Morkel) Morkel-Brink, Carolina Pekeur (long serving staff member), Maureen Clapperton, John (Dion) Wright, Humphrey Worthington-Smith, and William (Bill) Dallas. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Among the special moments in the last term, was the placing of the portrait of Chaplain the Rev. Canon “Oxo” Bull into the Memorial Chapel. His portrait had previously hung in the dining hall of School House in memory of his time as a School House staff member. He was one of the first staff members to sign up and go off to war at the beginning of the First World War. He saw service during the War and eventually returned to Bishops after the War.

Rev. Terry Wilke

Rev. Canon “Oxo” Bull
ELANDS BAY SURF CAMP

Michael Hooper, Zander Brooks, Alex van Hoogstraten and Isaiah Wharton

This is a camp, I feel, that many boys seriously mistake for being only for surfing gurus and boys fluent in the lingo. It was quite the contrary. Needless to say we did do lots of surfing and spent many hours in the freezing waters of the West Coast, with the constant reminder of just how cold the water was every time we tried to move a limb – only to find it was partly subdued by the cold! Apart from the many fun (and a few frustrating) surf sessions, there was much free time to laze around and partake in other activities. One such activity was ‘30 Seconds’ with the teachers – a most entertaining affair. I saw many a really positive side to many boys who would normally never have opened up in the school context, but who felt more than at home in the surf or playing charades or even playing football or skating. Mornings we were up early with the sun, to the delight of Mr Mallett, and after a short and greasy breakfast, piled into the bus with boards and all, off to find the best surf, with spirits high. After a fairly bumpy ride along the back-tracks of the West Coast we would find our spot and off we went. Wetsuits on, boards out, ready to ride some waves; and waves we did ride. After a tiring surf we’d head to ‘HQ’ for a tasty lunch and often an afternoon sleep or some football or eBay missioning and even some more surfing for the more enthusiastic and resilient souls in the group. As all good things do this too had to come to an end; after three happy and memorable days we piled into the bus for the last time and headed home leaving behind nothing, but the residue of happy memories and well-spent nights. I could not have wished for a better and more exciting camp and I can highly recommend it to any grade 9s deciding which camp to choose at the end of their grade 9 year.

Alexander van Hoogstraten
It may sound trite, but for each boy doing the Bishops Epic it is his first one – this despite it being our tenth Epic. An over-riding impression we came away with was that boys had a wonderful time, took full advantage of the opportunities on offer and certainly came away from Epic with life experiences that have made them better people and more understanding of who they are and the role they play in life.

It is a fact that the boy we work with in Grade 11 is a changed person compared to what he was like in Grade 10. In addition to that we have those coming back from Exchange who add their amazing experiences and growth into the mix and this results in a year group who is ready to take on positions of responsible leadership. They also accept that they have to focus on obtaining the best possible matric whilst having a wonderful time.

The most significant change to Epic over the past few years has been how we prepare the group prior to Epic – our system has improved. A very direct consequence of the fitness testing in LO, which is done from the start of Grade 8, is to ensure we have all our boys aware of the physical challenges they will be taking on whilst in the Cederberg. The knowledge that is passed on from the Grade 11s and 12s is also a vital part of preparing oneself – in fact we have a panel discussion in term 4 where a group of Grade 11s are invited to comment on aspects of Epic to the Grade 10s. Once the groups are announced, Epic takes on a new direction. The boys will have had their boot talk from the Hi-Tec representative and, by the time they have completed their final exams at the end of term 3, they have their new boots and are ready for the post-exam practice hike.

In term 4, the LO lessons are run according to the groups (Apex, Krakadouw, Tafelberg, Sneeuwberg and Wolfberg) and topics such as: mental attitude; conflict resolution; orienteering and finding yourself on the map; cooking and good health are covered. During the Civics period on Thursdays, we do presentations on: what to expect on Epic; what food to take for the hikes; we have a snake show (always popular!); how to pack your bag; the Grade 11 panel discussion; and then we run our preparation week. In this week, boys do a first aid course appropriate to Epic (it is run by WildMedix who do our 24 hr standby); Dr Paul Murray does a talk on the History of the Cederberg; we bring in a lecturer from UCT who presents on the Geology of the Cederberg; there is a team building exercise run by Ron Clark; we run a course on Biodiversity and then boys are briefed on the use of bikes and have a chance to ride them (as a result of this we have far fewer accidents and breakages). In addition to this we had two guest speakers – Peter Slingsby (OD) who spoke on the map we use (that he is responsible for producing) and a representative from the Cape Leopard Trust who speaks on the work on leopards that has been done in the Cederberg over the years. Rucksacks are checked by the staff who hike with the boy and the boys and staff go on a second practice hike, this time up Devils Peak. It is a week that is filled with what we hope are fun activities that hopefully pique a boy’s interest in what he is about to embark on. In addition to this, we try to keep a conference theme to our proceedings so there is something to eat and drink before school, at tea time and then we provide the boys with lunch.
I was very impressed with this Grade 10 group – they got on with things and, with few exceptions, put in a great effort into all activities. There were the usual challenges of those who walked too slowly and how to deal with this; no one seemed to complain too much about the food the school provided – in fact if anything we were surprised the boys did not eat more! 24 hour solos went well and there were many who were deeply moved with the letter/s received. We also had an Epic with no rain and this improved comfort levels on the hikes!

What stands out for me from this Epic was that we had no one admitted to hospital – this was a first! In addition, we were delighted to be able to use the jungle gyms donated to us by the Pre-Prep and erect them at the school near Jamaka (Grootkloof Primary). A huge thanks to Tyrone Adams who put in a lion’s share of the work and provided the continuity of effort that was needed. It was a delight to see how each group who came to Jamaka helped so energetically. It was also wonderful to see how the programme designed for those who were not able to walk worked so well – particularly the one for Michael Beckurts. He completed some incredible artwork and the profit from the sale of cards that have been made from some of his work, are going to Elizabethfontein Primary – a wonderful gesture from the Beckurts family and Michael in particular.

We’re hoping that the 10th anniversary movie of Epic is going to be something this year’s group are going to treasure. It provides a delightful insight into what happens on Epic.

Epic does not happen overnight – there is a huge amount of planning that goes into it and I’ve not yet found the preparation for each year becoming easier than the previous one, as there are always new challenges to be met. I am indebted to an extensive team of helpers, academic staff, admin staff, retired staff, Old Boys, volunteers and a smaller group of those who we have to employ (WildMedix; SailPro and Team Work through Innovation). What is significant is that Bishops has the capacity to run this programme in-house, thereby being able to direct resources to the boys and, apart from those mentioned, not to external companies who need to run at a profit. My experience is that as a team we all want each Epic to be the best possible one and it is a real treat being able to work alongside all staff at Bishops who make this happen. It is no secret therefore that those of us who go to the Cederberg have a wonderful time as well. We regard it as a pleasure and privilege to be able to travel alongside each Grade 10 as he learns more about himself, those around him and be in such a beautiful part of our country.

Graham Robertson

**EXAMPLES OF MICHAEL BECKURTS’ ARTWORK**

*Waterbase*  

*Elizabethfontein*
HISTORY OF THE BISHOPS MAGAZINE

SO FAR, 131 YEARS OF COLLEGE MAGAZINES

The familiar A5 Bishops magazine with its light blue cover is one that ODs regard with nostalgia, reading up about ‘Old Boys’ news and school events, and one that the current boys scan to find mention of themselves or remind themselves of previous terms’ activities.

After much debate, it has been decided that a change be made to better showcase the school to the Bishops family. As a result, the school section of the magazine will undergo a major facelift in 2017 and move away from being published once a term. The new-look magazine will be a modernised, glossy-coloured A4 publication produced annually. It will cover the year that was in the College, Prep and Pre-Prep as a celebration of Bishops with larger photographs and comprehensive content, which will now be able to include boys’ artworks and literature, as well as all the other school news.

This is, therefore, the last Bishops magazine in its current format and the new-look magazine, for 2017, will be available in March 2018. It will be available online, as well as in hard copy.

Please note that the OD Union will continue to produce their own magazine. A decision is still to be made whether this will be on a quarterly or six-monthly basis.

Dr Paul Murray, school archivist, takes a look back at the history of the Bishops’ magazine:

‘The Diocesan College and School Magazine College’ appeared on 16 October 1886 from the press of W. A. Richards, Cape Town, in the time of Bishops’ 4th Principal, Mr John Sedgwick. This inaugural edition reported: ‘A Committee was formed … to publish about once a month during Term, a Magazine, to contain full information about College and School matters, and news concerning Old Boys, filling up vacant space with Miscellaneous Articles of Interest, with correspondence and original poems.’ For the period 1886 until September 1897 a total number of 95 editions appeared. The editors were amongst others, Professor A. A. Bodkin, A. B. J. Coope, Mr F. Aulesbrook, and the distinguished OD who co-founded the theory of Continental Drift, later Dr Alexander Logie du Toit. A ‘New Series’ of the magazine was initiated in December 1897 being the first of a long tradition of quarterly numbers which, it was hoped, would ‘remain as interesting as ever’ and that the contents would ‘meet with the approval of our readers …’ This tradition has lasted until the present, (except for between 1975 and 1977, when for economic reasons, only three issues a year appeared). From 2018, this will all change when for the first time in the school’s history, an annual will appear.

From the time of the magazine’s initiation in 1886 until June 1903, the size of the magazine changed to about A5 and from 1911 until 1942 it increased in size to around A4 again. From 1942, which was during WWII, the size was reduced
again and from 1978 it became the post box size that it still is today. In December 1909, J. M. Solomon (OD), distinguished architect, produced the cover design which is the one currently in use. The cover mainly has been the characteristic light blue with the exception for special editions such as red print on white for the Centenary Edition (April 1949); the Magazine Centenary edition (June 1986); the ODU Centenary Edition in black print (March 1996) and the 150 edition (1999) with cover in black and gold on a white background. The list of the different printers over the years is too long to mention, although of interest must surely be that for a period of approximately ten years (1977 – 1987), the late Mr Basil Bey, iconic rugby coach and Schoolmaster, followed by John Lightfoot assisted by Dot Maurer, undertook the whole publication in the press on site at Bishops.

In the first years until 1903, the publication was known as ‘The Diocesan College and School magazine’, with the combined histories of the ‘The Diocesan College’ at Woodlands and ‘The Diocesan College School’ at Feldhausen (today, the Grove Primary School in Claremont). After that it became the ‘Diocesan College Magazine’. Between 1923 – 1928 the Prep Senior Master, Guy Mackarness, published a separate magazine called the DCPS Magazine and after that, the Prep School section was included in the College magazine, and from 1986 the Pre-Prep was also included.

A strong feature throughout the publications has been the news and history of ‘Old Boys’. It has remained a vital part of the history of the school, especially the obituaries which can give a summing up of a person’s life at school and after; as well as notifying ODs of events and Reunions and a lot more. From 2018, the recording of the OD’s history will continue, under the auspices of the ODU. Future editors will surely work as assiduously as have Delré O’Rourke, Dr W. P. van Zyl, Tim and Caroline Hamilton-Smith, Brian de Kock, Brian Bamford, Herbie Selfe, G.C.D. Hodgson, G. C. Hunneyball, Owen Owen-Smith and all those faithful servants before them, who saw to the careful and interesting documentation of Bishops’ ODs whose lives and histories have made the reading of the magazine informative and colourful. One of the great contributors was Mr Frank Reid (OD) the ODU Secretary from 1907 until 1954 (except for war service between 1914 – 1918), giving 47 years of devoted service to the school and the magazine.

Bishops’ histories, of which the most recent is John Gardener’s ‘Bishops 150’, have drawn from the rich magazine archive as have others, and those to come. The current editorship under Wayne Tucker, and past editors Shirley Lamb, John Lawrence, Michael King, Brian de Kock, John Gardener, Gerald Alanthwaite, Joe Lister, and others, have kept the tradition of recording the school’s history, in over 100 volumes and 500 editions.

The contents of the magazines have generally reflected a record of school life, including news from the Houses, ODs, the Prep and Pre-Prep, reports on prize-giving, societies, sports results, and including literary work, photographs, drawings, articles of general and historical interest and a lot more; quite frankly, too much to mention in this limited space.

We wish the editor/s of the new publications, well, and are reminded of the words expressed by the editors 120 years ago, in the hope that the magazines will ‘remain as interesting as ever’ and that the contents would ‘meet with the approval of our readers …’

Paul Murray
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Steyn, B Y
Steyn, C J
Sutherland, A G
Tait, C R
Tate, D M
Thomas, P L
Thompson, J T
Turpin, D W
Van Breda, J M
Van Der Linden, J
Van Der Valk, D
Van Der Westhuizen, B
Vavatzanidis, A
Viana, M P
Viljoen, L S R
Viljoen, N
Volkel, A S
Wellmann, S O
Wheeler, A A
Williams, A J
Wilson, C P
Wilson, J M
Wray, M S
Wyatt-Smith, T
Yanta, S E
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Grade 8
Aitken, S L
Ammann, N A
Bacher, J
Bergh, T A B
Bester, T C M
Bicker Caarten, C R P
Brand, A D
Bruce, A A
Bruchhausen, L M
Brummer, J C
Buckham, T D
Burns, A R
Bury, S A
Ciolli, L R
Clarke, J G P
Currey, A H
de Klerk, K P B
De Kock, N
De Romijn, M S
Dheda, K
Diemont, J M
Elliott, J R
Farara, A C
Forbes, C M
Forbes, T P
Forsyth, B J
Geldenhuys, R R
Goodsell, R
Griffiths, J E
Gutuza, C J
Habiyaremye, M P
Halle, B C
Hartzenberg, S
Henderson, J O
Ivanisevic, A G
Jack, B G S
Kader, A
Kerbelker, A M
Khojane, L P
King, R A
Kruger, D
Lee, J C A
Lewis, M V
Louw, C M
Lowe, M G N
Lwande, J
Malherbe, P A
Mason, J R N
Mbeteni, M
Michau, J W
Mills, K T
Mnyombolo, U
Morris, C H
Myburgh, P J
Myeki, A
Naidoo, S
Nicholson, L A
Nixon, S D
Oelz, L E
Oliphant, T G
Pace, J D
Pittaway, C D
Pope, P H
Pretorius, E A
Reid, J J
Rippon, A C
Roche, J N G
Ross, W D
Ruiz von Walter, J Z
Samsodien, U
Schuyling van Doorn, C I
Searson, T A
Smith, J J
Sonn-Pather, I
Sproule, L E
Tait, S C
Tedder, F J
Turner, J P
van Veen, M S
Van Wyk, P P
von der Heyden, S
Whittaker, J C
Wilkin, D F
Wood, D K

Grade 9
Bowman, M R B
Grindley-Ferris, L
Smith, D

Grade 10
Adams, R
Beley, K
Croxton, J A
Fisher, B J
Fredericks, N
Spriestersbach, C M
Sproule, S L
Vagn-Jensen, C
Vagn-Jensen, W
Vermaak, J D

Grade 11
Bowman, P T
Courie, D S
Leslie, G J
Pettersen, T D
Reddy, N
COLLEGE CULTURE

SOCIETIES

DANCE
Teacher-in-Charge: Mr and Mrs P Court
We have a keen new group of matrics in the Dance Society this year along with grade 11 girls from Herschel. So far they have learnt basic steps for the waltz, foxtrot and rock ‘n roll dances. The boys are already dancing with their heads up and looking the part!

Phil Court

DEBATING
Teacher-in-Charge: Ms A Kritzinger
Chairperson: Nik Tapanlis
Under the leadership of Alex Peile (Chairperson) and Ziyaad Bawa (Deputy) the Debating Society enjoyed a successful 2016. Both the Juniors and Seniors had an eventful year filled with a lot of coaching and even an internal league. Our teams did particularly well at the local Rotary Debating League to make it through to the Western Province Debating Trials. The Senior team consisted of Nik Tapanlis, Mac Cheminais, Giuseppe Guerandi and Derek Reissenzahn of which Guiseppe Guerandi was notably selected as a provincial trialist. The Bishops senior team presented fierce competition, making it to the quarter-final round. Juniors, Rohan Naidoo and Robert Dugmore, both excelled at the competition with Rohan Naidoo securing a ranking of 12th in the Western Cape. The Society welcomes Nik Tapanlis (Chairperson), Mac Cheminais and Giuseppe Guerandi as its leadership team for 2017. We look forward to another wonderful year as the established society continues its integral role as a pillar of the Bishops experience.

Nikolaos Tapanlis

DRAMA
Teacher-in-Charge: Mr CW Tucker
As in every year at this time, the Drama Society is involved in the major first term production. This year the American classic, One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, is being staged. Wayne Tucker will be directing and staging the production, with Carrie Bester as the assistant director.

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The roles of Randle Patrick McMurphy, Dale Harding, Chief Bromden and Billy Bibbit will be played by Logan Tait, Nicholas Peile, Christopher Haller and Jack Beare respectively. The inimitable roles of Nurse Ratched, Nurse Flinn, Candy Starr and Sandra will be played by Josi Beare, Caitlin Dicker, Cara Hudson and Jemma Morris, who join us from Herschel. Members of the society are involved in positions in the sound and lighting box, as production assistants, backstage and props. Rehearsals have been intense and the
learners have been busy six times a week in preparation for what promises to be a powerhouse production! The annual outing to see the Maynardville production was cancelled due to a lack of interest again this year – a huge pity. With many exciting productions being staged in the greater Cape Town area, we look forward to a few trips to the theatre in the near future – the start being Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

Wayne Tucker

FORUM
Teacher-in-Charge: Dr P Murray
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Paul Murray

GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK
Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs C Douglas
Chairperson: Jamie Diggle
For the readers who are unfamiliar with what the Global Issues Network (GIN) is, it is an international network of students that aims to promote globalization and to raise awareness of the social responsibility of “global citizens”, and develop solutions for modern global issues. The network is powered by schools around the world, Bishops being one of these many institutions. The start of this term and school year has seen many new faces joining this group, with 60 members currently a part of GIN, up from under 20 members in 2015. The society is open to all grades and encourages all members to actively get involved instead of coming with the sole intent of listening. Last year saw the inception of the Future-fitting Bishops Policy for sustainable development on the campus. Many meetings were held by the Sustainable Development (SD) Committee which consists of executives, staff, and boys to discuss how Bishops should progress in terms of creating a sustainable environment in the years to come. GIN was heavily represented at these meetings having three committee members and, of course, Mrs Douglas present. It is due to these meetings that the GIN committee has decided to run our society’s goals parallel to the goals that were set in the sustainable development policy meetings. Therefore, this year we are focusing on projects revolving around Bishops and how we run as a school in terms of sustainability. The members
of GIN are free to do any project that has a notable cause. However, we are encouraging members who do not have a project in mind to carry out a visual Water & Electricity Audit of their houses at school. We have many boys on board and are making great progress. Once completed, this audit will allow us to see how much we are wasting at our school, giving the SD Committee a better idea of which strategies to implement in due course to make Bishops more sustainable. As stated, boys are free to perform any project that interests them. There are currently 11 projects running on top of the Water and Electricity Audit. One project revolved around sustainability at Bishops is a research project into the possibility of incorporating Elon Musk’s solar panel roof tiles into Bishops infrastructure, which would cut electricity costs with the goal of creating a self-sustainable electricity system at Bishops. Another notable project is based on the goal of decreasing temperature and retaining hot water in informal settlements through the use of water filled plastic bottles. This idea was created by Junho Ko which he presented in his Cape Town Science Expo project last year, for which he was highly awarded. Junho is going on to represent South Africa at the ISWEEEEP expo in the United States this year with his project, an incredible achievement. With all of our projects taking off, we are hoping to have made a noticeable, positive change by the end of this year. If you would like to find out more about the society, please feel free to contact Mrs Douglas on cdouglas@bishops.org.za.

Jamie Diggle

HISTORICAL BENCH
Teacher-in-Charge: Dr P Murray
Chairperson: Ryan Acton

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meeting, is distributed to the members so that they can keep themselves well-informed. The Society was begun by Dr Paul Murray who started it in consultation with a previous member of Staff Mr Michael Fisher. Mr Fisher himself initiated two Societies, namely Forum and Lingua Franca. We continue to

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honour his memory in these societies. The first meeting of 2017 was chaired by Ryan Acton where the relationship between the USA and Russia was discussed. The main focus was that Trump, when dealing with Putin, is dealing with a much diminished Russia compared to the time of the Cold War. A further observation was the new relationship between the US and China – how would this develop and what would be the outcome? There was lively discussion from the floor, where approximately 30 students attended.

Paul Murray

INTERNATIONAL
Teacher-in-Charge:
Mr P Court

There have been three meetings since the last magazine report: Retired staff member Peter Broster and his wife spent five months travelling around Australia, New Zealand, USA and England spending their kids’ inheritance and enjoying the hospitality of friends and family on route. Peter told us all sorts of interesting and entertaining anecdotes about his travels and the places they visited – from rainy Walpole in southwest Australia to Hot Water Beach on the Coromandel Peninsula in New Zealand – the spectacular Yosemite National Park in the USA to Trinity College in Cambridge and Sir Isaac Newton’s Apple Tree. Peter is a great example of a ‘lifelong learner’. Mr Burgert Maree (staff) took long leave in term 3 and went off backpacking around South America. He came to share his adventures with us – from Iguazu Falls, Brazil to Torres del Paine, Chile; Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia to Tango dancing in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Two 29-hour flights, a 30-hour bus trip, altitude sickness over
a high pass in the Andes – travelling is not for the faint-hearted but well worth the wonderful places visited and the enriching experiences along the way. Photojournalist and adventurer Scott Ramsay (OD) gave an amazing presentation on Africa’s national parks. Scott gave up his office job to go and explore and photograph and write about the continents national parks. He has recently published a beautiful coffee-table book called South Africa’s Wildest Places and he showed us many of the photos and told stories that are found and recorded in his book (https://www.lovewildafrica.com/product/south-africas-wildest-places-book/#intro), “We need wilderness as a counterbalance to the predictability, materialism and unrelenting pace of modern-day society” writes Scott. His talk inspired us to go out and explore more of what South Africa, the third most biodiverse nation on Earth, has to offer.

Phil Court

LINGUA FRANCA
Teacher-in-Charge: Dr P Murray
Chairperson: Gabriel Makin

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him. Nolan, the Head gives him his marching orders. Ironically when Nolan, now standing in for Keating, is busy with the class, Keating comes in to collect his personals and the boys in the class one-by-one start to stand on their desks declaiming Whitman’s first line ‘O Captain, My Captain’ in deference to their true master (as was Lincoln to Whitman). The final is the classic from 1973 about a strict Law Professor trying to use the Socratic Method but possibly he is too strict. He wants the students to think for themselves, but his manner creates a sense of odium for him, especially Mr Hart who is seemingly ‘picked on’. Not really, the Prof has merely made a selection from the list of names of the students. Hart chats back, but the Prof rather uses it to his own advantage. Hart and Co set up a study group, and eventually they come out with top marks, graduating cum laude in their Law degrees. Eventually they make paper jets from their degree certificates. The tension for further study in students is a real issue and they have to get through their courses, and this makes demands on them. This talk was then followed by a discussion of the potential apprehension of students who appear on the verge of making important decisions about their future studies who stand ‘Between scary heavy-eyebrowed Professors, the challenging SA landscape and the lure of studying abroad’. Students shared their deep concerns.

Paul Murray

PHILOSOPHY
Teacher-in-Charge:
Mrs C Douglas
The philosophy society at Bishops is unique in that it aims to create a space in which boys can learn incomparable skills that extend far outside the walls of the classroom: the ability to learn about and engage with topics of discussion that are thought-provoking and often controversial, and to formulate independent opinions on them. We invite knowledgeable and credible speakers to provide keen insight into a range of different themes and provide a platform for learners to then take part in discourse and debate after lectures. It is our objective to stimulate and nurture a desire for learning that transcends the school syllabus and promotes critical free-thinking!

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Cheryl Douglas
CLIMBING

Captain: David Naude

2017 is proving to be a year of growth for Bishops Climbing with our numbers having more than doubled. On Mondays and Wednesdays, we take the boys to City Rock and on Saturdays the boys go out to various crags around the Peninsula. Boys can look forward to a weekend Sport Climbing in Montagu and also bouldering in the Cederberg. A number of our boys have now registered with Western Cape Climbing and take part in the youth bouldering series. The annual Inter-Club Top Rope and Lead Climbing Competition in the Western Cape took place on Sunday 12 February. Bishops finished second and the following boys received medals: Charles Carter won Gold in the Top Rope Boys Group; in the Beginner 1 Lead Boys section Alexander Lee received Gold, Ethan Ellis Silver and Thomas Kingdom Bronze; Brian Daniel was awarded Gold in the Beginner 2 Lead Boys section and Tristan Smith won a Bronze medal for Intermediate Lead Boys.

Trevor Pasquallie

CRICKET

School cricket is probably the most enjoyable cricket one will ever play and I believe we, as coaches, parents and friends, have the responsibility and duty, as custodians of Bishops cricket, to ensure our boys are taught to enjoy and love the game of cricket.

The school cricket environment has changed considerably over the last 10 years and, although not always successful, our drive is to stay relevant within the parameters in which we operate. Our challenge as a school is to use our resources as smartly as possible in line with our vision of becoming the most sought-after independent cricket school in South Africa. Although we have had mixed success in the longer format of the game, our 1st XI has made us proud by reaching the final of the WP T20 competition two years running. As in 2016, the Bishops 1st XI made it to the finals of the WP knockout T20 competition, first beating their old rivals Rondebosch Boys’ in the quarter-final and then SACS in the semi-final.

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In 2017 we will again field 13 teams throughout the different age groups. We have 70 registered players in open cricket, 33 at U15 level and 50 at U14 level. All together they will play an estimated 170 games. Apart from the academic staff involved in coaching, we make use of stooges, interns, our two professional coaches (Neil Carter and Bradley Barnes) and then three ODs, Justin Rowe-Roberts, Matthew Rudston and Christo Burger. It is an absolute delight to have our ODs involved in the coaching structures as they understand the ethos and value system that we as a school uphold. Our two professional coaches, Neil Carter and Bradley Barnes, need special mention as the time and energy they pour into
Bishops cricket is way beyond what is required from them. True to vision, we are committed to quality coaching and the development of our own players.

As a school we need to create opportunities for our boys to measure themselves against the best cricket schools in the country. In line with this philosophy the following tours and festivals are attended each year:

**1st XI:** KZN ISCF (Michaelhouse, Hilton, Kearsney) and ISCF (St Alban’s)

**U15A:** ISCF (St Andrew’s, Grahamstown) and Grey Colts Festival

**U14A:** Charl van Rooyen Festival

**1st XI, 2nd XI, U15A and U14A:** Bi-annual tour to PE where we play Grey and Woodridge

In line with our vision we are again committed to our Outreach Programme involving Heathfield Primary through an NGO called sport-4-kids. They visited us for three days last September where Neil Carter took them through their paces. We have furthermore committed to hosting a day/night game for Heathfield Primary on the Frank Reid.

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In closing, I would like to encourage all players, parents and ODs to download the smartphone application at www.bishopssport.org. This application allows you access to all relevant information about Bishops sport in general and cricket in particular (fixtures, results, team sheets, dates, times, etc).

Willem Steyn

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**FENCING**

Alaric McGregor won bronze in U17 Men’s Foil at the recent Junior Nationals competition in Johannesburg. Terry Kim, Mark Bergh and Christian Garry also competed in this competition and performed well. Alaric has been selected for the Junior South African Fencing team for 2017 to travel to the Junior World Championships in Bulgaria in April. We congratulate him on his achievements and wish him the best of luck in the competition.

Jacky Withers

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**ROWING**

The BRC was delighted to welcome Brad and Kelly Smith to Bishops in January and look forward to the positive impact Brad will have on rowing at Bishops. The second half of the 2016/17 rowing season has been a great one for the BRC with the following highlights:
Misunderstand Heads Races
Our octs and eights crews participated in this event with the following results:

U15 – 2nd, First V111 – 1st

Gauteng Champs
Our U15, U16 and Junior open crews attended this event in November with the following notable performances: Nicholas McAdam 2nd in U16 sculls, 3rd place for the U16 quad and 3rd place for the U19 2nd 8.

Boat Race
The first VIII achieved a bronze medal at the annual SA Schools Boat Race held on the Kowie River in December – the best BRC result since 2005!

Congrats to the crew members – Zola Baird, Stu Boynton, Ollie Innes, Andrew McAdam, Nicholas McAdam, Andile Themba, Stephane Pienaar, Calum Wehmeyer and Nicholas Bowden.
VLC
The Bishops rowing U15s recently toured to Johannesburg to compete in the annual Victoria Lake Club Sprints Regatta on 28 January. OR Tambo International saw the arrival of a group of excitable, but well-behaved boys intent on competing with the best that Joburg has to offer on the water. The boys represented the school fittingly both on and off the water. One highlight of the latter was their meeting the St. John’s College U15 crew and coach for a bit of friendly banter before a vigorous training session together on the water the day preceding the Regatta. The boys performed worthily on the day of racing. Oliver Kane-Smith finished an overall 6th out of 38 athletes in the single A-sculls event, followed by Mitchell Fussell and Noah Gonsenhauser in 17th and 29th place respectively. The B event of the same boat class saw Stefan Breytenbach place 4th out of 25 athletes, followed by Steve Du Preez and Nicky Sieff in 6th and 9th place respectively. One of the most impressive results of the day saw the U15 B-quads place 2nd and 8th in the B quad event. The two A crews performed well with decent placings of 5th and 15th positions in the A event. Furthermore, Bishops put out two Octuples on the day, which also managed to obtain notable results, placing 3rd in the B event and 4th in the A event. After an exhausting but rewarding day of racing, a tired but content group of boys returned home with greater racing experience under their belts, placing them in a more informed and determined position as they approach the latter stages of the racing season.

Selborne Sprints
Bishops participated in the Selborne Sprints regatta while in East London, which saw the crews racing over 500m as opposed to the normal 2000m. The boys experienced some tight racing and the supporters were kept on the edge of their seats to see who had crossed the line first according to the finishing cameras.

Buffalo Regatta
Bishops returned from the Buffalo Regatta with a good idea as to where they stand against the other top rowing schools from across South Africa ahead of SA Champs. Well done to Nicholas McAdam, Shaun O’Brien, Francois Breytenbach, Rhys Williams and Dominic Beaumont who won gold for the U16 coxed four ahead of St. Benedicts from Johannesburg. Unfortunately, the rowers at the regatta were greeted by an unfamiliar thunderstorm and due to lightning, the remainder of the races on Saturday were called off resulting in none of the finals for the main eights races taking place.

Western Cape Championships
Bishops once again had some fantastic results at Elgin, which ended off the local schools’ rowing calendar. The Regatta ran smoothly in
the morning with races not being too affected by the wind. However, as the day progressed, the wind picked up and as a result many of the races after lunch were cancelled. It was decided that a select few races would continue, but over a distance of 1000m and not 1800m for the senior crews. All crews still had a good day with our junior crews once again being commended on their sportsmanship.

Notable results were:

**JM15A 8x:** 2nd to Rondebosch
**JM16A 2-:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd
**JM19 1st 4+:** 2nd
**JM 19 1st 4-:** 1st
**JM19 2nd 4+:** 1st and 2nd
**JM 19 1st Pairs:** 1st; 2nd; 3rd and 5th
**JM14A 4x:** 2nd and 5th
**JM19 1st 8:** 1st (1st 8); 3rd (u16A 8); 4th (2nd 8)
**JM19 2nd 4x+:** 1st

The BRC High Performance Centre has been completed and has been used almost daily since the start of the year. We recently achieved our fundraising goal! Our sincere and grateful thanks to all parents and ODs who have contributed to the building of the Centre. The Centre will be officially opened in the 3rd term.

*Sue Beaumont*

**SHOOTING**

Shooting started during the opening week of this first term; inevitably our squad has shed some of last year’s matrics who played a dominant role in ensuring that we beat the OD squad during our annual Founder’s Day match. In terms of other competitions, *Andre Truter*, the squad’s current vice-captain, has been doing well in the Western Cape air rifle shooting. Very recently, while
Shakir won the Shottist of the Term trophy at the end of the 4th term 2016 and has embarked upon his current responsibilities with diligence.

shooting for the South Peninsula Schools Shooting side, Andre achieved a bronze medal (3rd) in the under 21 ‘Sporter’ class. Shakir Dollie has taken over as Captain of Shooting for 2017; Shakir won the Shottist of the Term trophy at the end of the 4th term 2016 and has embarked upon his current responsibilities with diligence. Our practices are well attended and all the squad members are determined to use the opportunities to improve. Our most senior shottists have unsurprisingly taken the lead regarding the shooting averages; but newcomer Jack Beare (Grade 10) has also been doing well; Jack is currently lying 4th below ‘veterans’ Shakir, Andre and Ethan Ellis. Alizwa Ngcwengo has improved significantly while grade 8, Tom Searson, currently looks the most promising of our newcomers. The shooting range has undergone an addition whereby a ramp and raised stand have been expertly built and fitted by Sean Heuvel’s workshop team; this adaptation allows Michael Beckurts the opportunity to participate in shooting from within his motorised chair. Michael has already demonstrated a very good eye for the sport. As usual we are practising towards participating in our annual March Founder’s Day competition against the OD team with the intention of retaining the Chippy Robinson Founder’s Day Trophy for the College.

Rodney Warwick