



ODU NEWSLETTER 20th OCTOBER 2017

THE BISHOPS TRUST

2018 will be the third incredibly successful year of the groundbreaking Extra Term Initiative at Bishops; a component of the newly launched Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund.

This program sees a current Bishops family, an OD class group or organization support a boy from a previously disadvantaged background by paying one term's school fees annually, for the duration of the boys college career.

Below you will see the breakdown of what that amounts to financially – this tax-deductible (Section 18A) contribution is therefore not a huge burden. Four OD year groups (covering the four terms annually) would easily be able to provide the fees required to give a deserving boy the incredible opportunities afforded by a Bishops education.

The donor (or donor OD group) will receive bi-annual progress reports from both the school and the beneficiary. A voluntary mentorship program is also in place and the donor and beneficiary families may be introduced at a meeting arranged by the school. We require funding for 8 boys for 2018.

Details	Tuition Only	Boarding Only	Tuition and Boarding
Annual fees for 2018	R 137 260	R 103 120	R 240 380
Termly amount (1/4)	R 34 315	R 25 780	R 60 095
Sponsor commitment for 2018 i.e. your commitment	R 34 315	R 25 780	R 60 095

Over and above the Extra Term Initiative, we are seeking any donation towards the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, so should you not choose to participate in the [Extra Term Programme](#), please consider making a contribution to the overarching Hamilton Mvelese Bursary Fund. Any donation, no matter the size, will make a huge difference to the future of

Bishops. We even have young ODs, just out of school, committing to a monthly pledge. Please become part of this amazing rejuvenation and follow the links to make a [pledge](#) or [payment](#) towards Bishops Bursaries.

Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund

The ODU presented prints of the photos taken at the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Launch to [Gloria Zinzile](#), the neighbour of Hamilton's mother. Gloria is the supervisor for the maintenance of Gray house and remembers Hamilton well.

GRADE 12 ART EXHIBITION

In conjunction with the school, your OD Union has initiated the Sophy Gray Art Prize. This will be awarded to the best painting by a Grade 12 at their final matric examination and the top three candidates will each receive a cash prize (much needed, we suspect, as they head into the big world).

Primarily, this new prize will highlight the extremely high standard of art being produced at Bishops (and simultaneously celebrate this element of our rich cultural curriculum). Secondly, it will allow the OD Union to accumulate annually the best painting from each year group and display these permanently in The Mitre as part of a curated, rolling exhibition as the works will become the property of the OD Union.

A nice spin off will be that young ODs will have immediate, visual evidence of a fellow classmate's work displayed in The Mitre – just another way we are building that critical bridge between young ODs and the Union.

The adjudicating will take place next week in Woodlands and The Mitre. The adjudicators comprise the renowned art expert [Marylin Martin](#), **Peter Hyslop** – current art teacher since 1984 – and **Bruce Jack (1987G)** – a previous three time winner of the Pierneef Cup for Art at Bishops.

We would like to invite all ODs to view the art on the 27th October. Please see flyer below and RSVP to [Peter Hyslop](#) or [Nicole](#).

The Bishops Art Department warmly invites you to view the 2017 Grade Twelve Art Exhibition on Friday, 27 October in The Woodlands Pavilion & The Mitre, premises of the OD Union. There will be a brief introduction to the exhibition by Peter Hyslop in The Woodlands Pavilion at 18:15, followed by the inaugural award of the Sophy Gray OD Art Prize.

For catering purposes, kindly RSVP to Peter Hyslop at physlop@bishops.org.za

Right: Luca Powell, Self-Portrait, 2017. Oil on canvas.



ODs OUT AND ABOUT

Dr Collin de la Harp (1984F) was seen at the **Medical Protection Society (MPS) Conference** at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) on Wednesday evening. The conference is called “Ethics for all” and is the biggest gathering of health care professionals (MPS members) in the world, with about 1300 delegates attending.

Mike Bromfield (past staff) and his wife were seen at Howard Centre earlier this week. Please see photo [here](#). Mike is holding a book by David Thomas called “*The men who would not march*”. We were looking for information on **Lieut. C. J. Darter (OD)** who was killed during the South African War (1899-1902) in the Namaqualand area.

