

NEWSLETTER



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From the Rector's Desk

“Welcome! Bishop Bavin School – St George’s is an Anglican school that celebrates children from diverse backgrounds and their passage into young adulthood. In celebrating this journey we are guided by our school motto, “Christ Above All”. You will find here a school of approximately 650 students, joyfully dedicated to educational excellence and the formation of character and attitudes. We want our graduates to be civil, reverent, well-rounded, self-sufficient, well-adjusted adults. Because of their Bishop Bavin education we believe our graduates have the courage of their convictions and the capacity to stand before others and express those convictions with humility, power and clarity.

It is our prayer that they will possess the wisdom to seek many points of view and the understanding to synthesize those differing views into sound judgments. They will be willing to say “yes” when asked to help, to stand in the way of oppression and injustice and to see the advantages of a Bishop Bavin education as a gift for the common good and not for their private advantage. We believe that each child is special and has unique talents that we as educators need to nurture.” Blessings for the year 2008 to all members of the Bishop Bavin family.

REVD DR MORGAN ELLIS
RECTOR

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

A very big welcome to all our NEW pupils, parents and staff to Bishop Bavin School! We look forward to enthusiastic participation from all our pupils in the many events taking place this term – both in sport and cultural activities. Parents are invited to attend all events held at school - your children always enjoy your support!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2007!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!**

94% MATRIC PASS / 19 DISTINCTIONS

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN RECEIVED DISTINCTIONS:

Ayushi Chhabra, Kirsten Joubert, Nolofefe Mzaidume, Si Nan Zhang, Happiness Gumede, Palesa Majake, Sakhiseni Mlotshwa, Kudzani Ndaba, Milan Knezevic, Siyabonga Sibeko, Gugu Mvelase, Awiri Kulemeka, Tiisetso Skosana, Nicolene Moela, Nana Antwi-Darkwah, Thuli Makena.

NEW HEADS FOR 2008

CONGRATULATIONS go to our newly elected Head of School: Durian Du Plessis, Head Boy: Devon Hagedorn-Hansen and Head Girl: Rene Vermaak. The Deputy Head Boys are Joel Jackson and Mpumi Geza. The Deputy Head Girls are Leigh Becker Carlene De Jongh. Good luck for 2008!



A VERY SPECIAL PARENT

A very special thank you to a parent at Bishop Bavin School, who has so kindly donated a golf cart to the school. We will now be able to travel through our large grounds more efficiently and in style!
Thank you again for your kind generosity!



BIRTHDAYS

All children may wear their civvies on their birthdays to school. Should their birthdays fall on the weekend, they then may wear their civvies on the Friday before or Monday after. All children may also go to the Rector, Father Ellis, on their special day for a blessing!

MAY YOU ALL BE BLESSED ON YOUR BIRTHDAYS THIS YEAR!

AN OUTING TO THE SABC STUDIO

On the morning of the 17th January, Daniel Sarkis and Xoli Masango were invited to the SABC Studios in Auckland Park. They represented Bishop Bavin School in a youth debating programme where they were required to debate on whether to wear school uniform or not! The two students had lots of fun and learnt a lot!

TRANSPORT REQUIRED

- Should anyone residing in the Winchester Hills area be able to assist with a lift to Bishop Bavin School, kindly contact Mr Gerald Dube on 082 4409488.
- Anyone living in the Alberton area who can help with a lift to school can please phone Mrs Susan Kabuzi on 072 1506010. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SALE – THE CLARINET

Should anyone be interested in buying a Clarinet to the value of R3000.00, please sms your details to 084 5515512.



DOMESTIC WASHING MACHINE NEEDED

Should anyone be able to donate a domestic washing machine to the School, please contact Annette Joubert on 011 616-4018. Your kind donation would be greatly appreciated!

REQUEST FROM PREP ART DEPARTMENT

Anyone who has any old items for props, e.g. old sunglasses, wigs, telephones, costume wear etc that they are not using, can donate them to Miss Edgar in Simpson House. These items will come in very handy during our drama classes!

HOT LUNCHES

Parents are reminded that delicious hot meals with dessert, juice and fruit are available daily in the Dining Hall at R22 a meal, for Grade 1 – 12. The Health Department recommends these lunches particularly for children who remain at school beyond mid-day. It also ensures that your child has a well-balanced and healthy meal. Meal tickets are available from the catering staff.



