



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

31 March 2017

Dear ODs

My sincerest apologies for not having communicated with you through a weekly newsletter for the past three weeks. I do realise that this could have caused uncertainty and raised concern for many of you. Rest assured that the ODU office was preparing for the Annual Dinner, Founders week and the March Magazine. Amongst this hive of activity, I have struggled to reach the newsletter. I look forward to prioritising this communication with you again.

ANNUAL DINNER

In many respects this year's annual OD dinner, held at Kelvin Grove on 16 March 2017, broke new ground. The guest of honour was the former Public Protector, Advocate Thuli Madonsela.

The master of ceremonies for the evening, WP van Zyl, the Union's Executive Manager, was not required to introduce her to the audience, such is her reputation amongst South Africans.

Adv Madonsela's reputation and pedigree was established long before her term as the Public Protector began, in 2009. Many did not know that she forfeited a Harvard scholarship in 1994 to take up a seat in the National Assembly. As a member of Parliament, she focused on her role as one of the technical advisers that worked with the constitutional assembly in drafting the current constitution.

Instead of giving a formal address to the audience, Adv Madonsela was interviewed by WP van Zyl (1997K) and Greg Mills (1979O), the head of the Brenthurst Foundation (established by the Oppenheimer family to strengthen African economic performance). Greg took responsibility for asking the hard questions, while WP was tasked with teasing out personal insights relating to inter alia raising children, crashing cars and dental hygiene.

Adv Madonsela's more serious insights gave the audience pause for thought. To Greg Mills' probing questions, she gave thoughtful insights into the state of affairs prevailing under the present administration. Had she been asked the same questions today, 31 March 2017, I suspect her answers would have been less measured and perhaps more strident. In any event her views were extremely well received by the audience, who gave her a standing ovation. The evening was extremely well attended, and enjoyed by wide generational range of ODs.

Adam Pike (1992O) presented the reply to Adv Madonsela's interview. He noted that a black African woman was the guest of honour at an annual dinner, held for the alumni of a

private Anglican school for boys, to which wives were invited. The alumni association has a retired Jewish greengrocer as its president. The dinner was held at Kelvin Grove. The irony was not lost on the audience.

The times they are a changing. And not a moment too soon.

LOBBY

Last night, two OD hockey sides took on the 1st XI touring teams and proved to be a highlight for the boys before they embark on their tour to Holland on 2nd April. Both games were played in great spirit and the quality of the hockey was excellent. In the first game, the ODs managed to hang on to win 5 - 3 in a very well fought game. In the second encounter, the first side came back and with the scores level at 3 - 3 and 2 minutes to go, slotted a very good goal to beat the ODs 4-3. It was excellent to see the turnout of the young ODs fielding two sides of 16 and 16 players each. Everyone had a good run. Mention should be made of the sterling play of Bob Baigrie (1974F) who ran his heart out for the first game with the "young turks". Well done Bob. The Boys were also privileged to play against a number of current international and provincial players. Everyone enjoyed refreshments at The Mitre afterwards so the lads could relax before running back to their studies and other practices. If you are unsure whether your name is on the OD hockey database, please e-mail Laurie Gardener lagardener@wol.co.za We wish the boys a safe and successful trip!

1 DAY TO GO!

On the 1st April Tom David (2011B) and Warren Handley (2010G) will embark on their journey from Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania to Johannesburg, South Africa, covering over 6 000 kilometers, 6 countries, in 210 days, ON FOOT! These two inspirational young men, who volunteered at Aluwani, have now physically and mentally committed themselves to raise significant funds and create awareness around abandoned and orphaned children in the early stages of their development. David and Warren were overwhelmed by the support they received at their "Walk with Us 2017" farewell at The Mitre on Thursday 23rd March. You can follow their progress at <https://twitter.com/walkwithus2017> or <https://www.instagram.com/walkwithus2017/> or <https://www.facebook.com/WalkWithUs2017/> Find out more at <https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/walk-with-us-2017> David and Warren, hats off to you both for paying it forward! Safe travels!

