

NEWSLETTER



BISHOP BAVIN SCHOOL

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From the Rector's Desk

The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour...
The words and inspiration of Mother Teresa



The Rector, Father Morgan Ellis, cordially invites you to attend:

A SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE

DATE: Sunday 23 March 2008

TIME: 9.00am

VENUE: The Chapel

EVERYONE WELCOME!
BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE!



SPORTING NEWS

FANTASTIC FENCING NEWS!

Leago Mathabathe is the first black woman to to be chosen to represent South Africa in Fencing Foil at the Fencing World Championships in the history of the RSA in 2007.
WELL DONE LEAGO, WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU!

NATIONAL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CAPE TOWN

On Saturday 23 February, four of our fencers travelled to Cape Town to participate in the National Fencing Championships.

The results were as follows:

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| Woman's Foil: | Ashleigh Strange | - | Silver |
| U/20 Foil: | Ashleigh Strange | - | Bronze |
| U/17 Foil: | Natalie Ehlers | - | Bronze |

Congratulations on these superb results!



JUNIOR KES REGATTA



On Saturday, history was made as the first ever Bishop Bavin Octuple took to the water at the Wemmer regatta. What a sight, and what a performance from a group who had not rowed together (in an octuple) before. The event was divided into two heats, with Bishop Bavin winning our heat and coming second overall to a very fast Parktown crew. Congratulations also go out the U/14 girls quad, this quad was made up of Tyler Meyer, Jacinta De Almeida, Colleen Greef and Alexia Schofield. These girls were competing for the first time this season and gave a good account of themselves in their heat. Well done to all of the rowers: Ryan Donaldson, Alex Gray-Wilson, Devon Miller, Ashton DuToit, Mataya Telejane, Matthew Gray-Wilson, Bongani Hlazo, Ross Attewell and Muzikayiso Malaza. You made us so proud!

BUFFALO REGATTA



The Buffalo tour to East London was one of many successes; good times and a good experience were had by all of our rowers who attended. This prestigious Regatta was held over three days on the Buffalo River in East London. Bishop Bavin sent down 23 very keen and talented rowers who were ready to conquer the Eastern Cape. Little did we know that the wind blows much fiercer than here in Johannesburg. Our crews battled to come to terms with the 40km/h winds on the first day of racing. Despite the wind, we still managed to qualify for nearly all of our races for the finals on the Saturday.

The rest of the weekend resulted in some great racing as we competed against some of the best rowing clubs and schools that South Africa has to offer. The weekend was a great mix of good racing, loads of fun and good friendships being formed. The trip was a great success for the Bishop Bavin Rowing Club and set us up perfectly for SA Champs in February and early March. Well done to all who took part!

ROWING CHAMP

Jessica Wyszowski won gold for U/16B skulls at Buffalo Regatta. Congratulations Jessica!



SWIMMING STAR



Brenden Crawford took part in the Gauteng Schools Provincial Championships held at Delville on the 1st and 2nd February. He achieved his Gauteng Colours.

His results were as follows:

Men 12 year olds 50 meter breaststroke: 1st Place with a time of 40.85

Men 12 year olds 100 meter breaststroke: 2nd Place with a time of 1:30.79

Men U/13 200 meter breaststroke: 7th Place with a time of 3:20.22

We would like to wish him good luck for the National Schools Championships, which will be held in Cape Town on 1st and 2nd March. Well done, Brenden!

CRICKET RESULTS

On 30 January the Bishop Bavin U/15 Cricket Team played against Saheti U/15. Saheti were sent in to bat first, and they scored 68 all out in their 20 overs. Bishop Bavin went in to bat and secured 69 with only 3 wickets down, winning the match with 8 wickets. Well done!



PARALYMPICS WORLD CUP 2008 SWIMMING INVITATION

Congratulations to Shireen Sapiro who was invited to participate in the Paralympics World Cup The event will take place between 7 and 11 May, in Manchester, The United Kingdom.

SWIMMING CHAMP

Kayla Shortt in Grade 7 competed at the CGA Level 2 Championships held at Delville pool on 17 February. She won 5 gold medals for 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100m butterfly and 400m freestyle, as well as 1 bronze medal for the 50m butterfly event. Eleven Bishop Bavin Seals' swimmers competed at this event, bringing home a total of 39 medals. Wow, what amazing results!



On Sunday 24 February, Kayla Shortt won the Mekhulu 1000m sprint in a RECORD time of 14 minutes. She led the race from start to finish. In the photo, Kayla receives her prize and a trophy from the sponsors at Leisure Lakes, near Centurion. Well done, Kayla we are so proud of you!

BISHOP BAVIN SEALS

Bishop Bavin Seals' Open Water swimmers, Megan Gomes and Kayla Shortt, in Grade 7, came home victorious, after participating at the Sterkfontein Dam in Harrismith on Saturday 23 February.

Megan won the ladies 14-30 year old age group 1500m event and came 4th in the Open men and women 3km swim. Kayla came 2nd in 13 year old and Under 1500m event and was the FIRST junior home in 3km event. Congratulations on the fantastic results!



MIDMAR MILE CHAMPIONS

A number of Bishop Bavin Seals' swimmers took part in the 2008 Midmar Mile in February. Shireen Sapiro in Grade 11 won the Ladies Disabled Event. The Men's Disabled Event was won by Craig Groenewald, with Sibusiso Mogale, in Grade 12 finishing in 9th position. Both Megan Gomes in the 14-30 age group and Kayla Shortt in the U/13 age group finished in the top 20. Well done, you did Bishop Bavin proud!