DRAGON'S DEN – SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP AT BISHOP BAVIN

The Dragon's Den will be open between: 7am and 12.30pm.

For any assistance required after 12.30pm, please contact Mrs Janks on 011 616-4018 to make the necessary arrangements.



ROAD SAFETY AT BISHOP BAVIN – NOTE TO PARENTS!

We ask that parents adhere to the traffic rules when driving through Bishop Bavin School. A number of parents are not parking considerately and blocking the roads, as well as speeding through the school grounds.

We also request that parents bring and collect their children (Grade 1 – 3) from the classrooms. Grade 4 – 12 pupils must please be collected outside the Boarding Houses.

Your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated!

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Mrs Nicola Scott-Hayward, registered Occupational Therapist, is practicing at Taylor House on the premises of Bishop Bavin School and is available for the assessment and treatment of children at the school. Nicola has practiced in government, private institutions and in private practice, specializing over the last five years at various private and public schools in the area.

After a comprehensive developmental assessment, Occupational Therapy is the treatment of various identified difficulties by working with the child to participate in specific and graded activities. The main aim of Occupational Therapy is to develop the child's maximal abilities, ensuring independent behavior, specifically in the school situation, but also in personal and social spheres. Areas of intervention (and Nicola's main specialty) include postural control, gross motor coordination, fine motor coordination, bilateral integration, sequencing and planning skills, visual perception, visual motor integration, and sensory integration (tactile, vestibular etc.). Referrals for an Occupational Therapy assessment generally come from a doctor / pediatrician, psychologist, other therapist or teacher. It is important that it is understood that the therapy process is a team effort and requires the active involvement of the child, therapist(s), parents, teachers and any other caregivers or professionals involved.

Contact number: 082 693 1309.

Bishop Bavin



BISHOP BAVIN MUSIC ACADEMY

Should your child wish to play a musical instrument, such as the piano, recorder, organ or marimba, or want to join the Choir, please contact our Head of Music, Mr Jovan Heynsen, on 079 7251293.

Theory of Music lessons are also offered.

KUMON MATHS AND ENGLISH

Should your child need extra English and Math's lessons – Kumon is the answer. For more details contact Mrs Dee Gillespie on 083 9617914.

DEBUTANTES & CADETS FOR 2008

We have launched the Debutantes and Cadets for 2008. Should your child be interested in joining this exciting group of fundraisers please contact Mrs Becker on 082 4990357 or alternatively see Miss Edgar in Simpson House or Miss Kidson in the College. We look forward to a fulfilled year culminating in our very elegant Debutantes and Cadets Ball in September 2008.

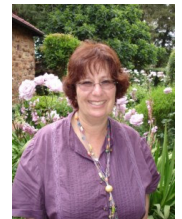


NEW BALLET TEACHER

We are pleased to introduce Mrs Renee Stogiannos who will be taking over the ballet lessons from Mrs Desre Bellingan. Mrs Stogiannos has recently relocated to South Africa. She is an Associate of the Royal Academy of Dance and has over 30 years teaching experience having taught children in Zimbabwe, Greece, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Ballet lessons will take place at the ballet studio of the Morgan Ellis Centre on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. She looks forward to meeting and teaching your children! Contact No. 072 9940356.

FRENCH TEACHER EXCELS

Mrs Denise Buxbaum, our French teacher, has been given the honor of being selected to attend two International French Workshops. The first workshop is a two week course in December and is offered to matric teachers on the island of La Reunion. The second workshop is available to French teachers from all parts of the world. It will be held in Nice in France at the end of January 2008. Bishop Bavin is very proud of you!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation is the time when we, as adults, confirm that we choose to be Christians. So the classes, which will run from February to October, will cover all the basics of the Christian faith. They are a time for asking questions and growing in relationships with God. The classes will take place in Revd Dr van Niekerk's classroom on Fridays from 2:45-4:00pm.

There will also be a weekend camp later this year. You do need to be turning 16 or older this year to be part of the classes. Please note the first class will be on Friday, 1st February. Look forward to seeing you all there!



