

ASSEMBLY, Friday 20 July 2018

Academic

Academic Awards

Following the exams last term, several boys have earned Academic Ties:

Grade 12

Aedan Foulkes, Callum Fraser, Sihle Kahla, Josh Kirsch, Ano Mtombeni, Ben Rubin, Michael Steytler

Grade 11

Jamie Naude, Brett Tucker, Rhys Williams

Grade 10

Seb Allison, Stephen du Preez, Tim Kotze, Luke Rissik, Jay Sinha, Jan Smuts

Grade 9

Torben Bergh, Aidan Burns, Bruce Campbell, Brian Daniel, Khelan Dheda, Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger, James Elliott, Gus Farara, Liam Harrison, Daniel Holgate, Ronan King, Paul Malherbe, James Mason, Seth Nieburg, Lukas Oelz, Nicholas Pabst, Jonathan Roche, Joseph Ruiz von Walter, Chris Scheepers, John Smith, Matthew Tripe, Dylan Wood

Academic Jerseys are awarded to:

Grade 12

Nivar Rajoo, Kamal Sacranie, Brandon Thomas

GRADE 11

Matthew Derman, Murray Gordon, Adam Stonestreet, Kenau Vith, Thomas Warner, Karl Weinert

Grade 10

Daniel van Nimwegen

Grade 9

Gabriel Dyssell-Hofinger, James Elliott, Gus Farara, Jonathan Mopp

The best performing House Grade was **KIDD HOUSE Grade 10**.

Cultural

Battle of the Bands

In late April this year one of the Bishops Bands 'The Collective' which is made up of **Benjamin Fischer, Jono Greyling and Hugo Janssens** participated in the Schools' Battle Of The Bands. The band emerged as the eventual winners of the competition and received a cash prize, as well as sound equipment for the school to value of R36 000.

The competition was sponsored by the Academy of Sound Engineering, which is owned and run by Keith Farquharson (OD).

French Tour 2018

Fifteen pupils from the College spent three-and-a-half weeks in the south of France during the recent winter vacation. The tour party was initially based in Nice, where the boys spent their mornings at a local Language School before tackling each day's programme of afternoon visits and excursions up and down the Riviera. For the first fortnight of the tour, these pupils were hosted by families attached to the school, to enhance their language skills and also their general understanding of the French way-of-life. Highlights during this period included sailing into the harbour of Monte Carlo, a cycling trip around the Antibes peninsula and (following a train ride to the last French town before the border), a walk into Italy. The last ten days of the tour were spent on the road in mini-vans driven by Mr and Mrs Richter. The town of Arles served as the first base for the group, allowing the boys to visit many Roman monuments, as well as nearby Avignon and also the Camargue region of the Rhone delta. Thereafter, the boys travelled into the Aveyron, where they went kayaking on the Tarn river; they also visited a number of medieval villages in that area including the town of Roquefort, which has earned international renown for its blue cheese. The famous Millau viaduct was much admired by the pupils, for it truly is a miracle of modern engineering and architecture. En route back to the airport for their flight home, the boys took in the lavender fields of the Valensole plateau and the world's foremost Citroën museum in the town of Castellane. During their travels, Mr Richter received many compliments from fellow tourists, from local guides and from other role-players in the tourism industry, based on the behaviour and courtesy of the boys in this group. Well done to the young men concerned. Those who would like to have a look at the tour blog can go to <https://frenchtour2018.wordpress.com>.

Simply Blue on Tour to Greece

Simply Blue, together with Mrs Gardner and Mr Carletti, set off on Sunday 24th June for Athens. Summer in Greece is always expected to be sunny, but unfortunately the first few days had lots of rain, which is most unusual for this time of year. As summer music concerts in

Greece are typically outdoors, this resulted in the first two shows being cancelled, which was a disappointing start. Knowing that the first evening show was cancelled, the group decided to busk on Constitution Square in the centre of Athens, and drew a large crowd who stayed to watch a performance of about 20 minutes. Fortunately the rain held out for the group to see all of the historical sights on the itinerary, which included the Acropolis, Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Olympia and Nafplio. The weather had completely changed to be incredibly hot by the second part of the tour, which was when we were in Loutraki, a beach resort. Once the rainy days were over, the attendance at performances also picked up, including a performance at Corinth, with the final performance in Nemea having a full crowd. A touring youth choir from Romania joined us for some performances, as well as local choral groups. The African Medley and Circle of Life from our repertoire were particularly enjoyed by audiences, as well as a well-known Greek song which we had prepared, accompanied by our attempt at Greek dancing. A highlight at the end of the tour was a cruise to three islands close to Athens. The cruise included a demonstration of Greek dancing with the opportunity to participate. Many members of the group enjoyed developing their Greek dancing skills further, and Simply Blue were also invited to perform our African numbers, which was very well received by everyone on the ship.

