

# ASSEMBLY, Friday 5 April 2019

## Welcome

Welcome to the following exchange boys for Term 2: Callum Parramore (Christ Church Grammar), Fred Potter (St Peters College) and Jacob Ditter (Pembroke).

The following boys will arrive during the term: Jamie Roche (The Scots College), Timothy Knoflach (Schweizerische Alpine Mittelschule) and Praket Agarwal (The Doon School),

## Cultural

### Colours - Drama

For their involvement in "Joseph" last term, and in previous Bishops productions, we congratulate the following boys on their Drama awards:

#### Half Colours

Luke Carter (Technical)  
Paul David  
Noah Gonsenhauser (Technical)  
Nathan Scott  
Adam Suliaman

#### Full Colours

Simon Craig  
Will Linley  
Matt Marr  
Jonty Wright

## Sport

### Fencing Free State Open

During the weekend 8-10 March, Christian Garry and Ethan Ellis travelled to Bloemfontein for the Free State Open. Ethan fenced exceptionally well and won gold in the U17 epee event. Christian had a tough poule in U20 and went out in the Direct Elimination round.

## **Fencing Tour to Germany 15-26 March 2019**

11 fencers and 2 staff travelled to Tauberbishofsheim, Germany to the Olympic Fencing centre to train and to improve our competition skills in both foil and epee. An average day consisted of fitness training, private lessons with an ex Olympic coach followed by club training with German fencers from nearby towns. The competition was tough, but all fencers learnt new tactics and skills to practice on their return and to use in upcoming competitions. Some sightseeing in Rothenberg and Heidelberg ended off the wonderful experience of the tour.

## **1st XV Rugby Tour to Ireland**

A Bishops 1st team rugby squad embarked on a tour of Ireland these past holidays - the last overseas tour by a Bishops rugby side being to Italy in 2010! This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys, giving them the chance to test themselves against teams from a different country and hemisphere and to experience Gaelic culture in the process. The squad visited three Irish cities (Dublin, Galway and Limerick) and played four matches against school and club teams. In a rusty, first match performance they lost their opening fixture against a provincial Leinster U18 team 31-26. They then beat Ballymena from Northern Ireland 46-5, the Galwegians Rugby Club 48-7 and finished the tour with a comprehensive 75-7 win over St Munchins College from Munster. All in all, an excellent trip and solid preparation for the season ahead.

## **Wynberg Rugby Festival Results**

**U16** Beat KES 22-12  
Lost to Pearson 17-19  
Beat Tygerberg 66-0

**U15** Beat Windhoek Gym 28-6  
Beat Winhoek High 12-8  
Lost KES 28-0

**U14** Beat Windhoek Gymnasium 33-26  
Beat Windhoek High 12-10  
Lost KES 24-26

## **Rugby leadership**

Captain 2019: Isaiah Wharton

## **UK Golf and Squash Tour 11-25 March 2019**

The Bishops Golf and Squash teams enjoyed a most successful tour to the UK during the recent holidays. The tour started with a morning's tour of Istanbul – courtesy of Turkish Airlines – which was informative and fun. After that, the main business of the tour began. In all, nine golf matches and eleven squash matches were played in the twelve days spent in England. Our golf team was very competitive, winning seven of their matches and our Squash team were not only unbeaten but in fact won every match convincingly. This says much for the standard of Golf and Squash at Bishops as we played against top schools such as Charterhouse, Tonbridge, Winchester, Wellington, Epsom, Whitgift, Marlborough, Stowe and Oakham.

This tour, though, was far more meaningful and beneficial to the players for the extraordinary times experienced in visiting and being hosted by these schools, which are steeped in history. The tour ended with a most enjoyable day hosted by the UK ODs and members of the Royal Automobile Club (RAC Club) in Epsom. Both the golfers and squash players were royally hosted there before a final day of sightseeing – or rather fighting through a one-million-person-strong Brexit protest in London! Special mention must be made of the five members of the Squash team – Tim Wright (Captain), Nick Gleeson, Adam Morkel, Greg Medcalf and Aidan Burns won the majority of their individual matches. Our golfers and squash players continually won high praise from the locals as excellent ambassadors for the school as we travelled around England.

### **1st XI Hockey results**

During the March holidays the Bishops hockey 1st XI took part in the Independent Schools Hockey Festival hosted by Clifton School in Durban. In the six games played, Bishops scored 32 goals and conceded 2.

The results were as follows:

Day 1: Bishops 1 - St Charles 0

Day 2: Bishops 8 – St Benedicts 0 Bishops 2 – Michaelhouse 1

Day 3: Bishops 10 – Uplands 1 Bishops 7 – St Andrews 0

Day 4: Bishops 4 – St Stithians 0

### **Hockey leadership 2019**

Captain: James Howard

Vice captains: Murray Gordon. Chris Clarke

### **Climbing**

Rock Master is an international Climbing competition held every year, this year's competition was held at CityROCK and hosted South Africa's best climbers. David Naude won the Bouldering competition, making him the youngest to win the Championships. David also won Western Province Gold for Sport Climbing in Lead, Speed and Bouldering and will be representing Western Province at the National Championships in Johannesburg next month (May).