BISHOP BAVIN'S ADULT CHOIR

All teachers, parents and friends who enjoy singing are welcome to audition for our newly formed Bishop Bavin's Adult Choir. These auditions will take place on the 31st January from 3 - 5pm in Taylor House. For more details kindly contact Mrs Bobchev on 082 5503770.





Come join
THE BATS

(Eddie Eckstein, Paul Ditchfield, Derek Gordon, Pete Clifford)

**FOR A COMEDY EVENING
AND
LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

DATE: Saturday 15 March 2008
VENUE: The Italian Club / Bedfordview
TIME: 19h00 for 19h30
COST: R200 p.p. including dinner

CASH BAR

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW WITH
ANNETTE JOUBERT IN THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE
CONTACT NO. 011 616-4018
BISHOP BAVIN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**



**BISHOP BAVIN SCHOOL
GOLF DAY**



Friday 13 June 2008

COMPETITION: Betterball Stableford

VENUE: Glendower Golf Club

(INCLUDES: Sherry or Juice on arrival, Green Fees, Halfway Voucher & Scrumptious Casserole Dinner)

COST: R 2000-00 per 4 balls / R500-00 per player

Should you be interested in participating at this fun event, please contact Annette Joubert at 011 616-4018.

GOLF PRIZES

**PLEASE HELP! WE REQUIRE EXCITING PRIZES FOR OUR GOLF DAY.
ALL DONATIONS OF PRIZES CAN BE DELIVERED TO ANNETTE'S OFFICE.**
We thank you in anticipation of your support!

SPORT NEWS

NATIONAL FENCING CHAMPIONS

Leago Mathabathe and Ashleigh Strange have recently been chosen by the South African Amateur Fencing Association to compete in Acireale in Sicily. The competition will be held from the 6th to the 14th of April 2008. Congratulations to both of you!
WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!



GAUTENG CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Below is a summary of the results from the Gauteng Championship Regatta rowed at Roodeplaat over the weekend of 3rd and 4th November. Details of individual times can be located on the www.regatta.co.za website.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every single rower who took part in the regatta. In total 38 rowers took part, 24 of whom rowed in "A" finals. Half of these went on to achieve medal positions.

A further 18 rowers qualified for "B" finals, 7 of whom finished either 1st or 2nd.

This was the first Championship regatta at Roodeplaat for many of our junior rowers and they performed exceptionally well under very tough conditions (wind/heat). Bishop Bavin has an excellent record at the U14 age level due to the fact that many of our rowers start their careers early. It is therefore important that we as parents support these novices through the learning stages.

There were also a number of senior rowers rowing their first Championship regatta, and although they were sometimes at a disadvantage against more experienced rowers, it was pleasing to see them persevere and show great character in giving their best. We have no doubt that we will see great things from these rowers in the second part of the season.

GAUTENG ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bishop Bavin took part in the Gauteng Rowing Championships on 3rd and 4th November. The rowers competed extremely well and a total of eight medals were won. We are very proud of all our rowers!

The results were as follows:

JM 14A 1X

Ashton DuToit - Gold (1st)
Matthew Gray-Wilson - Bronze (3rd)
JM 14A 2X - Gold (1st)

Ashton DuToit

Matthew Gray-Wilson

JM 14A 4X - Bronze (3rd)

Ryan Donaldson (Cox)

Matthew Gray-Wilson

Ashton DuToit

Alex Gray-Wilson

Ross Attewell

JM 16A 2X - Silver (2nd)

Scott Donaldson

Matthew Hazell

JW 16A 2 - Bronze (3rd)

Dominique Gray-Wilson

Kirsty Brand

JM 19A 2X - Bronze (3rd)

Durian Du Plessis

Nick Loake

JM 19A 4X - Bronze (3rd)

Renato DeGouveia (Cox)

Durian Du Plessis

Nick Loake

Mpumi Geza

Tom Wyszkowski

A Finals

A total of fifteen A finals were made. The results were as follows:

JM 14B 2X - 6th

Alex Gray-Wilson

Devon Miller

JW 14A 2X - 7th

Tyler Meyer

Jacinta DeAlmeida

JM 16A 1X - 5th

Scott Donaldson

JW 16A 2X - 6th

Robyn Gross

Jessica Wyszkowski

JW 16A 4X - 7th

Kate Rees (Cox)

