



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

Friday 2nd December 2016

Dear ODs

COMING TOGETHER

On Tuesday evening the 29th November, the ODU Committee hosted the Patron, President, Vice Presidents and School Staff at The Mitre.

Our Chairman, Bruce Jack, welcomed everyone and touched on what the OD Union and its Committee had achieved this year.

Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F) introduced Meshack Masiza (Staff) who has been awarded honorary ODU status for his service to the school.

I gave a concise summary of the seven successful and diverse events we have hosted at The Mitre in the past year.

Our Executive Manager, WP van Zyl, then outlined the main focus areas for the year ahead.

“Going forward, one key focus for the ODU is the Bishops Trust. We understand the need for buildings to be upgraded. We have heard the frustrations from the teachers, who strive valiantly to uphold excellent academic results, despite a trying infrastructure. And we want to be a part of raising these concerns, raising friends and thereby raising funds. In this regard, we would like to thank our President and fellow OD, Mr Raymond Ackerman, who has kicked off this campaign with such a healthy effort. Up against the hill in Tweerivier is a little school. If you call at the gate, they will open up and lead you to the office of the principal, Mev. Beukes. On her wall is a poster that reads: *‘A hundred years from now, nobody will remember how much money you had in your bank account, nobody will care what kind of car you drove, or the size of the house you lived in. But the world will be a better place, because you cared about the lives of children.’*

Mr Ackerman, thank you for your generous investment into the lives of children.”

The photo gallery can be viewed at <http://community.odu.co.za/photo/albums/odu-patron-president-vice-presidents-and-staff-function>

MENTORING PROGRAMME

In the past month another 10 mentees have been matched with mentors and a further 12 mentors have been added to the panel of over 300. Make a difference and click on this link to sign up now <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

UK END OF YEAR DRINKS

Last night just over 50 ODs gathered together to drink to the end of a good OD year and a successful and happy 2017. A full write up and photos can be viewed on our website at <http://community.odu.co.za/photo/albums/uk-end-of-year-drinks>

BLACK TIE

The OD UNION ANNUAL DINNER will take place next year on the 16th March. A formal invitation with more information will be sent out in due course.

MAGAZINE

The December 2016 has been loaded onto our website.

You can view the ODU section only at: -

<http://www.bishops.org.za/magazine/Dec2016/OD.pdf>

The entire magazine and old issues can be viewed at: -

<http://www.bishops.org.za/magazine/>

MAGAZINE NOTICE

In the interest of improving the quality of the magazine and to reduce associated steep and rising expenses associated with printing and mailing the magazine, the ODU will be converting all ODs on our database who receive a hard copy magazine to the electronic version from June 2017 if we do not hear from you to the contrary. It has unfortunately become prohibitive to continue sending a hard copy of the magazine out in the numbers that we do. A further notice will go out during the first quarter of next year allowing you the option of still receiving a posted magazine. However, we urge all ODs who are on e-mail, and receive hard copy mags to please consider the costs involved in designing, printing and mailing the quarterly magazines. In the interim, if you would like to convert to the electronic version, please e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za

SYGNIA IS SOARING

Simon Peile (1979F), Head of Sygnia Investments, featured in the Financialmail Corporate Report on 24th November. One of Sygnia's most telling innovations has been the introduction of index-tracking multi-asset unit trusts called the Sygnia Skeleton Balanced Funds. The key differentiator in this space will always be cost and Sygnia's Skeleton Balanced Funds are the cheapest products available in SA. Read more on this article at

<http://ads.avusa.co.za/upload/uploads/Financial Mail/Sygnia Asset Management Corporate Report E-Book pdf of 24 November 2016.pdf>

INNOVATION

In accordance with the Bishops ethos of conscientiousness and community service, ODs Michael Mynhardt (2013F) and Zukile Dube (2013F) have taken to solving the indoor air pollution, health and fire risks associated with the use of kerosene lanterns in underprivileged areas in Africa, by providing an alternative solar light source. This solution has been the core of their student start-up, SOSA Investments, which strives to provide 50,000 solar-powered lanterns to these disadvantaged learners. Read up on the *Project Light Campaign* at

<https://www.facebook.com/SOSAINvestments/> or <http://www.sosa-invest.com/> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtEj_qyBI_4&t=27s

SPORT

Running for a Reason

Gladwell Ndzube (1988W) is a dedicated runner who has completed four Comrades marathons and more than 30 marathons. He is the man behind the Gugulethu Reconciliation Race, now in its 16th year. It is a 10km race around Gugulethu, passing historic monuments like the Gugulethu Seven and the Amy Beihl memorial. This year's theme is "Run for Unity." The race takes place on Friday 16th December. Take a look at the Gugs Athletics Club Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/gugulethuathleticsclub/> Attached is a copy of Gladwell's interview with Moshe Apleni (1997F) which was published in the Cape Times on 28th November 2016.

Moving Up

Congratulations to Andre de Decker (2008G) who came 4th in the Sunshine Tour over the

weekend with 10 under par and has now been invited to play at the Dunhill Open.

The 2016 / 17 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series

Best of luck to Dave von Hoesslin (1992S) and Mat Turner (2006W) who will be participating in the Dubai 7s. Dave will be representing the J9 Legends and Mat will be turning out for the UR7s Wanderers.

Dates: -

Dubai – 2nd and 3rd December

Cape Town – 10th and 11th December

Wellington – 28th and 29th January

See more at <http://www.worldrugby.org/sevens-series/news/163532?lang=en>

Embarking

Well done to Keenan Jacobs (2014W) for being accepted to play rugby at IOWA Community College in the USA for 2017 whilst completing his studies.

Cricket Tours

Our 1st Cricket team are taking part in the KZN Cricket Festival on Tuesday 10th January and the 1st, 2nd, U14A and U15A teams will be heading off to PE to play cricket on Friday 27th January. ODs in these regions please go and support our boys.

REMINDERS

16th December

Book your ticket for the Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1967O) which takes place on Friday 16th December in the Memorial Chapel at 18H00 at

http://online.computicket.com/web/event/christmas_carols_with_richard_cock/1075370625/0/75325410

25th December

The Christmas Day Eucharist Service will be held in the Memorial Chapel at 08H30. All are welcome.

COMMISERATIONS

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Julian Molteno (1958O) after many years of discomfort resulting from a poor surgical procedure. We send our respects to his wife Mair, his brother Victor (1945F), his sister Sybil, the rest of the Molteno family and his close fellow ODs from the class of 1958. Our thoughts and prayers are will you all.

HEADS-UP for the HOLIDAYS

I will be going on leave from Thursday 15th December until Monday 9th January. WP van Zyl will be in or near The Mitre as much as possible during the holidays so that he can meet and greet our ODs who are visiting from out of town. If you would like to pop in at The Mitre, please call WP to make sure he is in 021 659 1995 or 083 565 1374.

At the start of this newsletter, caring about our children's lives was highlighted. In keeping with this theme: -

Last week on the 25th November, Cuba's former Prime Minister, revolutionary and politician, Fidel Castro, died at the age of 90 years old. Former South African President Nelson Mandela and Castro were friends, comrades and allies, whose relationship was based on admiration, inspiration, and respect.

In the words of Fidel Castro, "*We will win this battle for life, and not only for our lives, but also for the lives of all children in the world*" and Nelson Mandela, "*Our children are our future and one of the basic responsibilities is to care for them in the best and most compassionate manner possible.*"

And in the "words" of Bishops – *PRO FIDE ET PATRIA* – For Faith and Fatherland and our children.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best regards

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**Gugs Race Celebrates the Spirit of
the Community and Healthy Living
Cape Time 29 November 2016**

INDEPENDENT Media communications officer Moshe Apleni interviewed Gladwell Ndzube, who is the driving force behind the RCS Gugulethu Reconciliation Race 2016, or what has fondly become known as the “Gugs Race”, taking place on Friday 16th December.

Q: This is the 16th annual (RCS) Gugs Race. Are you happy with how it has grown over the years?

Yes, definitely. The race has gone from strength to strength over the years. We have now started seeing an increase in the number of local participants and this is good news.

Q: Which changes have you made for this year’s race?

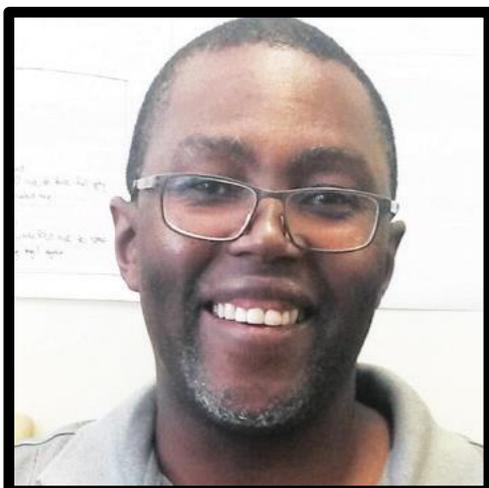
While the structure of the race is pretty much the same as last year, with the help of RCS we have upped the ante on our marketing to reach out to those people, communities and groups whom we haven’t been able to reach before. We believe this will increase our number of entries this year and we’re looking forward to a bigger and better race than during previous years. With the Cape Times on board this year our publicity reach has been greatly bolstered too. We also cherish the support we get from RCS partners Clicks, Sunglass Hut and Cape Union Mart. They are all on board again this year, and we really cherish their long-standing support.

Q: If you had to list three reasons why runners should enter this year’s race, what would those be?

Definitely the experience of running through the streets of Gugs and passing some of the iconic landmarks that have helped to shape the history of Gugs – like (that of) the Gugulethu 7. I can’t think of any better way to celebrate Reconciliation Day than to begin it with a run in the morning, followed by a relaxing afternoon at the Gugulethu Sports Stadium to enjoy family time together watching local acts that will be performing. There will be lots to keep the youngsters entertained too – a jumping castle and other fun games. Then there’s also the chance to taste delicious township food at the food stalls while you spend some time getting to know the friendly people of Gugs.

Q: What are Gugs’ special qualities you would like to share or that you’d like people to know of?

Gugs is one the oldest townships in the Western Cape. It has produced some of the finest individuals, ranging from politicians to successful business people and high-profile celebs, which are making us proud in Mzantsi. Through athletics we as the people of Gugs pledge to bring about change through healthy living. The Gugs Reconciliation race is all about that too.



Gladwell Ndzube