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

Credit goes to another OD, Gordon Robinson (1990F). From the 7th to the 17th April, Gordon will be running in the [Marathon des Sables](#), one of the toughest events on the global circuit, a 10 day, 6 leg, unassisted run through the Sahara Desert in which participants cover more than a marathon a day. To his great credit Gordon has chosen to use the run to raise money for [iKhaya le Themba](#), a place he visited while back in SA for a school reunion and immediately "got" in terms of its importance to the future of the country. Please click on the following link to see more <https://www.givengain.com/ap/mdsikhaya/>

UK LAUNCH - 175 CAMPAIGN

The Bishops Trust is launching the 175 Campaign in the UK on the 24th April. If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please click [here](#) for further details.

NEWS FROM THE UK

The March 2017 ODU UK Branch Newsletter and past issues can be read at <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7b5bd99f91896bec2e1ae7f9d&id=2a2654c670>

PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to Paul du Toit (1992W) and Niall Griffin (2001B), who featured in The Bishops Legacy Video, for receiving Fleur du Cap Awards at the Artscape on the 19th March. In the musical categories, Paul was awarded for his lead role at Hedwig in Hedwig and the Angry Inch and Niall won an award for his spectacular and flamboyant costumes in the costume design category.

WALKER CUP

The 35th Annual Walker Cup between ODs and Old Rondebosch Boys took place in perfect conditions on Friday 3rd March at the King David and Mowbray Golf Club. Both schools fielded full teams of 64 players and ODs managed to retain the trophy, winning by 18½ matches to 13½.

MORE CONTENDING.... THIS TIME IN CRICKET

Every year Greg Boyes (1995F) gives willingly of his time and puts a lot of effort into arranging the Cricket Match between ODs and OAs, which this year, took place on Wednesday 8th March. The OAs batted first and got 188 runs. The ODs got it down to 18 needed in the last 3 balls. Craig Lorden (1993F) hit 6, 6, and then missed the last one. We fell short by 6 runs in our 20 overs. A very close game! Greg's team maintain that this event is a yearly highlight and a privilege for them to take part in!

SKILL

Dyaan Cassiem (Grade 12) is currently playing in the 1st XI SA men's side. Alex Stuart (2013O), Ryan Julius (2013K), Pierre de Voux (2004O), Callum Buchanan (2008G) and Rob Edwards (2010O) have been capped for playing in this side in recent matches played at Hartleyvale, against Great Britain, Germany, Holland and Belgium. In November last year, Ryan and Alex took part in the U21 World Cup representing South Africa. Alex captained the side.

Cornel Smit (2015W) and Tristan Leyds (2015S) played in a friendly Supersport Challenge match for WP against Boland on 24th March, alongside their 2015 1st XV forwards coach, Wesley Chetty (2006O).

SELECTED

We would like to congratulate Professor Lionel Opie (1949O) on his appointment as Visiting Professor at Merton College, Oxford.

BRANCHING OUT

ODU branches are expanding! Thomas Van Poucke (1999O) volunteered to set up a Mauritius ODU branch, when he realised that quite a few ODs resided there. On Friday 17th February they held their first meeting where Thomas was elected as Secretary of this branch. In attendance were Michael Robb (1999G), David Axten (1985S), Daniel Romburgh (1999B) and Thomas Van Poucke (1999O). Unfortunately both Johan Van Zyl (1999G) and Richard Thurburn (1958W) were unable to attend. They will host regular meetings and an annual December get-together so as to include any ODs in town at that

time. Thomas can be contacted at tvanpoucke@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1968 - 50th Reunion

The Class of 1968 will be holding their 50th reunion from 21st to 25th March 2018. The organising committee is: -

Phil Calothi: phil@lsds.co.za

Simon McKenzie: simon@mckenziegibberd.co.za

Costa Messaris: costa@messariss.co.za

Keith Richardson: keith@principalsacademy.ac.za

All who were with the class at some stage of their education journey through Bishops are invited. If any member of the class has not yet received an e-mail, please contact one of the names above.