Robyn Gross

Dominique Gray-Wilson

Kirsty Brand

Jessica Wyszkowski



JW 19A 1X - 5th
 Rene Vermaak

JM 19A 2 - 5th
 Jarrod Brock
 Stuart Gross

B Finals

JW 14A 1X - 2nd
 Tyler Meyer

JM 14B 1X - 1st
 Alex Gray-Wilson

JM 14B 4X - 1st
 Renato De Gouveia (Cox)

Devon Miller
 Veshanth Naidoo
 Bongani Hlazo

Mateo Telejane

JW 19A 2X
 Rene Vermaak
 Lauren Stanley

JM 19B 2X
 Tom Wyszowski

Mpumi Geza

JM 19A 1X
 Durian Du Plessis

Mpumi Geza

JM 19B 4X
 Scott Donaldson (Cox)

Jarrod Brock
 Stuart Gross
 Wesley Dames
 Daniel Morrison



BISHOP BAVIN ROWING "BLOG"

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to advise that the RPSG now has its own "Blog" which is like a website (but different).

The blog is accessed in the same way as a normal website but please do note that there is no "www" prefix on the address (<http://bbrowing.blogspot.com>). Anyone can visit the site, so please let friends and family know about it.

The front page is always the latest news, so look to the block on the left hand side titled "Blog Archive" for earlier posts.

For info, there are already a number of photos from the Gauteng Champs regatta available, and you are welcome to

send us photos or comments either through the blog (there is a comments section at the bottom of each page) or

by old-fashioned E-mail. We have also created a list of links to important websites and a list of upcoming events.

Ideas on what we can do to the improve the blog are most welcome.

Regards

Eric Donaldson / Rowing Chairman



SWIMMING STAR

Kayla Shortt, a Grade 7 pupil, competed in the CGA Classic Mile Open Water Competition at Victoria Lake on Sunday 4 November 2007. She won silver in the Girls U/13 and Under event. Well done Kayla!

ATHLETIC STAR

Daniel Harrison was selected to the Provincial Athletics Team representing Central Gauteng and competed in the Inter - Provincial Championships on 17th November 2007. Daniel placed second in the B15 400m, in a very close and competitive final that saw Daniel and the first place finisher BOTH breaking the SA National Athletics record in the B15 400m!

Well done Daniel, we are very proud of you!



SOCCER CHAMPION

Sabelo Hlongwane has recently qualified in the U/20 to represent South Africa in Cosafa Cup in Nelspruit. It has also been announced that Sabelo is the school's First Team Soccer Captain and current Player of the Year. Congratulations Sabelo!



KARATE STARS



Bianca Edwards received her Advanced White Belt. Rowynn Davies received his Advanced White Belt.
 Andrew Wilkie, Keegan Ovidi, Nikolai Skaja received their Blue Belts.
 Dominic Grobler, Caitlyn Cooke, Juanita Smith and Gareth Whitehead received their Advanced White Belts.
 Kamo Mankga received his Advanced Green Belt.
 James Molesworth, Tebogo Mashabela, Alistair Verhoogt and Miguel da Silva received their Yellow Belts.
 Congratulations to all our Karate champions!

UBUNTU NATIONAL SCHOOLS FENCING GAMES

On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January, Bishop Bavin hosted the first Ubuntu National Schools Fencing Championships. Bishops in Cape Town, Pretoria Boys, other schools in Bloemfontein and Gauteng competed in various age groups. The Bishop Bavin Fencing Academy results were as follows:

U/11 Boys	-	Didier Kamerhe	-	Bronze
U/15 Girls	-	Natalie Ehlers	-	Gold
		Lebohang Makhubedu	-	Silver
U/17 Girls	-	Ashleigh Strange	-	Gold
		Leago Mathabathe	-	Silver
		Natalie Ehlers	-	Bronze
U/19 Girls	-	Ashleigh Strange	-	Gold
		Leago Mathabathe	-	Silver
		Natalie Ehlers	-	Bronze

Congratulations to all of you!



EDITOR'S NOTE:

A hearty welcome back to one and all! We wish you an exciting year filled with much health, happiness and success!

**A special welcome to new pupils and parents.
 We wish you a long and happy association with Bishop Bavin School.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE