



NEWSLETTER



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From the Rector's Desk

WHO NEEDS GOD

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me besides the still waters,
He restores my soul.
He guides me in straight paths for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
Of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.*

We are often told in times of prosperity people are ready to affirm God, but as soon as something bad happens to them they collapse in despair and conclude, "There is no God." The author of Psalm 23 tells us that, in fact, the opposite is true. When things are going smoothly for us, he says, when we find ourselves in green pastures, God remains something abstract. God is "He," the remote Creator that keeps the world going. We believe in God the way we believe in the existence of the South Pole or the validity of the Pythagorean theorem. But when things go badly, when we find ourselves walking in the valley of the shadow of death, that is when God is now "Thou"; I could never have made it through this time were it not for You."

From the book: Who Needs God by Harold Kushner

THE KEYS

One morning, early in her career, a teacher arrived at school early and was surprised to see a youngster anxiously waiting at the door. "It's locked," the student said as the teacher tried the door. In the teacher's words: I began to fumble for my keys, and the child immediately brightened. "You're a teacher!" he said enthusiastically. "How do you know that?" I asked. He hesitated for a moment, then said with respect, "You have the key." I was overwhelmed by that simple statement. It started me pondering my responsibilities as a teacher. It was perhaps the most significant statement directed towards me in my entire career, and I have never ceased to ponder it.

From A World of Stories, by William J. Bausch

SPORTING NEWS

BISHOP BAVIN EXCELS!

On 24 and 25 March Shireen Sapiro and Sibusiso Mogale took part in the Nedbank National Championships for the physically disabled. Shireen won 9 gold and 1 silver medal for the relay and Sibusiso won 5 gold medals.

Congratulations to Shireen Sapiro who was selected for the second qualifying round for the Olympics in Beijing.

We are so proud of you!





SPECIAL NEWS FLASH

Shireen Sapiro to swim at Olympics in Beijing!

SHIREEN SAPIRO has for the second time in
6 months set

TWO NEW WORLD RECORDS

in the S10 disability category.

One in the 50m Backstroke event and the other
in the 100m Backstroke event.

On Saturday night she swam 50m Backstroke in 33.89 sec at the
Telkom Olympic Qualifying Championships in Durban and
100m Backstroke on Sunday night in a time of 1.11.98 mins.

She has secured her place in the

SOUTH AFRICAN PARALYMPIC TEAM

for Beijing in August.

WELL DONE SHIREEN!!

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU!!

- *Another Bishop Bavin Seals swimmer, Tadhg Slattery has also been selected for the Paralympic Team.*
- *Sibusiso Mogale, in Grade 12, swam all the events in Durban and is ranked in the Top 8 in the country for all events.*

WELL DONE CHAPS, YOU ARE OUR STARS!!



GRADE 7 QUIZ COMPETITION

On 2 April we were the proud hosts of a Grade 7 quiz evening. Schools participating included St Johns, Jan Cilliers, Rodean and Bishop Bavin. The learners were asked a range of questions, some easy and some difficult. The topics and themes included History, Maths, Art, famous people and places etc.

A question that left the contestants and audience thinking was 'Who was buried on the moon?' Do you know the answer? The evening was such a great success that it was decided to hold a quiz on a termly basis. To all who participated, well done! You are super 'smarties'. To all the parents and learners who came to support, a very big thank you. See you next term!

EXCELLENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCE

Bishop Bavin Prep School learners proudly display their excellent work in Science!



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR INDIGENOUS PLANTS

FATHER ELLIS IS PLANNING AN INDIGENOUS GARDEN FOR TEACHING PURPOSES IN ST GEORGE'S CLOSE

Father Ellis would like to make a special appeal to parents to please make donations of any indigenous plants.

We would like the St George's Close area to showcase our indigenous species, especially the following plants: Spekboom, Milkwood Tree, White Stinkwood, Fever Tree, Aloes, Philodendron, Tree Ferns, Strelitzias, Curry Bush, Blood Lilies, Agapanthas, Irises, Pelargoniums and various types of colourful ground-cover.

We will use these to display biomes for our Biology & Geography lessons to make teaching more 'hands on'!

All plants can be delivered to Mrs Larangeira's classroom in St George's Close. Thank you for your kind assistance! A special thank-you to those parents who have contributed in some way towards Bishop Bavin's indigenous garden!