SPORT

National Hockey Selections

A number of Bishops Hockey players represented various WP teams during the holidays. As a result of their excellent performances at the U16 and U18 National Tournaments, 3 Bishops players were selected to South African sides. 1. **Caleb Oliphant** and **Mustapha Cassiem** were selected to the 36 man U16 SA High Performance squad for the second year in a row. In addition, Mustapha was awarded the following accolades: a. Most Valuable Player of the Tournament b. The Top Goal Scorer (10 goals) and c. The Best Midfielder of the Tournament 2. **Idrees Abdulla** was selected to the SA U18 side and played 3 test matches against Australia. For this selection, and his dedication, commitment and outstanding performances for Bishops Hockey, **Idrees** is awarded a Distinction Tie. 3. **Mustapha Cassiem** has also been selected to represent South Africa at Hockey 5s at the African Youth Games currently being held in Algeria. The team will be hoping to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games to be held later in the year in Buenos Aires. Congratulations to these fine hockey players on their outstanding achievements.

Cricket

Leopards Cricket Tour

On 21 June 2018 fifteen Bishops cricketers left for the UK under the banner of the Leopards Cricket Club to play 10 games of cricket against some of the most prestigious schools in England including Eton College, Harrow, Winchester College, Wellington College, Canford College and Kings College Taunton. The group consisted of 4 x grade 11, 6 x grade 10 and 5 x grade 9's. The boys performed admirably with noteworthy performances by **Travis Norris** (115 against Eton), **Michael Wesson** (118 against Kings College Taunton), **Josh Elliot** (hatrick against Kings College Taunton). Although it was not exclusively a Bishops tour we are extremely proud of the way the boys conducted themselves on and off the field as they were worthy ambassadors of the Bishops brand.

Rugby

1st XV Tour

During the holidays, the 1st XV participated in the Independent Schools' Festival held at Kingswood in Grahamstown. The team, which was missing their provincial representatives, performed extremely well - beating Kingswood 19-10 in their first match and then Hilton 24-17 in their last fixture. Well done to all our players who participated at the provincial tournaments at the end of the holidays. Special mention should be made of **Justin Muller and William Rose** who were in the starting line-up for the Craven Week final - which saw WP defeat KZN 47-8.

WP Rugby Selections

Congratulations to the following rugby players who were selected to participate in a number of inter-provincial tournaments during the June / July holidays:

2018 WP U16 GRANT KHOMO WEEK **Keagan Blanckenberg, Sacha Mngomezulu**

2018 WP U18 CRAVEN WEEK TEAM: **Justin Muller, William Rose**

2018 WP U18 CRAVEN WEEK XV TEAM: **Luca Liebenberg**

2018 WP U18 ACADEMY WEEK TEAM: **Liam Kloosman, David Courie**

SA Junior Touch Rugby

Congratulations to **Wafeeq Francis** who has been selected for the SA Touch Rugby team to participate in the Junior World Cup in Malaysia.

Ice Hockey

Oliver Beek (Grade 8 Mallett House) played four games of ice hockey at the annual IPT during the holidays, two games each in the U16 and the U18 divisions. Oliver received the MVP (most valued player) award for the U16 match, and was invited to train with select few Nationals players who are lined up for IIHF U18 games.

SA Youth Weightlifting

Tristan Turner (Grade11 Ogilvie) is the SA Youth and Junior Weightlifting Champion in the 77kg category after SA champs held in PE while representing WP. He snatched 80kg and 100kg in the Clean and Jerk in a Personal Best. Well done, Tristan.

General

Ranger Course

A group of mothers and sons had the opportunity to spend some time in one of the premier game areas in KwaZulu-Natal. The program involved three main activities: conservation, community and personal growth. This is the 5th such trip and the aims were to dehorn a rhino, ring birds, complete a few hours of community work and work through a series of discussions between mothers and sons. Phinda is able to save a healthy rhino population through the dehorning program and Bishops have helped in dehorning over 12 animals to date. The bird ringing data is plugged into a global data base and is increasing the understanding of bird distribution and species variation for this area. The community work included planting fruit trees and bushes at a community school. Prima toys were kind enough to donate three boxes of toys for distribution at a creche. Sanitary pads were also donated for use at a local school. It is great to be part of a Bishops that is making a difference in South Africa.

Gold President's Award

We heartily congratulate **Chris Kotze** who has achieved the Gold level of the President's Award. Well done.