

ASSEMBLY, Friday 20 April 2018

Cultural

Public Speaking

As a result of their active participation in Public Speaking, and their selection at an open national competition to the South African delegation and then representing South Africa at the World Championships in April this year, the following awards are made:

Full Colours: **Thomas Janisch, Rohan Naidoo**

Distinction Ties: **Nicholas Peile (Re-award), John van Niekerk, Joshua Mol, Thomas Janisch and Rohan Naidoo.**

Worlds 2018 (WIDPSC)

The 31st World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships was held at Bishops from 9 to 15 April, with a total number 185 registered coaches and students, of which 120 were competitors from 11 countries around the world. Five of our boys, **Nicholas Peile, John van Niekerk, Joshua Mol, Thomas Janisch and Rohan Naidoo**, were part of the South African delegation of 18, and were of the top-performing South Africans at the tournament. All our matrics made at least one final round, and all five boys ended in the top 30% overall. After the Grand Finals, **Nicholas Peile** ranked 7th in the world overall, and took third place in Persuasive Speech. **John van Niekerk** won the title of World Champion After Dinner Speaking, and is only the second Bishops student to have achieved this since 2002. In the regular rounds of the competition, **Thomas Janisch** ranked first in Interpretive Reading, with **Josh Mol** second and **Rohan Naidoo** coming 22nd in Persuasive Speech. All in all, out of a field of 120 competitors, our boys did extremely well and should be congratulated for making both our school, and our country, proud!

Debating Society

Debating full colours awarded to **Thomas Janisch**

Debating half colours awarded to **John van Niekerk**

Interact Tie Awards

I have pleasure in announcing the award of Interact ties to **Stuart Cottrell, Cullen Perlman, Simon Craig, James Rumbelow and Will Linley** for their valuable contribution to community service through the Bishops Interact Club. They will all continue to be involved in a range of Interact projects during the course of 2018.

Drama

The following boys need to be congratulated on achieving Colour awards in Drama:

Half Colours:

Simon Craig
Luke Rissik
Jonty Wright

Full Colours:

Dominic Beaumont (Technical)
Jack Paine
Hamish McKenzie (Technical)

Sport

Surf Club

Congratulations to the captain of the Surf Club for 2018, **Ryan Solomons**.

Cricket

Jeff Malherbe and **Victor Allen** achieved a very rare feat when playing for the 6th X1 Cricket team against Wynberg Boys on the 2nd of February. Jeff took three wickets, a hat-trick. What made it special is that all three victims were stumped by **Victor Allen**. Following weeks of research, it was found that a hat-trick in which all 3 batsmen were stumped has happened only once in the entire history of first class cricket, in a County game in England back in 1893 ironically involving WG Grace in match between Gloucestershire and Somerset. What makes Jeff and Victor's accomplishment even more special is that it was achieved with the first three deliveries of the match.

Hockey

The 1st XI hockey team travelled to two pre-season hockey festivals in preparation for their league, which starts today. The boys played superb hockey over both festivals against the top ranked schools in the country. The tactical and technical improvements made were tangible and the squad has exceeded pre-season expectations. The boys involved in both festivals were outstanding ambassadors for Bishops hockey both on and off the field and did their coaching staff proud. The boys played 11 games in total over both festivals and ended with 7 wins and 4 draws. We look forward to an exciting season ahead.

Cycling

Grant Leslie rode the recent Cape Town Cycle Tour in an exceptional time of 2h55 minutes. He also achieved 1st place in the Spur Mountain Bike Classic and 1st in group in the Stellenbosch Cycle Tour.

For these achievements amongst many and his excellent leadership as captain he is awarded full colours for cycling. **Max Wolfson** won his category to be placed 1st in South Africa at the recent SA Downhill Championships which took place in Gauteng.

Rugby Festivals

During the recent vacation, the Bishops' U15As, U16As and the 1st XV participated in Easter festivals up in Johannesburg. All three tours were tremendously successful - both on and off the field and gave players and coaches alike a much-needed opportunity to prepare for the enormous challenges that we face us in the PW Premier League. The U15As participated in the St Benedict's festival: On the first day, in shortened fixtures, they beat St Andrews Bloemfontein 48-0 and St Charles 14-0. They went on to beat a strong Hulpmekaar team 14-10 and then overwhelmed St Stithians 36-0 in their final fixture. The U16As played three matches at the Jeppe Festival: They beat Jeppe 46-10 on the first day. They then lost 14-20 to Hulpmekaar on the Saturday before beating KES 24-10 in their final match. The 1st XV took part in the St Stithians' Festival: They recorded an excellent win against Grey PE in their opening fixture, running out comfortable victors 27-10. They were then pitted against the home team, Saints, in the main game on Saturday and easily beat the hosts 35-7. Michael House, who had struggled during the tournament, weren't able to lift themselves on the last day and Bishops won that last game 40-12.

Chess

We would like to congratulate **Rishay Thakersee** for his impressive performance in the 2018 South African Junior Closed Chess Championships held in Johannesburg over the April holidays. He finished 11th in the U14 Open Section.

Sailing

Seven of our sailors were involved a variety of sailing regattas during the holidays. The outstanding performance was from **Alex Russell** who came second in the multihull fleet. Congratulations to the new captain of sailing, **James Rumbelow** and his deputies, **Peter Worthington-Smith and Alex Russell**.

During the weekend of 23 March, Bishops took part in the interschool sailing competition at Zandvlei and came 2nd overall out of 17 schools. Bishops won 4 trophies in the various team events.

Noteworthy individual results were:

Keenan Mills: 2nd in the individual Laser 4.7 class.

Carl Elvin-Jenson: 2nd in the individual Tera class.

Oscar Baum and John Smith: 2nd in the Laser Pico class.

In the team event for the Laser Pico, **Andre Truter, John Smith, Oscar Baum and Oscar van Seidel** came 2nd and **James Farmer, Andrew Lawson, Kiran Pillay and Oliver Foxcroft** came 1st.

In the team event for the Tera class, **Jordan Welsh and James Mason** came 2nd and **Chris Dicey and Carl Elvin-Jensen** came 1st.

In the team event for the Laser Radial class, **Peter Worthington-Smith** and **Niels Tieden** came 2nd and **Cameron Clark** and **James Rumbelow** came 1st.

In the team event for the Laser 4.7 class **Keenan Mills** and **Andrew Low** came 1st.

In addition to this, Bishops entered two teams in the recent Milnerton Aquatic Club 24 hour sailing event. The team led by **Peter Worthington-Smith** are to be congratulated on winning the Spirit cup for this event.

Would **James Farmer, Chris Dicey, James Rumbelow** and **Andrew Low** come up to receive the trophies on behalf of their interschool teams and **Peter Worthington-Smith** the trophy on behalf of the MAC 24 hour team.

Athletics

Oliver Stewart participated in the SA Schools Track and Field Championships held in Potchefstroom at the end of last term, and the SA Track and Field Championships held in Paarl during the holidays. He competed in the 2000m steeplechase and the 3000m (under 18) at both championships. He finished 5th in the 3000m and won a bronze medal for the steeplechase in both competitions. For the 3000m in Paarl, Oliver ran a personal best of 8:46.

SA Swimming

Michael Houlie achieved outstanding individual and team performances whilst representing South Africa in swimming at the 2018 Commonwealth Games held in Australia. In the context of the overall Games and his specific events, Michael's achievements in the Gold Coast Games are quite significant. He was one of many teenagers at the Games, however he was one of the very few to make a final, with a realistic chance of getting a medal. His events (the 50m and 100m Breaststroke) comprised a star-studded field and included the two greatest Breaststrokers in the world over the last decade (current world record holder and Olympic champion, Adam Peaty and fellow compatriot, Cameron van der Burgh). To make a final in such an elite field and to be competitive was a significant achievement in and of itself. At the Games Michael broke his own South African Age Group Record (for boys aged 17) in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. He reached the Men's final of the 50m Breaststroke, finishing in 6th place. Michael also made the semi-final of the Men's 100m Breaststroke, finishing in a personal best time. Michael won a Bronze Medal, as part of the South African Men's 4 x 100 Medley Relay team.

Climbing

Congratulations to **Duncan Edelstein** who has been awarded half colours for Climbing.

Squash

Several Bishops players performed really well in the recent Western Province Open Squash Tournament. The captain of squash, **Brandon Snider**, had an extremely good tournament - ending up 5th in the main event, with Charlie Yates (12th), Tim Wright (17th) and Kenau Vith (19th) also doing well. Congratulations to **Adam Morkel** on becoming the Under 16 WP Open champion and **Greg Medcalf** and **Matthew Reid** coming 2nd and 4th respectively. These were outstanding results in an event where Bishops players dominated the tournament. **Luke Shuttleworth** (11th), **Arman Trikam** and **Christopher MacDonald** also did well in this event. Good luck to all the squash teams who start their school league season this week.

Waterpolo

Congratulations to **Niall Maloney**, **Joe Kirsten** and **Mikey Ford** who have been selected to represent South Africa at the u16 Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 7 to 17 July 2018. **Connor Evans** and **Sam Hanssen** were selected as non-travelling reserves.

U18 Currie Cup Results: Well done to **Sam Elliott** and **Ryan Sneddon** on finishing 3rd with the u18B WP team and to **Kieraan Meyer** and **Noah Syndercombe** for winning Gold with the u18A WP team.

Interhouse Hockey

The 7 aside, round robin Interhouse Hockey tournament was played over the last week and is now complete.

The results are:

U18: 1st Mallett, 2nd Gray, 3rd White

U16: 1st Kidd, 2nd Birt, 3rd Gray

U14: 1st Gray, 2nd Birt, 3rd Kidd

The overall winner of the 2018 Interhouse Hockey is Gray House. My thanks to all the matric leaders who helped manage and umpire the three tournaments.

General

Service Ties

Noah Gonsenhauser, **Cameron Clark**, **Luke Carter**, **Callum Steggman** and **Matthew Pettit** have served the College by running chapel AV for the past two years. The boys have worked together to ensure that teachers and visiting speakers are confident to use their presentations and are equipped with the appropriate microphones when addressing the college. This is a task which often presents many unforeseen challenges. Their efforts and problem solving skills, often put to use in very stressful situations, are greatly appreciated.

Charity Argus Ride

Michael van den Heever led a team of Bishops boys to raise funds for rhino conservation in KZN. They took part as a charity team in the recent Argus Cycle tour. They will have raised over R 20 000.00 by the time the charity drives ends. This means they won the school section of the Cycle for Life competition and have been invited to Bayala to participate in a rhino dehorning program. His team was made up of the following cyclists: **Grant Leslie, Sam Warren, Storm Lanfear, Aedan Foulkes, Alex Saurma and Jordan Walsh.**