SASAA CONFERENCE

WP van Zyl (1997K) and **Unathi Diniso (1999W)** represented the OD Union at the 2017 **South African Schools Alumni Association** conference in Johannesburg. The conference consisted of about 80 alumni associated representatives from over 40 different schools in South Africa and Namibia. The theme of the conference was “*Relevance*” and was held at St. Stithians College. The OD Union was very kindly asked to deliver a presentation on our organisation. During the presentation we gave a history of our rich heritage and our values based on the wonderful things that ODs have done in civil society. We could then relate how we, as 122 year old institution, could still be relevant through programs such as the numerous events we host, the world class Bishops Mentorship Programme, the Benevolent “Bishops Cares” Society, the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, Young OD Club, Black OD Body and the Entrepreneurship Network, etc.

Whilst we realise that we are still developing and continually strive to improve in many of these areas, it also became clear to us that there are many schools that could benefit from our collaboration and sharing of experience. This left us feeling excited about the growing relevance of alumni organisations such as ours in this current day and age.

OD BLAZER

Our gorgeous blazer samples have arrived! They are timeless items that are beautifully tailored. ODs have the option of choosing between two different styles – regular or slim fit. We will be processing an order soon and they should arrive within the next few weeks. Please see photos [here](#). ODs wishing to tailor their own blazers can purchase a “Blazer starter kit” from the OD Union Office. The kit includes 3m² material, 3 large buttons, 8 small buttons and an OD badge and will cost R500. We will keep ODs in touch as soon as the blazers arrive.

CONDOLENCES

With much regret we pass on the news that **Geoffrey Griffiths (1970S)** passed away in Durban recently from cancer. A memorial followed by drinks will be held for him at the [Alphenvale Clubhouse](#), 14 Parish Road, Constantia, at 12 noon on Saturday (21st October).

Howard Gird (1976F) passed away last week Friday at the age of 59. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family during this time. A memorial service will be held on Saturday 21st October 2017 from 11am at the Graham Beck Nature Reserve in Robertson. Please see more details [here](#).

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

UK

To Read the October UK Newsletter please click [here](#). For photos from the *OD Tour of the Western Front* please click [here](#).

THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

Nicky Bicket (1973F) reports: “The Mentoring Programme is one of, if not *the* most important initiative the ODU has implemented since the OD Rolodex in 1904. It has and continues to be a great success, valuable and valued by younger ODs looking for advice and guidance as they make their way in the world. The feedback from OD mentors is also overwhelmingly positive. I received a gratifying endorsement of the programme from one of

our mentees - see [here](#).”

More details on the progress and future of the programme can be read [here](#).

HONOURS BOARD UPDATE

The honours boards are due for updating soon. If any ODs have acquired national or international colours and wish to have their name listed on the boards, kindly let us know [here](#).

DOANTIONS

This week we received a wonderful gift in the post from **Vassili Sgoutas (1951G)** all the way from Greece! The parcel included a book written by Vassilis himself entitled: “*A journey with the Architects of the World*”, within which Vassilis wrote: “*To the OD Union and the big family – our family – it represents, and all it stands for. ~ Basil Sgoutas 21.09.2017*” What a wonderful message! Thank you Vassilis!

Mark Henning, author of *The Cross, the Sword and Mammon*, which has a lot of information about South African Schools including Bishops, kindly donated one of his copies to the OD Union. Within the front cover he wrote: “*Preserved to the ODU as a gift from Mark Henning at the 7th South African Schools Alumni Association Conference, held at St. Stithians College, 12 October 2017.*”

We are collecting books written, published or about ODs for our boardroom [collection](#). Any ODs willing to donate books in this area are welcome to contact us at the office. Similarly any ODs interested in selling their books are also welcome to please contact us as we also have a sections of books by ODs to sell.

PLATINUM BLUE

The 2017 edition of the [Platinum Blue](#) (the Bishops Rugby Magazine) is out and is available for collection from our offices. Please pop in to collect yours and grab a cuppa with us!

SUSTAINABILITY

The school is running a sustainability programme. We would like to assist them by offering connections to ODs within this field who can provide advice, guidance and support. The way in which we hope to do this is by setting up a database of ODs in the sustainability field. For example, the school is currently looking for any assistance from ODs relating to water

pumps. If any ODs would please be so kind as to submit their names for the database please contact Nicole (ndurand@bishops.org.za).

REUNIONS

1957 - 60 Year Reunion Weekend

The class of 1957 will have their 60th reunion this weekend, starting with a drinks evening tonight and a dinner on Saturday at The Mitre.

