



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

Dear ODs around the world,

Delre will be back from leave on Monday so this is my last Newsletter. It has been a great pleasure keeping the OD home fires burning with an enormous backing from the admin staff and Bruce Jack my erstwhile efficient Head Librarian of the Molteno Library. Now I take orders from him!

It has been great getting messages from ODs who remembered me from way back when, and hearing your news and where you are in the world. It seems to me that most ODs have really done well in life – good for Bishops education and I mean EDUCATION in the broadest sense.

Delre, I hope you had a happy and successful break. Will look in to see you shortly.

Here is some news I have gleaned from you all this past week.

Anderson, Labberte and De Kock Families

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Anderson, Labberte and de Kock families and friends.

Greg Anderson (father of Joshua and Zac in Grade 4, died over the long weekend after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Jo, Joshua, Zac and their sister, Eve in your thoughts and prayers.

Karel Labberte father of Ryan and Mitchell, in Grades 10 and 8 respectively at College, died also of cancer earlier last week. May Janet, Ryan and Mitchell also be supported through our thoughts and prayers.

Lindy Durand, daughter of Brian & Gill de Kock and mother of Wesley (OD), Carae and Nicky, died earlier this week after a very long illness. On behalf of the ODs I extend heartfelt sympathies to the family.

John Hueton (1947 G) from Canada wrote:

We met at Richard and Fenella Townsends' home in Oakville last night. Justin de Beer, kept us in fits of laughter telling of his mischievous escapades growing up on Weltevreden Ave, David and Di Hurst, Sholto and Elizabeth Cole, Elinor and I were also there. We had expected four more ODs, but legitimate reasons saw them cancel out just this past week.

The fire at Fort McMurray is fearsome, and may yet affect some of the actual oil-sands' installations. It will be a huge cost to Alberta, and will cause a drop in Canada's GDP of 0.5%. Our hearts go out to those hardworking people who have lost all their possessions, and likely their jobs too.

The Western ODs meet next Saturday at Anthony Townsend's home in Port Coquitlam.

Richard Whittingdale (1973 G) wrote:

I'm lucky enough to have got a wonderful job at United Nations development programme making movies on behalf of UNDP for 1,6 Billion viewers worldwide (www.regency.org).

(Congratulations Witty)

Michael Ovenstone (2009 M) wrote:

I have made a strong connection with Eric Emmett in Perth whose details I received from the ODU. We have since run the Auckland Half Marathon together. I will be living for half a year in Sydney and Melbourne respectively.

Jason Elrick (1994 O)

Congratulations are extended by the OD Union on the announcement of the birth of his twin daughters, Trisha and Sarah, on the 12th April 2016.

Dr. Greg Mills (1979 O) directs the Johannesburg-based Brenthurst Foundation, established in 2005 by the Oppenheimer family to develop strategies for improved economic performance in Africa. He is married to the artist Janet Wilson and they have three children. His recreational interests include restoring and racing historic single-seater racing cars, and he has written four acclaimed books for charity on Southern African motor racing. He was awarded South African provincial colours for rowing (1992) and motorsport (1981) and has sent the following:

Press Release: Team Africa Le Mans To Contest Paul Ricard 24-Hour, 15-17 July 2016:

Sarel van der Merwe will again team up with Le Mans 24-hour winner Jan Lammers and Dr Greg Mills to contest the Creventic 24-hour race at Paul Ricard. They will use the Ginetta G55 GT4 that the trio finished first on Index of Performance and class and second overall in the South African nine-hour at Killarney in the Cape in December 2015. For Paul Ricard they will be joined by multiple SA endurance champion Nick Adcock and the successful, seasoned GT campaigner Terry Wilford.

Team Africa Le Mans patron and former Tyrrell and Lotus Grand Prix driver Eddie Keizan says "This is a fantastic effort – the first South African team to contest such an important and challenging race". For details on the Team's 2015 SA nine-hour performance, go to: <https://youtu.be/4A3GaVVK8ig>; and to read more follow this [link](#). For details on the international endurance series, see: <http://www.24hseries.com/> and for further details on Team Africa Le Mans, contact Anton Roux: canton.roux@gmail.com. Do look at the links – the cars taking part look very exciting.

Best wishes to the team from the ODU.

We take great pleasure in wishing **Zandy and Nicky Bicket** a very happy 60th Birthday. Congratulations to both of you on the 17th May on this special birthday.

Bishops Eisteddfod

If you are planning ahead, please note that the Bishops Eisteddfod takes place on the 21st and 22nd June.

Weekend Rugby and Hockey Fixtures

Please follow the respective links for this weekend's the [Rugby](#) and [Hockey](#) fixtures.

That is all for now. Enjoy the weekend.

Cheers
Sonia.