KARATE CHAMPS

Congratulations to Nikolai Skaja and Keegan Ovidi who were recently graded to blue white belts.

Well done also to Rowynn Davies who graded to blue belt. We are very proud of all of our Karate champions!

KUSHINDO KARATE

Traditional Karate Teaching Method

For more information please contact:

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SCHOOL NEWS

TRANSPORT REQUIRED

- Should anyone residing in the Winchester Hills area be able to assist with a lift to school, please contact Mr Gerald Dube on 082 4409488.
- Anyone living in the Alberton area who can help with a lift to school, please contact Mrs Susan Kabuzi on 072 1506010.
- Should anyone living in the Buccleuch area be able to assist with transport, please contact Mrs Tshepang Poee on 082 3079782.
- A lift is required from school to Rietfontein Road in Primrose on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, after school before 15h00. Please contact Janice Gaitskill on 082 6575627 if you can assist.
- Transport is required from Bishop Bavin to Edenvale; please call Mrs Fuhri on 083 660 8383.
- Transport is required (afternoons only) from Bishop Bavin to Brackenhurst (Alberton). Please contact Sandy on 0828569867.

Your kind assistance will be greatly appreciated!



SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION SPENDS A DAY AT BISHOP BAVIN

On Sunday 24 February, the North Rand District Scout Association celebrated BP day at Bishop Bavin School with a short service, followed by a gala and an awards ceremony of merits and badges.

Our Rector, Revd Dr Morgan Ellis, addressed the gathering:

"I spent most of my young life in East Africa and in the latter part of my teens, scouting became the love of my life and resulted in much adventure. Nothing was thought of camping trips being cancelled because a farmer reported lions in the vicinities. Wild game was an everyday experience.

As I emerged from the ranks of the scout troop and became the Assistant Cub Master, it was all part of a wonderful adolescence.

One notable incident remains crystal clear to this day. We, as cubs, had been on a routine four-day camping trip with a somewhat highly strung cub mistress, who had almost ruined the four days by constantly blowing her whistle, which was a serious signal for the entire pack to report to the flag at the centre of the camping ground. Here we were required to count each and every child and report that all were present and correct.

It must be borne in mind that we were in animal infested bush and it could be very dangerous. However, the weekend was totally ruined by the incessant summoning of the whistle, interrupting almost all our activities and for me it was some relief to return on the Monday to the Scout Hall where the boys were eagerly awaited by their parents. All went well until one parent demanded to know where her child was. I shall never forget the look of abject horror on the cub mistress's face, as she whispered 'We forgot to count them as we left' Needless to say, the boy was found in his friend's car, so all was well. That cub mistress never again took her pack camping and shortly thereafter left the scout movement. "

Father Ellis



BISHOP BAVIN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Have you ever wanted to experience the pleasure of singing or playing a musical instrument?

For individual lessons, please contact

Mrs I Bobcheva on 082 5503770 or Mr J Heynsen on 079 7028404.

Theory and piano lessons are also offered.



BISHOP BAVIN ADULT CHOIR

Calling all parents, friends or family members who enjoy singing! Please do come and audition for our Bishop Bavin Adult Choir; we are still looking

for more members. Here is an opportunity to express your talent and bring joy to others at the same time! For more information

please contact Mrs I Bobcheva on 082 5503770.



BISHOP BAVIN SCHOOL CHOIR RECORDING

On 23 February the Bishop Bavin School Choir was fortunate to be chosen as one of five schools in South Africa to be recorded on CD. The Choir performed well and we are very proud of them. The CD will be sold in Europe, America and Australia. All of the proceeds will be returned to South Africa and used to assist underprivileged schools. Thank you to the Choirs and staff who were involved in making the recording the huge success that it was!

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HOMEWORK

Does your child need assistance with homework after school?

Tutor lessons available for Grade 1-Grade 9.

In the following subjects:

Maths

English

Afrikaans

Biology

Geography

Home Economics

Arrangements can be made to fetch children from school. Lessons can also take place in your own home. The cost is R70.00 per hour.

For more information kindly contact Bianca on 082 5220660.



LOST SUNGLASSES

A pair of brown rectangular prescription sunglasses have been lost either in the Nursery School area or around Beaton House. Please contact Mrs Annette Weaver on 082 3308142 if found, or alternately the glasses can be dropped off in the Admissions Office.



LOST GOGGLES

A pair of black Junior Pacific Speedo goggles have been handed to the Admission's Office. Please collect if they should be yours.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE SPCA

The Germiston SPCA provides food and shelter to lost, abused and neglected pets and continues to protect these animals against cruelty and neglect. The increased numbers of animals has put immense strain on the SPCA. Therefore a request to donate a tin of dog or cat food would be so gratefully appreciated. These tins of food can be delivered to the Admissions Office. Thank you for your kind support!



CALL FOR INDIGENOUS PLANTS

We appeal to parents to please make donations of any indigenous plants, especially aloes, for our St George's Close gardens. We would like the area to showcase our indigenous species and use this display of fauna for Biology lessons.



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

School will close at 12 noon on Thursday 20 March for the Easter weekend. A reminder to all boarders to please make the necessary traveling arrangements for the weekend.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is wonderful to see how exceptionally well our learners perform in Sports, both in the competitive provincial and national arenas, considering the size of our small School in comparison with other Independent schools.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of our sportswomen and men at Bishop Bavin.
We salute them!

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