### **Athletics Colours**

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been awarded colours for their performances during the 2018/2019 athletics season:

Half Colours:

Kyle Beley (Shot Put u19)

Shaun O'Brien (400m u19)

Sebastian Prevost (200m u19)

Full Colours: Joe Kirsten (100m u17)  
Elyas Ayyoub (1500m and 3000m u17) - re-award  
Oliver Stewart (800m and 1500m u19) - re-award

### **Triangular Ties**

The Triangular Tie is awarded to Bishops athletes who have represented Bishops a minimum of three years at the annual Triangular, two of which should be in senior years. This is the second year the tie is awarded. Congratulations to the following 9 individuals who are awarded their Triangular Ties: Joe Kirsten, Dylan Plaatjies, Elyas Ayyoub, Keegan van Wyk, Sam Rudston, Shaun O'Brien, Michael Wesson, Jack Brasher and Kyle Beley.

### **Rowing SA Champs**

Fantastic season all around, much improved results throughout the age groups. Unfortunately though, performance on the day is a factor that still needs to be worked on within the rowing club. It is, however slowly improving. Our boys achieved the following more notable results: U16 pair came 8th overall u16 eight came fourth u16 coxless four had a fantastic last 500m and managed to keep their composure to the line where they achieved a bronze medal. Christopher Pittaway, Nassar De Kock, Thomas Forbes and Ben Jack. Well done to those boys. Please come up and collect your medals. In the open age group our 2nd eight came 5th whilst our first eight had several results. Nic McAdam achieved 5th place in his single, Mitch Fussell and Shaun Obrien achieved 5th place in their pair. Then with the bigger boats, our first coxed four achieved 6th place overall and our coxless four won the gold confidently. Those boys are Francois Breytenbach, Nic McAdam, Oliver Kane-Smith and Shaun Obrien. In the first eights event which is always hotly contested, Bishops had a fantastic race but were unfortunately not fast enough to snatch gold from St Benedicts. However, it is a massive achievement and a great result to still achieve the silver medal and to be so close to winning the event. Well done to the following boys: Declan Watling, Stefan Breytenbach, Shaun Obrien, Nicholas McAdam, Oliver Kane-Smith, Francois Breytenbach, Oliver Werner, Mitchel Fussell and Jack Paine.

### **Rowing Dinner and Awards**

The rowing dinner is the culmination of the season as well as the major fundraiser for the club. Again, it was a successful evening and the various parent committees were outstanding in ensuring that everything went smoothly. Several awards were given to those athletes who shone throughout the season, these were as follows:

Oarsman of the year: McAdam  
Most improved Junior: Thomas Mason  
Most improved Senior: Nassar De Kock  
The John Rideout Trophy: Jack Rowand

That evening, Colours were awarded to the following boys:

#### Half Colours:

Rhys Williams, Tristan Lee, Luke Flint, Christian Morris, Drew Burton, Jack Rowand, Ben Jack, Nassar De Kock, Chris Pittaway, Thomas Forbes.

### Full colours:

Declan Watling, Stefan Breytenbach, Shaun Obrien, Nicholas McAdam, Oliver Kane-Smith, Francois Breytenbach, Oliver Werner, Mitchel Fussell, Jack Paine.

Congratulations and well done to all!

The following boys were announced as the Captains and Vice captains for the 2018/2019 Rowing seasons.

Boat Man: Oliver Kane-Smith

Vice Captain: Mitchell Fussell

Captain: Declan Watling.

Well done, I hope that you are able continue the great work that the previous captains have achieved. Good luck.

### **Squash**

Captain 2019: Tim Wright.

### **Cycle for Life**

Bishops entered a team into the Argus as part of the Cycle for Life drive to help raise funds towards the conservation of rhinos. Bishops won the school cycle challenge related to this initiative. Together with the other activities which took place, a total of R 300 000.00 was raised. The boys were led by Mikey Ford. They will have the opportunity to go up to Phinda to take part in a rhino dehorning programme later this year.

### **Cycling and Triathlon**

Tom Byron (Birt) finished the Cape Town Cycle Tour in a time of 3:28:51. He also had a good triathlon season with his best result being 9th in his age group and 12th overall in the SA Xterra Lite Championships. Congratulations!

A number of Bishops boys participated in the 41st Cape Town Cycle Tour on Sunday 10 March. The strong winds made for a tough race with riders even battling to keep upright at times! Tom Byron, Rahul Chagan, Julian Dower, Storm Lanfear and Ilyaas Van Graan rode outstanding sub 4-hour times. Well done to everyone who took part!

#### Results:

Tom Byron 3:28:51

Rahul Chagan 3:49:35

Chris Dicey 4:54:14

Gavin Dingley 4:07:55

Julian Dower 3:23:19

Alex Saurma-Jeltsch 5:20:13

Storm Lanfear 3:27:42

Ilyaas Van Graan 3:58:31

Sam Warren 4:09:20

Jordan Welsh 4:12:16

### **Cricket Colours**

Congratulations to the following boys who have been awarded half-colours for cricket:

Na'eem Adonis, Seb Allison, Keagan Blanckenberg, Chris Clarke, Josh Elliott, James Howard, Ethan Kieffer, Matthew Lennett,

Congratulations to the following on being awarded full colours for cricket:

Jono Bird (re-award) and Travis Norris

## **GENERAL**

### **All Rounders Tie**

Christian Garry and Joseph Ruiz von Walter are congratulated on being awarded an All Rounders Tie.