



NEWSLETTER



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From the Rector's Desk

I CAN SAY NOTHING OF GOD EXCEPT

I can say nothing of God except that I saw the red flames of a cardinal in my garden this morning as I drank tea.
 I can say nothing of God except that the warm smell of potato soup and the sharp tang of cheddar cheese shimmied up my nose when a friend made lunch for me.
 I can say nothing of God except that in the afternoon I washed my face in cold water and it stung my skin and left me feeling fresh and clean.
 I can say nothing of God except that two nights ago a cricket sang a funny song in my closet amidst the socks and silence.
 I can say nothing of God except that stones can speak, and Springbok fly in my dreams, that a strange child smiled at me in the supermarket, and that each blade of green grass wears a locket with God's face inside, and that on every hair on my cat's face is written "Alleluia!"
 I can say nothing of God except that the rough texture of grainy bread on my tongue and the sweet, liquid acid of grape in my throat at Holy Mass are a bittersweet memory of compassion and a taste of heaven.

FATHER ELLIS
RECTOR

SPORTS SCHOOL

ROWING CAMP – COME JOIN THE FUN

Dates: Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 August inclusive

Venue:



Germiston Lake

Would you like to try out for the school rowing team this year? Perhaps you've heard what's been happening at Bishop Bavin Rowing and would like to give it a try? The rowing camp is a great way to learn about this awesome sport and become part of the team. Once you try it out, we guarantee you will be hooked for life!

Our coaches are happy to offer training to beginners. This is a great opportunity for all Grade 6's upward to experience the world of rowing in a safe and secure environment.

Not only will you learn what rowing is all about, but you will also have fun at the same time. You won't need to be in top shape either, although it is necessary that you can swim. All you need to do is arrive ready to learn.

Rowing will help you acquire self-esteem, responsibility, self-discipline and sportsmanship. Rowing is the ultimate team sport!

Pupils attending the camp will be accommodated in the newly refurbished boarding houses and a full programme of activities (on and off the water) are planned to keep everyone busy and happy.

For more details contact Rene Blackie or Bonita Kidson.

RECRUITMENT DAY AT BISHOP BAVIN SCHOOL

In preparation for the new season, the school held a "Recruitment Day" on Thursday 10 July, when international rowing medal winner Chris King gave a talk to the Grade 6 to Grade 10 pupils about rowing and why they should consider taking up rowing as a sport.

Pupils who are interested to learn more were invited to Germiston Lake after school on Wednesday 16 July to experience rowing first hand under the supervision of staff and our experienced coaches. The school provided transport to and from Germiston Lake.

For more information contact Rene Blackie or Bonita Kidson on 011 616-4018.





THE LONG ROW REGATTA

This is a social regatta organised by the Wemmer Rowing Club and includes crews from U14s to veterans. There is a lovely spirit at the regatta, from the organised chaos at the narrow launch facility to the spectators along the route and the crowd of parents, families and friends at the finish. Despite the very early start and bitterly cold temperature, I was reminded how blessed we are, from the Eligwa Boat Club to the Loch Vaal club. Due to development at Eligwa, we had to launch at the NW University campus which is a further 6 km upstream. Needless to say everyone had open boys/junior boys/open girls/junior girls) which is a total of 20 rowers. All finished the course in good time and looked none the worse for their 'ordeal'.

SOCCER AND NETBALL FESTIVAL AT ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL



On 18 June, forty very excited Grade Ones and Twos boarded the school bus to go to St Dunstan's for their annual Soccer and Netball Tournament. Each team played either six or seven matches, with mixed results. The Grade One boys won three and drew two of their seven games. The Grade Two girls won four of their six games. The other two teams held their own, coming out even. It was a very exciting day for the Grade Ones and Twos; they all played with great enthusiasm. All the children made us feel very proud of their excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship.



RUNNING CHAMPION

On Sunday 6 July, Lara Sutcliffe, Grade 4, and her father went to the Northgate Shopping Centre to take part in a 5km race. The race started just as the sun was coming up, and once the race had been completed, everyone received a medal and a cup of coke. Well done, Lara!



KARATE CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to Abigail Ellis, Aeden Engelbrech and Jasmin Briel who received their advanced white belt. Well done to Robyn Austin and Talia Schultz who have also received their blue belt.

TENNIS CHAMPION

On 20 July Stephen Gaitskill took part in the Annual Tennis Club Championships at Kenrho Park Tennis Club in Kensington. He did extremely well and received a trophy for U/16 boys singles and a second trophy for U/16 boys doubles. Well done Stephen!



SWIMMING STAR

Brenden Crawford received a CGA Award for the 11 year old 100m and 200m Breaststroke on 20 July. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

SCHOOL NEWS



MATRIC DANCE

It was with great excitement that our Matriculants celebrated their Matric Dance at the Airport Southern Sun Hotel on Saturday the 19 July. Gone were the students of yesterday – and in their place were elegant ladies in beautiful evening gowns, and dashing young men in suits with waistcoats and ties to match the ladies.

The table arrangements and décor were magnificent. Good music and a delicious buffet added to the ambience of a magical evening.