1960 - 57 Year Reunion

Richard Eastwick (1960F) has organised a visit to the new Zeitz MOCAA Museum in the Clock Tower precinct of the V&A Waterfront, followed by lunch at Harbour House in the waterfront on Thursday 2 November. If you wish to participate please let **Richard** have your name and cell phone number.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Life Healthcare Medical 10 - 26 November

The Life Healthcare Medical 10 is a 10 kilometre fun-run/walk for health professionals. This year's event will start at 06h30 on Sunday 26th November and is open to all health professionals. Please see entry forms are [here](#).

Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1966O) 15 December

The annual Christmas Carol performance with **Richard Cock (1966O)** will be held on Friday 15th December 2017 at 18h00 in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. Please find more information and to book tickets [here](#).

UK Dates

The Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Cross Country

Saturday 16th December 17 – 14.30pm, Wimbledon Common

The UK ODs are competing for a top ten place this year (last year 14/33) in this the oldest alumni cross-country event in England.

To run, please email James Deane (B, 1990), please click [here](#).

UK OD Year-End Party

Friday 1st December 2017

In the Blanchard Room at The Hollywood Arms (SW10 9HX) from 6.30pm.

Dress is casual and partners are most welcome. **There is no cost to attend**, but drinks are via a cash bar. Food will be provided by the ODU. For catering and admission purposes, please [RSVP](#) .

Guided Tour Of The National Gallery

21st October, 2017

David Jordan (W, 1962) leads his third walking tour of the iconic sights of London on Saturday 21st October. This time it's the National and National Portrait Galleries at Trafalgar Square.

Family and friends most welcome.

To register, click [here](#).

Oxford Pub Lunch

Sat. 4th November 2017

The Bell, Kidlington

[RSVP HERE](#)

OD SPORT

Cricket Golf Day - Monday 23 October 2017 at 12noon

There are still a couple of 4-balls available for the Bishops Annual Cricket Golf Day at the Royal Cape Golf Course.

A good game of golf followed by drinks, snacks and a chat with **Vince van der Bijl (1965F)**.

For further information please contact Rosemary Wilke at marketing@bishops.org.za. To sign up please fill in the form [here](#).

Rugby Gold Cup – National Club Championships

Kevin Lennett (1984O) reports: "I am Chairman of False Bay RFC in Constantia. As you may know we have a huge game this Saturday in The Gold Cup (National Club Championships). We play the semi-final at home in Constantia vs defending champions Rustenburg Impala. It's a big game and we need all the support we can get, so we have appealed to schools and rugby clubs to get down at 15h00 to watch the game and then stay on to watch WP play their Currie Cup semi-final on TV at our Restaurant and bar

We have a real Bishops flavour in that our First team captain is an old boy, **Graham Snoopy Knoop (2005O)**. He is also involved with coaching the Bishops First XV. Our team Doctor **James Burger (2007M)** is also an old boy, and then of course there is myself as Chairman.

Previously Bishops legends such as **Basil Bey (past staff)** and **Tim Hamilton-Smith (past staff) and Richard Skeeles** played and coached at the club. In more recent times, **Richard Smith** (Current First XV Bishops coach), **Wesley Chetty (2006O)** also assists with Bishops First XV) and **Josh Pinn (2009B)** have all been involved with the Club and are current members of the club. At the Prep school **Brendan Fogarty** and **Khwezi Mqomboti** have also played prominent roles at False Bay.

It would be wonderful if Old Boys could come down and support us in what will be an unbelievably good game of club rugby. Scholars under 18 are free.” Please see flyer [here](#).

Vusa Rugby Academy

Brendan Fogarty (Prep Staff) reports: “VUSA is a programme initiated and run by Bishops (Diocesan College) that seeks to uplift underprivileged children in the Langa community by offering rugby coaching and extra English and Mathematics tuition. We are looking to create links and partnerships that are able to help in various forms; financial, equipment, clothing and or expertise. All of these add significant value to our programme and enhance the learning experience for the learners.”

Read more [here](#).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week’s quote takes us back to March 1971 as a matric boy (unknown) writes his thoughts upon the topic of “Bishops” (DC Magazine VOL. LV., NO.1 pg. 4):

“The fields glisten with emerald sheen – sweat. White buildings rear stark against a crucified sky-line. Like Spanish castles, red-roofed, the buildings dominate a pastoral theme. From far away, among innumerable pine-needles, the fresh crack of leather and wood thwacks through, and the sight of white-clothed figures dancing in gyres on rectangles of green. By these a lizard sits with stucco eyes and reflects on the variations of a theme by Mozart echoing from a cooper-capped circular building...” ~ Unknown

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

