



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Dear ODs

### **Vulindlela: Open the Way**

The International Anglicans Ablaze Conference was held at the College from 5th to 8th October. Twelve dynamic speakers, from all over the world addressed both the adults and youth, one of them being our recently retired Public Protector, Ms Thuli Madonsela. See photo attached: from left to right: Executive Manager WP van Zyl (1997K), Thuli Madonsela, Rose Wilke (Staff) and Terry Wilke (Chaplain).

### **Comeback**

Dr Garth Gilmour (1976F) wrote in to say thank you for the New Year, Yom Kippur and Succoth greetings! He loves how the whole of Israel slows down during this holiday season, grinding to a complete halt at Yom Kippur. It is estimated that 80% of the Jewish population spend the day fasting and praying. He urges any OD ever passing through to please get in touch with him on e-mail [garth@thegilmours.org](mailto:garth@thegilmours.org)

### **Send-off**

Last Friday 14th October was the last official day for our matric boys after attending Prize Giving and the Valedictory service. They began their final examinations yesterday and we wish them well. Mike Bosman (1978O), our Chairman of Council, delivered a parting speech which I have attached for your review. Photos of the Prize Giving and Valedictory can be seen at <http://college.bishops.org.za/news/Article.aspx?id=2789>

### **Congratulations**

Our new Head Boy for 2017 is Christian Rohrer, son of Stef Rohrer (1986K) and Deputy Head Boy and Head of Kidd House is Michael Burton, son of Paul Burton (1984K). Paul was Head Boy and Head of Kidd House in 1984. Paul wonders how many OD 'fathers and sons' have both been head of house in their matric year?

The Matric photos from 13th October can be viewed on our Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=10154522980323592](https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154522980323592)

### **More on Mentoring**

Our OD Panel of Mentors now covers over 90 disciplines and occupations, from Academia to Yachting. Feedback from the over 80 ODs who are benefiting from the advice, guidance and support of 290 Mentors is overwhelmingly positive. If you would like to speak to someone about your career choices or challenges you are experiencing in the workplace or at university, or even looking for relocation advice, click on <https://form.jotformeu.com/62625993969376> If you would like to join

the panel of Mentors, please use the same link.

### **Making a Difference**

Murray Robertson (2011F) co-founded a charity with four Old Andrians called *Born to be Free*, in June this year. The main objective is to supply schools in the townships with access to computers and to create computer literacy in these communities. This will give them the skills that they will need when growing up in a technological evolving environment. Their goal is to become a leading NPO that supplies computers to these areas in the next 5 to 10 years. Follow their progress at <https://twitter.com/borntobefreeza>

### **Keeping with GIN**

Roscoe Carter-Johnson (2011M) is a Sales Executive at Power Up Solutions and Wolfpack Rentals. Power Up is a complete energy solution that uses advanced European Technology to deliver a compact solution to ensure that unreliable power supply no longer affects your lifestyle or the profitability of your business. It ensures that there are no emissions or heat released from battery banks. For more information contact Roscoe at [roscoe@wolfpackrentals.com](mailto:roscoe@wolfpackrentals.com)

The number of ODs joining our ODU GIN Club is growing. If you are interested in joining this club please e-mail Cheryl Douglas (Staff) [cdouglas@bishops.org.za](mailto:cdouglas@bishops.org.za)

### **Happenings**

#### **UAE OD Get-Together**

ODs will be getting together on 3rd November at 7pm at the Lakeview Restaurant at the Dubai Creek Yacht and Golf Club. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Dirk van Doorn (1988W) ASAP at [dirk\\_van\\_doorn@yahoo.com](mailto:dirk_van_doorn@yahoo.com)

#### **NP OD Get-Together**

The Northern Province ODs will be meeting for drinks on Friday 25th November at the Giles Pub & Restaurant, 9 Grafton Avenue, Craighall Park from 5 to 8pm. Please RSVP to Simon Grose at [simon@graphica.co.za](mailto:simon@graphica.co.za) or you can just show up.

For those ODs who have not yet joined their Facebook page, here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/934097203377157/>

### **Exciting Event at The Mitre**

On Wednesday 2nd November Scott Ramsay (1993F) will be presenting a definitive reference of South Africa's natural heritage, its diverse wildlife and remarkable scenery, which is featured in his book "*South Africa's Wildest Places*." Please see invitation attached and book via Webtickets or via EFT, banking details are provided.

### **Sport**

#### **Old Boys Tens**

Simon Grose (1977F), our NP Branch Secretary, and Brendan Raubenheimer (2005F) have entered a combined Southern Suburbs team into the Old Boys Tens taking place in Johannesburg at the Pirates Rugby Club on 4th and 5th November. There are 13 ODs in the squad of 22 (Sacs, Rondebosch, Wynberg and Reddam with 2-3 each). It would be great to get

as many ODs as possible down to watch. More information at [www.oldboystens.co.za](http://www.oldboystens.co.za)

All College sports fixture can be seen at <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

## **Reminders**

### **December Magazine Deadline 28th October**

Please send me all your news for our December magazine: ODs celebrating their 80th and 90th birthdays, births, engagements, weddings, golden, silver and diamond anniversaries, any and all achievements, awards, sports, get-togethers, along with high res photographs.

### **Mauritius OD Branch**

Thomas van Poucke (1999O) would like to start up an ODU branch in Mauritius. Any ODs living in Mauritius, please e-mail your details to [dorourke@bishops.org.za](mailto:dorourke@bishops.org.za)

### **WP van Zyl**

Pop into The Mitre to meet our Executive Manager, WP van Zyl (1997K). His direct telephone number is 021 659 1995. I will send out his e-mail address in due course.

## **Respects**

I regret to inform you that Dr Christopher Molyneux (1959S) passed away on 18th October. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed by his wife Norma and her children, his children Graham (1979S) and Juliet, his grandchildren, Max (grade 6 Prep), Emily, Oliver and Matthew, and his ex-wife Jenny Coote, who taught music at the Prep many years ago. His funeral will be held in the Bishops Memorial Chapel on Friday 28th October at 14h30.

It came as sad news to hear of the passing of Frederick (Sam) Sawkins (1953S). He passed away on the 6th October. He was a Bishops' man through and through. We extend our sincere condolences to the entire Sawkins' family.

We forward our deepest condolences to the Bromley family after hearing the heartrending news that Thomas Francis Bromley (1940O) passed away on the 18th October. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family: his beloved partner Wendy Jackson, his sons John (1971O) and Michael, his daughter Susan, grandchildren Thomas, Matthew, Nicholas, Alexander and Clare and great grandchildren Tyler and Julian.

*"Pleasure in a job puts perfection in the work" - Aristotle*

Enjoy a super weekend.

Best regards

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