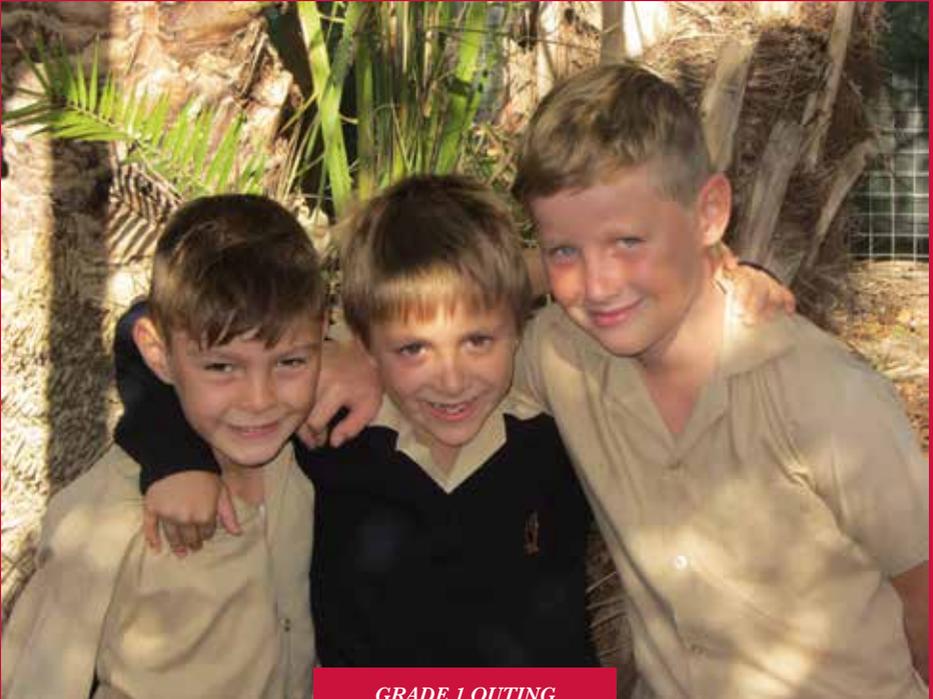


# BISHOPS PRE-PREPARATORY



*GRADE 1 OUTING*

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# PRE-PREPARATORY NEWS

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

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*Sharlene Groom*

What a privilege to manage such a vibrant bunch of enthusiastic staff and boys. This term was full of energy and excitement, despite the set in of cold winter days. We have shared our facility with

builders, bricks, cement, hard hats and noise. What fun to see the buildings growing before our eyes. Our hall should be the first completed and we are confidently proud of the lovely facility it will provide for our boys and their families.

With a change over from summer to winter sport, there are always challenges. We have

adjusted our sign-up system to an online system for sport. This has worked very well and is a pleasant change from having to sign up in person on a list at the start of a new season.

Our boys have been on outings, had numerous visitors, participated in outreach programmes, been immersed in exciting learning activities at school, had an opportunity to participate in numerous sport events, grown physically and learnt so much in this past term. They are growing into fine young Bishops' boys with a vision and a drive to reach their full potential. Education is not a race, it is an individual journey that each is on, with guidance and encouragement for individuals to reach their goals. We are here to help guide and nurture them along the way and to provide them with the tools necessary for them to carve their exclusively tailored path to success. After all, Bishops 'Inspires Individuals'.

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## GRADE R

Our second term in Grade R began after a well-deserved break. The boys were rejuvenated and ready for their winter term! Empathy and caring is best instilled in a young heart, as it will continue for generations to come. The Grade R boys (along with the rest of the Pre-Prep) were all inspired to reach out to our furry friends by collecting tins and bags of pet food, collars, blankets, beds and healthy treats for the animals at the Animal Anti-

Cruelty League. An immense effort, greatly appreciated by the less fortunate pets and so welcomed. Their volunteers were so thankful for the huge donation. Well done for extending a helping hand, boys. You have made many furry hearts very happy!

Our annual Grade R visit to the Fire Station was welcomed with squeals of excitement and future plans of 'one day I will be a firefighter'. As always, the firefighters gave us the Grand



*International Food Day was a blast*



*Fire Station Fun*



*Fun with construction: Grade RN*



*Blankets sewn and collected by Grade RC*

Tour of the station, allowing boys to really experience an exciting and informative day in the life of a firefighter. The highlight of course, was the trip around the station yard in the Fire Engine. Every single boy had the ride of his LIFE with sirens blaring and boys on the loudspeakers calling out 'EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!' We also explored the 'vintage' fire engine where the boys were allowed to have a bit of fantasy play, which they loved. A huge 'thank you' to all the parents who contributed towards treat hampers for the firemen. They really

appreciated it.

Our first Family Chapel service was a very special occasion led by Mr Woods. The boys were thrilled to be able to sing their well-rehearsed songs and their families thoroughly enjoyed the blessed morning.

While our Pre-Prep revamp is in progress, we look so forward to seeing our completed building in the near future. Our boys and parents have been very patient, and we promise it will all be worth it! After a jam-packed learning term, we look forward to the new experiences that lie ahead.



*Grade 1 Pirate Day*



*Sean making friends with the tortoise*



*Grade 1 Outing*

## GRADE 1

The boys always return from holiday keen to catch up with their friends. We kicked off the term sharing and writing about our holiday news, a relatively new concept for the boys as, for the first time, they were able to form and write a simple sentence. The second term looked to be a long, fun-filled term, and we were all the more motivated as we looked forward to a mid-term holiday, courtesy of Freedom Day and Workers' Day!

Our first theme work for the term was on birds, and we began this with a lovely outing to The World of Birds in Hout Bay. The boys were able to interact with the talking parrots, monkeys, tortoises and the little wallaby as well as share their own knowledge and learn new facts about the wonderful variety of birds on display.

We then moved on to learn about space. The boys impressed us with their incredible existing knowledge of the solar system and

were eager to soak up new facts. We did beautiful artwork and made rockets, robots and aliens out of Lego.

For World Environment Day we made posters highlighting various environmental issues that interested the boys. We spoke about pollution and taught the boys the importance of all being proactive in the concept of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We encouraged the boys to take up the challenge of making a difference by

taking small steps to save our natural resources.

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. We had a pirate-themed dress up party and the boys enjoyed participating in a team scavenger hunt with gold coin rewards. It was a wonderful day and fortunately no-one had to walk the plank!

## GRADE 2

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After our wonderful Easter holiday the boys were ready to come back to school for a busy term with lots of new Grade 2 learning. Winter sports commenced and the exciting games of tag rugby started each Friday after school. The boys have so enjoyed being coached by the Tag Association and have really improved their skills over the last term. We ended the term with our tag tournament. **Daniel Bursey** said, 'It was one of the most exciting events I have ever had!' **Alexander Beach** mentioned, 'I really enjoyed the tournament. It was really fun because I just like rugby.' **Gabriel Lind** said, 'It felt like I was playing with the Grade 3s because the Grade 2s have got so good.'

Our theme for the term was 'South Africa - The Rainbow Nation'. The boys enjoyed learning about homes new and old as well as the history of our country. Towards the end of the term the boys presented their very own project on an African country. They were so excited to share all the facts they had discovered with their classmates and we were all rather intrigued to do some travelling within Africa!

To complement our theme of South Africa, we visited the Oranjezicht City Farm (OZCF) in the middle of the term. OZCF is a non-profit project celebrating local food, culture and community through urban farming in Cape Town. The boys enjoyed learning about the history of the farm and made many historical discoveries themselves through a detective treasure hunt. They got to learn about the plants in the farm and even enjoyed sampling the produce. **Cameron Joubert** said, 'I liked eating all the vegetables.' **Liam Hacking** thought the best was when, 'I ate the jellybean plant.' **Hayden Smith** said, 'When I tasted the basil leaf, I liked it!'

At the end of June we said goodbye to Mrs Osborne who went off on maternity leave. Mr and Mrs Osborne were blessed with a beautiful baby girl born on Tuesday, 7 June. They named her Lily and are so enjoying their new precious daughter. Mrs Osborne's class was sad to see her go for a few months, but are very happy to have Mrs Syfret looking after them while Mrs Osborne is away. **Zak Ndindwa** said, 'Mrs Osborne,



*Grade 2LF at the Tag Tournament*



*Noah Coleman and Samuel Crookes planting their very own seeds at Oranjezicht City Farm*



*Cameron Joubert, Nicolas Lanfranchi and Liam Hacking at Oranjezicht City Farm*

I hope you have a good few weeks with Lily, and enjoy her very much.’ **Tiago Premion-McPherson** wanted to let Mrs Osborne know, ‘I hope that Lily is as kind as you are.’ **Naethan Mol** said, ‘You are the best teacher a child could want, and I am looking forward to seeing Lily.’

The end of the term brought new excitement with The Ginger Ninja coming to do a magic show for all the boys at the Pre-Prep. **Matt Leck** said he enjoyed, ‘when his wallet went on fire!’ **Reve Tuscher** loved, ‘when the card came out of his mouth and he said that was his breakfast!’ The boys were mesmerised by the magician and enjoyed

every minute of the show.

The boys were also treated to hearing some stories from Gilly Southwood who is an incredible story teller. **Odin Aspinall** liked ‘the story about the king who wanted to touch the moon because it was quite funny.’ **Daniel Bursey** said, ‘Gilly had the real African spirit.’ **John van den Heever** said, ‘She was so calm and kind to us. She was lots of fun and she never got cross.’

The boys and teachers have had a jam packed, fantastic term two! We are all looking forward to the good experiences and learning next term has to offer.

*Sharlene Groom*