

ASSEMBLY, Friday 2 February 2018

Cultural

Music Certificates

The Bishops music pupils did exceptionally well in their practical and theory exams towards the end of last year. Over 100 boys played an exam – most of the certificates were handed out during house assemblies; today those boys who received a distinction (that is a mark above 88%) will receive their certificates in assembly.

In a new category, pupils were entered into the **Trinity Rock School** exams. Jonathan Greyling achieved a distinction for rock guitar, grade 7.

Royal Schools of Music grade 5 theory exam. The following achieved a distinction:

Sebastian Allison
Christopher Dicey
Oliver Kane-Smith
Paul Malherbe
Oliver Werner
Jonty Wright

Royal Schools of Music practical exams. The following achieved a distinction:

Gregor John Grade 4 trombone
Abdul-Mateen Kader Grade 5 piano
Christopher Macdonald Grade 5 piano
Jonty Wright Grade 5 piano
Liam Foxcroft Grade 6 piano
William Linley Grade 6 singing
Nathan Scott Grade 6 singing
Drew Burton Grade 7 piano
Theodore Psillos Grade 7 clarinet
Kamal Sacranie Grade 8 singing

Neil du Toit achieved a distinction in two instruments: clarinet and voice, both grade 5

Michael Wilson-Trollip achieved a distinction for two instruments, voice and piano, both grade 8. Because of this exceptional achievement he was awarded a distinction tie at the end of last year.

Awarding of GIN ties

Global Issues Network ties are awarded to boys from GIN along the criteria lines of "AID" - Attendance, Initiative and Doing. Recipients of the tie need to have excelled in at least two areas within the "AID" criteria. After presenting a project at a GIN meeting, the committee ultimately decides on the issuing of the GIN ties.

In the beginning of last year a group of boys started SAS, the Sustainable Agricultural Society, which now runs as one of GIN's many projects. This group designed and implemented a small food garden on campus following as far as possible, permaculture practices and philosophy. Permaculture is the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient. As a collective these young men have been growing organic vegetables and fruit, including varieties such as the "nom nom" and some indigenous fruit varieties such as the Kei Apple. During the summer harvest season, which was in term 3 and 4 last year, they picked a variety of herbs and vegetables including kale, spinach, broccoli and cauliflower and for several weeks distributed their produce to support staff at Bishops. They have looked for collaboration opportunities and have opened up the garden for educational programmes and bringing awareness around issues on food security. This year the SAS garden has teamed up with LEAP and it now also acts as one of the outreach activities that can be taken during CIVICs. Many hours during holidays and weekends have also been used to help maintain and nurture the garden.

For these significant achievements in thinking globally and acting locally the following boys have been awarded GIN ties:

1. Aedan Foulkes
2. Anton van Wyngaarden
3. Alex Jankovich
4. Patrick Bowman
5. Campbell Reybrun
6. Nicholas Vine-Morris
7. Thomas Coombe
8. Thomas Barty
9. David Cuthbert

Sport

VLC Regatta 2018

While the u14 age group did not return with any medals, their performance exceeded expectations, given the short amount of time they have been rowing. The age group took heed of important lessons and gained much needed experience at their first national regatta, ahead of Western Cape Championships later this month, and South African Schools Championships in early March. The U15s continued to improve massively with Matthew Lewis and Sebastian Sturrock who hurtled down the water and ended off a respectable 10th out of 20 crews in their division. In the A sculls, Thomas Forbes came 9th and Chris Pittaway 18th. After some impressive results by the U15 A double and C quad, the A and B quads were given an opportunity to showcase their skills. This resulted in an impressive finish of 4th and 13th. The

last event of the day was the U15 Octuple. The crew consisted of Christian Morris, Thomas Forbes, Chris Pittaway, Daniel Nelson, Ben Jack, Matthew Diemont, Ethan Topat, Luca Nicholson and Cameron Toy who impressively managed 2nd place, it must also be noted that the crew went under the course record. Congratulations to all athletes who competed, we look forward to your results in regattas to come.

Fencing

Two of our Bishops fencers were honoured at a Fencing Western Cape Awards evening at the end of last year. Terry Kim was awarded Fencing Western Cape half colours and the trophy for Junior men's epee and Christian Garry was awarded half colours for Cadets Men's epee. Well done to our epeeists!

Waterpolo

Congratulations to the following waterpolo players who have been selected for South African training squads in their various age-groups based on their top performances at Nationals in December 2017:

u16: Mikey Ford, Niall Maloney, Joe Kirsten, Caleb Oliphant, Connor Evans and Sam Hanssen
u17: Sam Elliott, Ryan Sneddon, Matt Smith and Kieraan Meyer
u18: Tom Lee, David Nivison, Bingo Ivanisevic and Matthew Klingenberg

Final selection for the international tours will be made after the boys have attended various national training camps this term.

General

Springbok Scout Award

Daniel Le Jeune (Gray House Grade 12), was awarded his Springbok Scout Award by the 1st Claremont Scout Group last week. This badge is the top Scout award in South Africa. It concentrates on teaching the Scout how to give back to the community. Among the requirements, the Scout must complete at least 40 hours of community service, lead a hike of over 30 kilometres in unfamiliar territory, and plan and construct a pioneering project. Daniel's Springbok was characterised by ambitious projects accompanied by extensive and detailed planning and reports. Well done Daniel!

Bishops New Boy Heritage Test

Birt House Grade 8s won the New Boy Heritage Test with an average mark of 19.1 out of 20. Will Michael Sun please come up and get the Frank Reid Shield.

Photos from today's assembly awards can be viewed [here](#).