RECTOR'S TEA



On Sunday the 30th March, new parents, staff, Board Members and pupils attended a wonderful afternoon of tea and petit-fours while being entertained by the Junior, Prep, College and Adult Choirs. It was also the launch of the Choir School. Father Ellis has always envisioned establishing a school for Prep School learners with exceptional voices, similar to the Drakensberg Boys Choir School.

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

A special mass celebrating Mother's Day will be held on Sunday, 11 May, at 6pm in the Chapel. We will also be remembering mothers who have gone to be with the Lord. Please join us for this special service.



TALE END:

Education is the apprenticeship of life.
From The International Dictionary of Thoughts
By Robert Eldridge Aris Willmott

EDITOR'S NOTE:

As we near the end of the first term, we look back and marvel at our many academic, sporting, and cultural achievements, that our pupils have achieved.
WELL DONE TO ALL!



A special thank you to Mrs D Buxbaum, who edits our Newsletter.



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
Tracy Edwards - Annette Joubert - Tina Pule

Three handwritten signatures in black ink, corresponding to the names listed above.



PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12H00 ON 11 APRIL AND REOPENS ON 6 MAY, BOARDERS ARE TO BOOK IN ONE DAY BEFORE.

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FENCING RESULTS

On 29 March, the Bishop Bavin Fencing Academy participated in the Natal Open Fencing Championships in Durban. This competition was extremely important as the points accumulated here would count towards the World Championships in 2009. The girls fenced extremely well and achieved the following results:

U/17	Demi-Lee Schultz	GOLD
	Natalie Ehlers	Silver
U/20	Ashleigh Strange	GOLD
	Leago Mathabathe	Silver
	Demi-Lee Schultz	Bronze
Women	Ashleigh Strange	GOLD
	Leago Mathabathe	Silver

Congratulations on these superb results!



BISHOP BAVIN SEALS COACH



Bishop Bavin Seals Head Coach, Theo Verster, was born in Durban and began his swimming career at the age of 12. He represented South Africa at three Commonwealth Games in 1994, 1998 and 2002. Theo also represented South Africa at the All Africa Games in 1995 and 1999 where he set three Championship records and brought home ten medals in total. He set a new South African Short Course record in the Men's 200m Individual Medley in January 2002. His time of 1.56.94 minutes still stands today. With this time, Theo was ranked FIRST in the world in the 200m I.M for seven months. Every swimmer's dream is to be selected to represent one's country at the Olympic Games. This came true for Theo in 2000! He competed at the Sydney Olympics in 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and 200m I.M. events.

After retiring from competitive swimming, Theo started Bishop Bavin Seals four years ago. From only one swimmer, the club has steadily grown in size, to about 35 swimmers today.

They have become easily recognisable as they stand on podiums around the country, in their red and white tracksuits. Theo and his dedicated swimmers are seen at 5am at the pool, both Summer and Winter.

Theo's swimmers have had some notable achievements. No less than seven swimmers have won international medals over the past four years.

Some of the achievements are as follows:

- Lize-Mari Retief - (now with Tuks Hi-Performance Centre) Commonwealth Games and South Africa Records
- Kristopher Matulovich - several South African records, Pan Pacific School Games, Fina Youth Champs
- Clarissa Groenewald - 2000 Paralympics, holds 18 South African Records and 7 World Records
- Tadhg Slattery - Multiple Gold Medalist at Paralympics games
- Shireen Sapiro - World Record, Medalists IPC Games, Manchester
- Sibusiso Mogale - Medalist IWAS Games, Taipei



Theo has also been selected twice as National Coach to the Paralympics swimmers. He and his swimmers often appear on Telkom Splash on SABC 1 and Super Swimmer on Saturdays.

As the 2008 swimming season nears the end, we wish our Paralympics good luck for the final Olympic trails and we thank Father Ellis for graciously allowing Bishop Bavin Seals the use of the school's swimming pool.



NEW SEALS LOGO



SWIMMING GALA RESULTS

On 14 March Bishop Bavin hosted a gala, lots of fun and good competition was the order of the day. Our school did extremely well, with Reddam beating us by half a point. Tyler and Talia Shulz show some Bishop Bavin spirit!

SWIMMING STAR

Peter Amiridaki received two medals and a ribbon for achieving 2nd place in backstroke and 3rd place in both breast-stroke and freestyle. The event was held at the Southern Dolphins Swimming Club in November 2007. Peter swims for the 'Heads Swimming School' in Alberton. Well done Peter!



INTER-HOUSE SCHOOL GALA

We had a wonderful Inter-House Gala on 2 April. There was a wonderful house spirit and many cheering spectators. The final score for the school houses were as follows:

St George's 516.5
St Margaret's 494.5
St. Francis 447

St Margaret won the Spirit Trophy for their excellent spirit and behaviour throughout the gala.

A number of records were broken by the following pupils:

Brenden Crawford 2
Jonathan Elliott 1

St George's College Open Boys broke the freestyle record.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following swimmers:

Junior Victrix Ludorum	-	Kayla Shortt
Junior Victor Ludorum	-	Brenden Crawford
Senior Victrix Ludorum	-	Tammy Kester
Senior Victor Ludorum	-	Johnathan and Michael Elliott

Well done to everyone who participated; we are proud of all of you – this was a truly wonderful day!



SWIMMING RESULTS



At the South African School's Aquatics Championships in Cape Town on 1st and 2nd March, Brenden Crawford, in Grade 6, took part in two individual events and one medley relay. In the individual events he secured a 3rd place for the 12-yr 100m breast-stroke. In the medley relay Brenden and his team achieved a 2nd place.

On 11 and 15 March, he took part in the Swim South African Level 2 Nationals at Delville.

Brenden swam extremely well and managed to make 3 finals, achieving the following:

4th place 50m breast-stroke
3rd place 100m breast-stroke
3rd place 200m breast-stroke

Well done, Brenden!

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Jonathan and Michael Elliott participated at the Telkom SA Level 2 National Championships held at the Delville pool in Germiston from 11-15 March. Jonathan won 2 gold medals (50m and 100m breast-stroke), as well as a bronze medal in the Men's 200m Individual Medley. Michael won a bronze medal in the 200m backstroke event. Congratulations, boys!



MINI MARATHON STAR



Over the Easter Weekend, Lara Sutcliffe went to Cape Town with her family where they all participated in the Two Oceans Marathon. Her father ran the Ultra Marathon (56km) – "Just a training run for comrades" he said. Lara's mother did the 21km and Lara secured a medal in the 2.5km Mini Marathon. Lara had a wonderful time and is hoping to progress to the 5km race next year. Well done, Lara and family!

KARATE STARS

Congratulations to Bianca Edwards and Cameron Christie who successfully passed their grading and have received their blue belts.



ROWING STAR



Mpumi Geza, Grade 12, has made the Gauteng Junior Rowing Squad, so his farewell to school rowing is not that sad. The school and the rowing parents' support group are very proud of him and wish him good luck during the selection for the National Team in April.

NEW ROWING HEADS

Tom Wyszowski has been elected boys' captain of the Bishop Bavin Rowing Club for the second year in a row, and Dominique Gray-Wilson is the new girls' rowing captain. The boys' vice-captain is Scott Donaldson and the girls' vice-captain is Robyn Gross. Ashton du Toit is the Rowing Cadet. This announcement was made at the recent Rowing Awards Dinner held in Alberton, where Bishop Bavin's Rowing Club celebrated a most successful rowing season. Congratulations to all our rowers!

From left to right: Dominique Gray-Wilson, Robyn Gross, Tom Wyszowski, Scott Donaldson and Ashton du Toit.



ROWING ACHIEVEMENTS

At the SA Championships regatta Bishop Bavin rowers were absolutely delighted to be awarded the Derek Read Trophy for the Best Boys' Sculling School. No other co-ed school has ever won this trophy. Truly an amazing achievement!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ROWING COACH

Matt Gertenbach has recently been appointed the new Head Rowing Coach at Bishop Bavin. Matt previously assisted Dennis and the other coaches leading up to the highly successful SA Champs in March. He joins us with extensive rowing experience having started rowing in Grade 8 at KES; he represented SA at National level on two occasions and held coaching positions at KES, Jeppe and Crawford. Matt has a degree in Sports Management and is currently studying for an honours degree in Strategic Management. Welcome, Matt!



TENNIS CHAMPION

Congratulations to Stephen Gaitskill, Grade 4, on being selected for the Gauteng East 2008 Tennis Squad. Well done!



TENNIS STARS

Roberto Vieira, Grade 12, is an exceptional player who gives of his best at all times. He achieved a top ranking in 2007 and has represented the province at inter-provincial tournaments over many years. He has also been selected again for the 2008 Gauteng East U/19 high school team as well as the U/18 provincial team playing in the

number 1 position. He has also won the Gauteng East U/18 Closed tournament as well as being chosen the Best Senior Player of the year. More recently, Roberto has been selected for the 2008 SA Schools U/19 squad.

Clinton Wernick, Grade 10, has worked his way up the SA Junior ranking. He has represented the province at the Inter-Provincial Tournament. Clinton has been selected again for the 2008 Gauteng East U/16 Provincial team playing in the

number 1 position. He has also been selected to play in the U/19 Gauteng East Schools' team. His hard work was rewarded when he was selected for the SA Schools' U/15 team which toured Argentina in October 2007. At the Gauteng East Closed tournament, he won the U/15 singles, doubles and received the Most Dedicated Senior Player award of the year. Brenden is also the 1st reserve for the U/17 SA Schools' squad.

Candice Wernick, Grade 7, did well in 2007. She has represented Gauteng East at the Inter-Provincial and COC Provincial Schools Tournament. She has been selected again for the 2008 Gauteng East U/14 provincial team playing in the number 1 position. At the Gauteng East Closed tournament, Candice won the U/13 girls' singles - playing in a higher age group.

From left to right: Roberto Vieira, Clinton Wernick and Candice Wernick. Congratulations to our tennis champions!



NETBALL TRIALS

We have had a number of pupils selected at the Private Schools Netball Trials to represent the Private Schools at the GSS Trials.

U/19: - Four of our pupils were selected for the First Round of U/19 trials:

Congratulations to **Tammy Kester, Ziyanda Busakwe, Carlene De Jongh and Rene Vermaak.**

This was a great honour as only 14 girls were selected from Private Schools and of those 4 were from Bishop Bavin. During the second round, **Tammy Kester and Carlene De Jongh** were selected for the squad to attend GSS Trials.

Well done girls!

U/17: - **Simphiwe Mahlangu** was the only U/17 selected from Bishop Bavin for the next round of trials.

Well done Simphiwe!

U/15: - **Siya Stone** was selected out of over 200 pupils for the squad of 14 Private School pupils to attend the next round of trials. We are proud of you Siya!

U/13: - For the first time our U/13 Netball players attended trials and **Candice Wernick** was selected out of over 200 pupils to attend GSS trials in the Private Schools squad of 14. Well done Candice!

PREP NETBALL

Bishop Bavin Prep School Netball Teams began the season with some fantastic results **WINNING** all their matches against Rand Prep; on the 3rd April. The scores were as follows:

U/9A	WON	20 - 0	Player of the Match: Natalie Pelsler
U/10A	WON	16 - 1	Player of the Match: Ashley Crawford
U/11A	WON	23 - 1	Player of the Match: Thando Maduna
U/12 + U/13 B Mixed teams	WON	22 - 0	Player of the Match: Micaela De Castro
U/13A	WON	31 - 1	Player of the Match: Lynn Gaitskill

Well done keep it up!

HOUSE TEDDIES

You can order your School House Teddy now from Miss Edgar in Simpson House.

There is a Teddy for St Margaret's House (blue), St George's House (red) and St Francis House (yellow).

R85 each.

**BUY NOW – AND SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE!
ALL FUNDS GO TO THE DEBUTANTES & CADETS**



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!

SCHOOL NEWS

PUBLIC SPEAKING STARS

We have had a very successful public speaking season, thanks to the following dedicated teachers: Mr A McDuling, Mrs S Pringle and Ms B Kidson. A record nine teams were entered this year, ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Our teams performed extremely well and made us proud. On all three evenings when we hosted the public speaking competitions, we were complimented on our beautiful school and the neat and well-behaved Bishop Bavin learners. Three senior learners acted as MCs, Durian Du Plessis, Tammy Kester and Warrick Fuchsloch.

These learners did a superb job!

Our proud results were as follows:

Grade 7 Team:	B+	81% - 86%
Grade 9 Team:	B+	81% - 86%
Grade 10 Team 1:	B+	81% - 86%
Team 2:	B+	81% - 86%
Grade 11 Team 1:	A	86% - 90%
Team 2:	A+	90% - 95%
Grade 12 Team 1:	A	86% - 90%
Team 2:	B+	81% - 86%

Our individual speaker, Carlene de Jongh received a B+ symbol (81% - 86%) for both her prepared and impromptu speeches, not an easy feat against other seasoned speakers!

The teachers would like to compliment the learners for their enthusiasm and dedication. You made our task so much easier! We hope to see even more of our learners participating in the next season.