A BIG thank you and WELL DONE to Mrs Ellis and Hendrik Hugo for all the décor on the evening. Thank you also to Mrs Gregorio, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Joubert, Miss Viljoen, Mrs Janks, Mr McDuling, Miss Andrews and Mrs Blackie for their hard work in preparing for the dance on the Saturday morning.

BISHOP BAVIN APPEARS ON SABC 1

Bishop Bavin School recently received a wonderful opportunity presented by Penguin Films Pty Ltd. The filming company will be using the interior and exterior of the property for filming. This footage will be broadcast in a series entitled 'Home Affairs' which is currently being viewed on SABC 1. This series won critical and viewer acclaim when first broadcast and 'Home Affairs IV' continues to focus on women's stories - stories which reflect the diversity of the millions of women found in South Africa.

Home Affairs is a powerful ensemble drama about six South African women whose lives are very different, and yet are linked together by the force of synchronicity. Each woman undertakes a journey of self-discovery and reflection in this 13 part series. Penguin Films Pty Ltd drama series 'Home Affairs' was nominated as finalist in the Best Drama Series category in the prestigious International Emmy Awards. Selected Bishop Bavin learners will also receive an exciting opportunity to appear as 'extras' in the series. An in-depth look into how a film is produced and filmed and the crew's functions behind the scenes will also be explained to the College English learners.



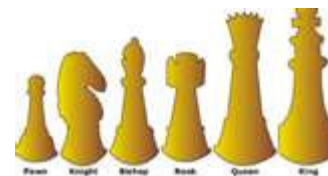
NIGHT OF THE STARS

This year has been a phenomenal year of achievements for Bishop Bavin learners. We have no less than two learners participating in the Olympics for swimming. Rowers representing us internationally and a number of other learners who have been awarded National Honours for their sports. For this reason Father Ellis would like to honour them by hosting a glittering banquet entitled 'Night of the Stars'. This celebration will be held on 11 October 2008. Further details will be announced early in the third term.



CHESS CHAMPIONS

The East Rand Primary School's Top 100 Tournament took place on Saturday 26 July. We were very proud of our U/10 players who did very well. Kyle Spinola won a trophy for first place in U/10 with six out of seven games. Thabelo Mokobori came 10th with four and a half out of seven games. Jared Pope and Natalie Pelsler scored four out of seven games and Tafadzwa Makhuzah three and a half out of seven games. Well done juniors, you all did extremely well !



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM ORANGE FARM

Bishop Bavin received a letter from the Orange Farm, it reads as follows:

To: Rev. Dr Morgan Ellis
From: Ms Mathabo Lamola

On behalf of Tholoana Tsa Kopano and the community of Orange Farm, I would like to thank you for the donations we received from your students and the school.

The donations assist us to run our organization efficiently and they also assist our community at their homes, especially the child needed households and the orphans.

The food, school uniforms, books etc made a huge difference in our community.

Thank you very much, we really appreciate it.

We wish you and the school all the best.

Thank you, Dankie, Re Ya Lboha, Ha Khensa, Siyabonga, Re ya Leboga, Enkosi.

Ms Mathabo Lamola
(Director)

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER LAUNCHES PREP SCHOOL MONTH OF EXCELLENCE

On 7 July, Mr Cecil Alexander, a motivational speaker, visited the Prep School. Mr Alexander's visit was unique as after a very bad car accident, he had been left blind. He gave us a glimpse into his changed world and showed the learners various devices that enable him to lead a fairly normal life. These devices ranged from a talking calculator to a talking clock. Although life has dealt this severe blow to Mr Alexander, his message to the children was about ATTITUDE, how important a positive outlook on life is and how only you can change your life for the better. He certainly left the learners with something to think about!



REQUEST TO FATHERS

We are in the process of putting together a Father's Working Group to assist with small projects. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact David Strange on 082 853 1202.

REQUEST FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

We would be most grateful if parents were able to donate musical instruments to the Bishop Bavin Choir School. Please contact Jovan on 079702 8404 if you are able to assist.



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A NEW APPOINTMENT

We wish to congratulate Tracy Edwards who has been recently appointed as the new Marketing Director effective from 1 September. She has received two and a half years training as Public Relations Officer under Annette Joubert. We wish her many happy years at Bishop Bavin School.

A special thank you to Annette for all her hard work at the school, we wish her lots of luck with her future endeavours. She will be greatly missed.

FARE END:

NO OTHER PLANS:

Upon Jesus' arrival in heaven, a vast host of angels greeted him. After the formalities, they asked him whom he had left behind on earth to finish the work he had begun. Jesus replied, "Just a small group of men and women who love me." "That's all?" asked the angels, astonished. "What if this tiny group should fail?" Jesus replied, "I have no other plans."

FATHER ELLIS
RECTOR

EDITOR'S NOTE:

**It has been a long and eventful term and we wish you all a wonderful holiday and a well deserved rest!
We hope to see you all next term, rested and ready to tackle the last term of the year.**

**PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY THE 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 07H45.
BOARDERS MUST BOOK IN ONE DAY BEFORE.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE