

ASSEMBLY, Friday 16 February 2018

Introduction

The Bishops Jazz Band is a 20 piece ensemble that plays music mainly from the Swing era, as well as other popular pieces. Last year they played at a number of venues, including St Joseph's for their annual 'Jazz on the Lawn' event, as well as at a jazz venue called 'The Crypt' in Cape Town.

This year the band has been invited back to St Josephs; they have also been invited to play at the "Starlight Classics" – a sunset concert held on the Vergelegen Wine Estate on the 2nd and 3rd of March. This event is one of the highlights of the Cape Town cultural calendar, so it is a real privilege to have been asked to play.

This morning the band is going to play two pieces that they will play at the "Starlight Classics". The first piece, Peter Gunn, was used for a TV series by the same name. It is written by Henry Mancini - the same composer who wrote the music for The Pink Panther.

The second piece is by a jazz musician, Gordon Goodwin, who has a band called "Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band. This piece is called Backrow Politics and you will hear some 'banter' between the trumpet section and the saxophone section.

Cultural

Music Certificates

Two music pupils did extremely well in their Trinity college of London Rock and Pop drum exams.

Congratulations to **Jack Davis** and **Alistair Bruce** who both achieved a distinction for their grade 5 drum exam

Debating Society

Debating ties awarded to **Rohan Naidoo** and **Robert Dugmore**.

African Relations Society

African Relations Ties are awarded to **Kabelo Rance**; **Rushay Shiba** and **Winner Kazaka**.

Sport

Bishops E-Sport Society

Mind Sports South Africa (MSSA) ran its biggest-ever online inter-school championship on 10 February 2018 for eight E-sports titles. Bishops competed and won against schools such as Paul Roos Gymnasium and Parklands College. It is my pleasure to announce that the following boys achieved their School Provincial colours in the E-Sport DOTA 2 by winning all their matches: **Tristan Smith, Karl Stapelberg, Alaric McGregor, Callum Fraser and Matthew von Bulow**. They will now go on to qualifying for South African Colours. Additionally, the following boys came 7th in the Counter-Strike: GO division winning three of four games they played: **Christian Garry, Drew Williams, Josh Gray, Zac Young and Matthew Derman**.

Tennis

Congratulations to the following boys who have been included in the Western Cape Disas Tennis (WP) teams:

U19: **Kai Blatch** (reserve)

U17: **Robert Ferreira, David Allardice, Rufus Florin**

U15: **Benjamin MacFarlaine**

Well done to Benjamin who is the number one in the South African U15 team - a superb achievement!

Buffalo Regatta

The annual Buffalo Regatta was held this last weekend and saw a number of our crews produce fantastic results. The Saturday which showcases all of the finals saw 12 of our boats racing in a number of categories. These are the more notable results:

U19 2nd pair: **Tristan Lee and Drew Burton**: 3rd.

U19 1st Pair: **John Grieve and Shaun Obrien**: 5th

U19 1st Scull: **Nicholas McAdam**: 2nd

U16 A Pairs: **Oliver Kane-Smith and Mitchell Fussell**: 2nd; **Stefan Breytenbach and Oliver Werner**: 3rd

U19 2nd Coxed Four: Gold

U19 1st Coxless Four: 5th

u16 Coxed four: 2nd (only missing out gold by less than a second)

u16 Coxless Four: 4th

u19 2nd 8: 2nd

u16 A 8: 2nd

u19 1st 8: 6th.

These are truly fantastic results, the boys must be commended on their behaviour and attitude over the entire weekend. Congratulations.

Shooting

During a recent western province air rifle shooting competition, **Andre Truter** achieved 4th place in the men's under 21 'sporter' class discipline.

Squash

Bishops were once again invited to the annual St Andrews Bloemfontein squash festival held recently during the weekend 9 to 11 February. Several leading squash schools from around the country attended this prestigious event. The school was represented by a fairly youthful team due to non-availability of several key players. Led by **Brandon Snider**, the boys acquitted themselves extremely well under difficult circumstances winning four of their five matches and drawing the remaining fixture. The team consisted of **Brandon Snider, Tim Wright, Adam Morkel, Nic Gleeson, Kenau Vith and Matthew Reid**. Results were as follows: Beat Maritzburg College 4 – 2, beat St Stithians 4 – 2, drew with Pretoria Boys High School 3 – 3, beat St Dunstons College 6 – 0, beat Michaelhouse 5 – 1. Special mention should be made of **Matthew Reid** who was unbeaten during the festival.

General

The 2018 PR Group

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent the College's Public Relations Group for 2018. We wish them everything of the best for the important work which they will do over the course of the next few terms. The PR tie is presented to each member of the group: **Aadam Abrahams Weltin, Jack Beare, Drew Burton, Nic Cattell, Jack Clayton, Simon Craig, Paul David, Kyle Deans, Fergus Fletcher, Murray Gordon, Wesley Holtmann, Josh Jacobs, Winner Kazaka, Matthew Leong, Luca Liebenberg, Tom Liefeldt, William Linley, Reece Oellermann, Kieran Seggie, Tomas Slaven, Ryan Sneddon, Max Tedder, Brett Tucker, Alex van Hoogstraten, Thomas Warner, Aaron Woodman.**

All Rounder's Tie

James Rumbelow is to be congratulated on being awarded an All Rounder's Tie.