EPIC PRINTS

During the recent Grade 10 Bishops Epic that takes place annually in the Cederberg, Michael Beckurts spent two weeks observing and documenting the surrounding area. He has created a range of cards of paintings and sketches from this experience. All proceeds will be donated to Elizabethfontein Primary School in the Cederberg. Cards will be on sale at the School shop from Thursday 23rd March – please see the attached poster for examples of the cards and prices. For further information please contact Cheryl Douglas at cdouglas@bishops.org.za

PERMISSABLE

College has become more stringent when it comes to the use of the Bishops facilities. Please see the document attached. We appreciate your support in this regard.

COLLEGE AND PREP ACTIVITY

Please visit <http://college.bishops.org.za/calendar/Default.aspx> or <http://calendar.bishops.org.za/prep-calendar>

RESPECTS

We regret to inform you that Douglas McIntyre (1945G) passed away on 20th February in an old age home in Aldgate, South Australia, just two weeks short of turning 90, on the 9th March. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife, Alison McIntyre, his son, Clive McIntyre, daughter, Caroline, and grandchildren, Emma and Quentin.

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will” – Mahatma Gandhi

Have a super weekend and let's pray for more rain where it is needed!

Best wishes

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Dear OD's, Bishops neighbours and friends

Access to Bishops Grounds

Please take heed that this year there has unfortunately been a general increase in incidents of damage and theft at Bishops and at many schools in our area. With the high level of activity on all our campuses you will appreciate that this is very difficult to police.

Access to Bishops sports fields and facilities outside of the school's normal sporting curriculum needs to have written permission from Warren Wallace: Deputy Head of Sport and Discipline on access@bishops.org.za.

Where permission is granted, it will only be for the current year and will have to be requested annually.

Please note the following areas are off limits:

- All main and minor halls.
- Piley Rees rugby field.
- Woodlands main hockey Astro (mini astro available).
- Frank Reid cricket fields and turf nets.
- Swimming pools.
- Oaks field for soccer during summer (Lutgensvale available).

Upon entering the premises you will be asked to show Security your signed authorisation letter. Should you not have this letter in your possession, Security will then have to ask you to leave the premises.

I am sure you will understand that this is necessary in order to control who uses our facilities and for what purposes. Thank you for your support in this regard.

Kind regards



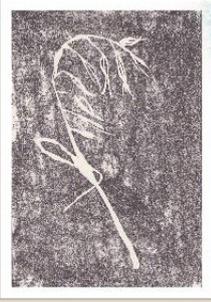
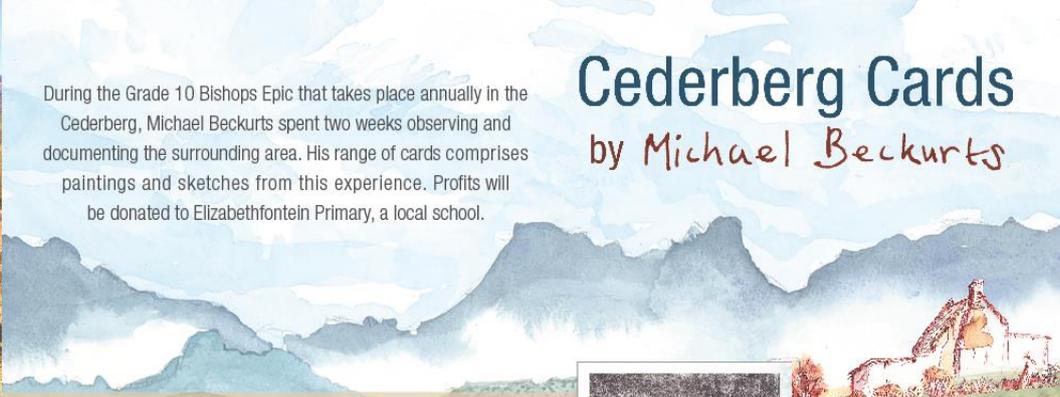
S Warren Wallace
Deputy Headmaster Sport and Discipline



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Cederberg Cards

by Michael Beckurts



Pack of 5 cards and envelopes for R100

