

30 Sep –  
10 Oct

**Dates & Times:**  
Previews on 30 Sep &  
1 Oct at 19:00  
Opens on 2 Oct at 19:00  
Thereafter Mon – Sat  
at 19:00

**Price:**  
R100.00

**Discounts:**  
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**Age restriction:**  
Not suitable for  
children under 15  
(language)

**Duration:**  
60 minutes (no interval)

## THE WHITE MAN'S GUIDE TO SACRIFICE

**Written and directed by Alex  
McCarthy**  
**Cast: Nathan Lynn, Cameron  
Robertson, Sive Gubanza and  
Jazzara Jaslyn**

Baxter 2015 artist-in-residence Alex McCarthy's showcase work for the year is *The White Man's Guide to Sacrifice* about two young men, Fork and Scholtz who have just been accepted into the Lamborghini Club. This has been their dream for as long as they can remember. With the club's connections, they will be fast-tracked up the corporate ladder and welcomed into the arms of luxury. Booyal! In three days the club is coming over for the party of a lifetime, and they must impress. The two young, white South African men find a living, breathing, defecating cow in their new and expensive apartment. The club cannot / must never find out. As ancestors, business card wielding entrepreneurs, and powerful personal assistants become involved, the two friends are presented with a choice: sacrifice their place in the Lamborghini Club, or seal their position in the blood of an innocent animal.

## REZA DE WET'S MISSING

14–24 Oct

**Dates & Times:**  
Previews on 14 – 15 Oct  
at 19:00  
Opens on 16 Oct at  
19:00  
Thereafter Mon – Sat  
at 19:00

**Price:**  
R100.00

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**Age restriction:**  
PG 13

**Duration:**  
75 minutes (no interval)

**Written by Reza De Wet**  
**Directed by Mdu Kweyama**  
**Translated by Stephen Stead**  
**Cast: Faniswa Yisa, Clyde  
Berning**

Baxter 2015 artist-in-residence Mdu Kweyama breathes new life into acclaimed South African writer Reza De Wet's *Mis*. Adapted from the original and translated into English, he takes the play out of its better-known Afrikaans idiom and places into a universal realm as Kweyama brings more physicality to her poetic writing.

The magical-realist play about a young daughter's escape from her dysfunctional rural family brings women who are trapped and scared into the spotlight. How far will their fear take them?

The production has been made possible through the generous support of the Rolf-Stephen Nussbaum Foundation and Arts and Culture Trust (ACT).

# BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



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# PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

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*Sharlene Groom*

The longer I am privileged to work in this office at the Pre-Prep, the more I realise what a wonderful, diverse, incredible school this is. This melting pot with teachers who are young, and some more experienced, enthusiastic,

invigorated, creative, innovative and tireless, with a zest for inspiring children and a heart for educating and extending young minds never ceases to excite me. No day is ever the same, no lesson is boring, no challenge is too much and no bar is too high to reach. I am honoured and inspired to be part of this team, leading these boys to independence and quality education.

The second term crept up on us quietly and ever so quickly. Together with a new season, there are always changes. At the Pre-Prep this meant changes in uniform and changes in sport. As the boys mastered their ties, long socks and shoelaces, the rugby shorts were ironed and the hockey sticks and gum guards were neatly packed out, ready for the new challenges.

We have had an abundance of enthusiastic boys participating in sport, which is very exciting. For many, this was the first time they

had played hockey or tag rugby and we are so pleased to see how much they enjoy the games. Chess Club, Art Club and other team games continued to draw excited participants every week.

We celebrated Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day during this term where we paid tribute to these important people in the lives of the boys.

The opening of the Woodlands Pavilion must surely be one of the universal highlights of the term. What a spectacular building and fitting ceremony for such an architectural masterpiece. We hope that as these boys grow up, they will derive maximum benefit from this wonderful venue.

Tag rugby remains a firm favorite of the boys and the coaching dads. The enthusiasm and excitement on a Friday is almost tangible and the boys cannot wait to get out onto the field, come rain or shine! We had a lovely internal tournament where boys played in their teams, in a round robin format. They were rewarded with lovely freshly-baked cookies and ice bites after their heroic efforts!

Aftercare continues to offer boys quality afternoon care. We have extended the programme to include some physical literacy exercises as well as some quiet time later in the afternoons, developing physical as well as cognitive skills.

We continue, as a team, to strive for excellence and deliver unquestionable, quality education for all the boys at the Pre-Prep.

## GRADE R

The Circle of Life: term 2 began with Grade R investigating different creatures' life cycles. The boys were fascinated by the changes different species go through during their lives and found it amusing to see which phase they would be in if they were an ant, a bee, a butterfly, a frog . . . There has been tremendous transformation in the boys themselves; they are adapting well to their new habitat and are behaving more like Bishops gentlemen each day.

Youth Day and Freedom Day were recognised this term. Our boys are so lucky to be growing up in a more tolerant society. It is wonderful that many of the boys were able to speak knowledgeably about the people who bravely stepped forward to make a difference, and to realize how fortunate they are. **Harrison Pettit:** *Mandela shared his kindness. He made people happy with his words;* **Luke Antoni:** *It is nice to grow up in a country that's free because we can do nice stuff together with all of our friends;* **Andrea Mynhardt:** *Mandela was in prison for many years for all of us so people can get freedom;* **Joshua Velosa:** *Let people be free. If they are not free then they cannot play cool games outside. They were not allowed to play rugby matches together and now they can.*

It is clear that having a supportive group of friends is an essential ingredient to Bishops' life. In Grade R a vast amount of effort is put into assisting the boys in their social explorations; helping the boys in making choices that will reap positive rewards. Group activities encourage the boys to test out their skills in a facilitated environment. The boys have participated in a wide range of tasks, playing competitive and social board games,

measuring their bodies, enacting rhymes together discovering the toppling point of Planx . . . There were a few fiery moments, but the boys are learning socially acceptable ways of venting their emotions.

The Salt River Fire Station outing cooled things down a little when the boys got to witness real life heroes in action. As usual, the Firefighters put on an action-packed show demonstrating not only their physical strength but also their great passion for their calling in life. **Joshua Mills** thought the best part was when he was hoisted into the rescue position on top of the firefighter's huge shoulders! The crew demonstrated great restraint when taking the boys for a thrill ride on the fire engine, ensuring that the ride was exciting without being overstimulating. However, there was no holding back when it came to the water hoses; each boy was encouraged to try and clean their parent's car with the torrential jet spray! Much laughter and several soakings, later the exhausted, but elated, boys returned to school.

In the cycle of life, mothers and fathers play a most important role, hence the special days in the year set aside for them. At school, the boys showed their appreciation by sending their mothers kisses of love and words of gratitude, whilst their fathers were treated to a bit of magic in true superhero style. Many of the fathers bravely attired themselves with their latest accessory before departing for work.

The Four Seasons theme provided an opportunity for the boys to witness the natural changes around them. The incredible trees on campus allowed the boys to engage in the educational wonders of autumn; the frivolousness of playing with the fallen leaves was a priceless experience!



*Heroes in the making ... Tommy Tansfield, Keanin Lind and Deen Rinquest*



*A firefighter hoists Josh Mills onto his huge shoulders*



*David Brink trying hard to reach the cars*



*'Superdad' by Thomas Jenman*



*Autumn leaves*



*Gilly Southwood – let the story begin ...*



*Construction team ... Aidan Edwards, Attilio Pironi, Arman Patel, Harrison Pettit, Luke Thomson, Andrea Mynhardt*

Term 2 drew to a close with a visit from Gilly Southwood, who practises the true art of storytelling. She held the boys captivated for more than an hour. Her one story, “The Lamb Who Came to Dinner” was particularly poignant and had more than one boy claiming he was no longer going to be eating lamb stew! Gilly told the story in

a manner that gently persuaded the boys to stand in someone else’s shoes and that you are never too young or too small to make the world a kinder place. To quote Mufasa, “We are all connected in the great Circle of Life.” An important lesson for our boys to take with them into Term 3.

*Carron Cale, Geordie Nolte and Carmen Van Zyl*

## GRADE 1

The new term always starts with the boys returning from holiday, keen to catch up with their friends. We started off the term sharing and writing about our holiday news - a new skill for the grade 1s as they were now able to form and write simple sentences. The boys were also asked to spend time practising another new skill - tying their shoe laces as they would be in full winter uniform for the first time! The second term looked to be a long and fun-filled term,

Early on in the term, we visited The World of Birds in Hout Bay, as our first theme for term two was birds. The boys enjoyed a lovely day interacting with the variety of birds, monkeys and farm animals. The boys were also able to share their own knowledge, as well as learn new facts about the animals on display. We then moved on to learn about farm animals and then wild animals. The boys all

prepared informative and exciting orals on their favourite wild animal.

We were lucky enough to be invited to Herschel to watch their performance of *Alice in Wonderland*. This was so exciting as the boys had begun to audition and rehearse for our play *The Jungle Book*, to be performed during the third term.

We were also treated to a fabulous afternoon of storytelling by Gilly Southwood who used the theme of *African Folk Tales* and had our boys, once again, totally engrossed.

We ended a most enjoyable term with a party theme, where the boys were involved in many party games and learnt valuable skills on how to win and lose like gentlemen. Lastly we ended with a pirate-themed dress up party, where the boys enjoyed participating in a treasure hunt, with gold coin rewards. We had a wonderful day, and luckily no one had to walk the plank!

*Nazli Meredith, Anne van Breda and Rose Harris*



*Grade 1M collecting squares for the Blanket Drive*



*Grade 1VB on their Pirate Day*



*Grade 1A with their wild animal posters*



*Grade 1H at World of Birds*



*Feeding the tortoises at World of Birds*



*Grade 1H on their Pirate Day*

## GRADE 2

The second term was filled with lots of exciting events for the Grade 2s! Practising for the Pre-Prep's Production, *The Jungle Book*, had begun and the well-rehearsed songs could be heard daily from the hall. We went on an adventurous outing to the Oranjezicht Community farm, which fitted in perfectly with our theme on 'conserving the environment'. The boys thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of the land as well as appreciating the tastes and smells of the attractive farm garden. **Jamie Archibald**, Grade 2HF: *I learnt that earthworms have 5 hearts! I learnt that earthworms help my soil;* **Kieran Hollis**, Grade 2 HF: *We were picking beetroot, tomatoes and leeks. We planted peas;* **Noah Macnab**, Grade 2 HF: *enjoyed the picking and the smelling and the game called an ice breaker.*

Soon after our outing, we celebrated our moms on Mothers' Day. The boys each beautifully

decorated recycled tins with multi-coloured tissue paper and planted succulents to give to their moms. **Luc Schluter** was thrilled that his mom felt happy when he gave her the plant. **Sebastian Von Bormann**, 2AO, said, *My mom is a supermom because she is always kind and helpful.* **Luka Lehmann**, 2AO, said, *I love my mom because she takes me to the shops every Friday.*

The boys were beside themselves with excitement when the South African Proteas ex-captain, Graeme Smith, visited them. He showed them short video clips of the activities in the cloakrooms before a big game and gladly signed their cricket bats. The boys were taken aback by his presence and thoroughly enjoyed the surprise visit. **Jack Gomes**, 2LF: *He was very cool!*; **Gabriel Comitit**, 2LF: *We were so spoiled having him visit us!*

What a memorable day it was for our Grade 1 and 2 learners, when each of them was fetched by a matric "buddy" to escort them to the



Ross Jenman



Rowan Piorkowski and Ryan Voigt

Joe Bolus, Jaden Bosch and  
Muhammad-Zayd Bhorey  
at Oranjezicht Community  
Farm

James Samassa



Luke Reynolds



Tag Tournament

opening ceremony of the Woodlands Pavilion. It was once again confirmation to all that Bishops is one whether you are taking your initial steps on these Pre-Prep grounds or are in your final steps in matric. *I made a friend; he was a matric boy!* **Michael Bailes**, Grade 2HF; *My favourite part was sitting and listening to the presentation.* **Rohan Rossouw**, Grade 2HF.

The first half of the tag rugby season came to an end with all of the boys having learnt many new skills from the amazing dads. We put their skills to the test with our end-of-term tag tournament. The boys were very enthusiastic and showed excellent sportsmanship during their matches. **Daniel Malan**, 2LE, was extremely excited and said that the tournament was epic because he scored a try; **Andoni Augustatos**, 2LE, was chuffed with his team and said the tournament was cool because they never lost.

Towards the end of the term, each boy was given an African country to research. The Grade

2 teachers were blown away by the quality of work that was presented. **David Tripe** shared his best part of the project with us: *I enjoyed doing the research and telling the boys about my African country.* **William Heath** had fun writing down all his information. **Luke Reynolds** enjoyed fact-finding, *I really enjoyed researching the five interesting facts about Uganda.*

Last, but certainly not least, we celebrated our dads on Fathers' Day. The dads were spoilt with a picture of their sons presented on a clever stand, made up of decorated pegs. **James Samassa**, 2AO, said, *My dad thought the picture frame was amazing; he really liked it.* **Luke Carter** and **Ryan Voigt**, 2AO, were very pleased that their dads decided to put the pictures in their offices.

As the second term came to a close, the boys were ready for a good, well-deserved break, after the very busy term. We are very proud of our boys for all they have achieved so far!

*Laurelle Fry, Heather Fraser and Ashleigh Osborne*