



NEWSLETTER



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From the Rector's Desk



Education does not commence with the alphabet: it begins with a mother's look, with a father's nod of approval or a sign of reprimand; with a sister's pressure of the hand or a brother's patience; with a handful of flowers; with birds' nests admired, but not touched; with creeping ants and humming bees; with pleasant walks in the bush and with thoughts directed in kindly tones and words to animals, to nature, to beauty, to acts of kindness, to good deeds and to the source of all good – to God himself! That is education.

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul. The philosopher, the saint, the hero, the wise and the good, or the great, very often lie hid and concealed in a child, which a proper education might have disinterred and brought to light." Joseph Addison

SPORTS SCHOOL

PARALYMPIC SWIMMERS OFF TO BEIJING

Paralympics coach, Theo Verster and Paralympics swimmers, Shireen Sapiro and Tadhg Slattery, all from Bishop Bavin Seals, were given a warm send-off by the club, as they left for the Beijing Paralympics.



SEAL'S SWIMMER TADHG SLATTERY WINS BRONZE

Tadhg Slattery, a Bishop Bavin Seal's swimmer and five-time Olympian, won a bronze in the S5 100 m breaststroke at the Beijing Olympic Games. Tadhg will be honoured by carrying the South African flag in the closing ceremony of the Paralympic games at 14h00 on 17 September.



SWIMMING STAR – CRAIG BRINGS HOME GOLD

Bishop Bavin Seals swimmer, Craig Groenewald, was part of the National Swimming Team that participated in the 4th INAS-FID Open European Swimming Championships in Poland from 15-23 August. This event served as a qualifier for the Global Games (equivalent to the Olympics) in 2009. Craig, 29, was the top swimmer with two gold (50m and 100m freestyle), three silver (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly) and one bronze (100m butterfly). He obtained medals in all his individual events, as well as a further three silver and one bronze in the relay events. The male relay team broke the Africa and SA records in all 5 of the relay events. Team SA came 3rd out of 15 participating countries, winning a total of 18 medals. Congratulations on this achievement!



OPENING AND BLESSING OF BISHOP BAVIN BOAT HOUSE

On Saturday 6th September, the Bishop Bavin Rowing Club assembled for the opening and blessing of the boat house at the Victoria Lake Club. Father Ellis blessed every member of the rowing team, the rowing coaches, the boat house and a new St Andrews Skull. It was a beautiful ceremony. Thank you to those parents who arranged this wonderful event. We look forward to the new rowing season.



Shireen Sapiro Wins Gold in Beijing!



On Saturday 13 September, our very own Shireen Sapiro, Grade 11, made Olympic history when she won the gold medal in the Women's 100m backstroke at the Beijing Paralympics. For the first time in the competition, two swimmers won the gold in the same event with identical times and set a new world record. Shireen shared the podium with Sophie Pascoe of New Zealand and the world record time of 1:10:57. This is a major achievement for Shireen, who at the tender age of 13, was seriously injured in a boating accident. She has endured numerous test and trials on the road to recovery. However, this 17 year-old heroine has been a shining example to all of us and has reaped the rewards of perseverance and dedication. Not only has she made Bishop Bavin School proud, but the whole of South Africa. Shireen will be returning back to South Africa on 20 September, Bishop Bavin students will be there to welcome her home. Well done, Shireen; you truly are a star!



FENCING STARS

The Bishop Bavin fencers took part in the GFA Ranking 3 2008 on 3 August. All our fencers gave of their best and the results were as follows:

U13 Boys	Seth Wessels	Silver
	Luke Wessels	Bonze
U20 Mix	Ashleigh Strange	Silver
Men's mix	Ashleigh Strange	Gold
Women	Demi-Lee Schults	Gold
	Ashleigh Strange	Silver

Our fencers also made us proud at the Junior Nationals 2008 from 23 to 24 August.

The fencers achieved the following excellent results:

U15	Demi-Lee Schults	Gold
U17	Demi-Lee Schults	Gold
	Natalie Ehlers	Silver
U20	Leago Mathabathe	Silver
	Demi-Lee Schults	Bronze
U13Boys	Luke Wessels	Bronze
U15 Boys	Seth Wessels	Bronze



KARATE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Bryan Thorne who was recently graded to green belt. Ashton Du Toit, Tyler Meyer and Kayla Shortt, all Grade 7 learners, were awarded their black belts in karate on Tuesday 29 July. Congratulations to our karate champions!



SCHOOL NEWS

RICHARD OLFSEN DONATES EAGLE SCULPTURE

We extend earnest and grateful thanks to Richard Olfen, Chairman of the Board, for his generous donation of a bronze eagle for the St George's Close. The eagle has been mounted on a plinth in the St George's Close with the inscription "Isaiah 40:31 – Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as Eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint".



NEW PREFECTS FOR 2008/2009

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED PREFECTS FOR 2008/2009.

THEY ARE:

Kitso Akii
Jarrod Brock
Akie Chabra
Pedro De Gouveia
Siyabonga Dube
Michael Elliott
Sibusisu Mogale
Kabelo Motshekga
Tom Wyszowski
Angelique da Silva
Becky Loake
Leago Mathabathe
Palesa Mokgadi
Lerato Mothakahti
Shireen Sapiro
Lauren Stanley
Ashleigh Strange
Jade van Rheede
Richard Hayford
WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!



DEBUTANTES AND CADETS BALL

Bishop Bavin invites you to join us at our Debutantes and Cadets Ball for an enjoyable evening of dining and dancing. Tickets are available from Ms Becker or Ms Edgar.

Date: 26 September 2008
Venue: Emperors Palace
Time: 19:00
Price: R220.00
Dress Code: Smart



ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

On Friday 5 September, Father Ellis planted a Wild Plum tree in our school's beautiful front garden in honour of Arbor Day. Father Ellis blessed this latest edition to the garden and mentioned that trees were in fact "hotels" for birds and that they stood tall with their branches reaching out to Heaven. The Preparatory school learners and their teachers attended this wonderful ceremony which ended with the Lord's Prayer.

SCIENCE STARS

A dedicated group of Grade 11 Science learners, Tom Wyszowski, Ashleigh Strange, Leago Mathabathe, Akshit Chhabra and Richard Hayford entered the 2008 AAD ATNS Youth Science Competition. Their daunting task was to come up with an innovative idea about underwater living and to write an essay on their idea. Their essay was nominated from thousands of essays written by learners across the country, to go through to the next round of the competition. Two of the learners, Tom Wyszowski and Akshit Chhabra will represent the group at the next round of the competition in Cape Town on 16 September. We wish them well!



INVITATION TO VISIT ST GEORGE'S CLOSE

All parents are invited to view the beautiful gardens of St George's Close. After hours of backbreaking work, the area now boasts an indigenous garden, complete with the most beautiful sculptures and magnificent murals created by our learners and guest artists. To add to all of this splendour, there is a pebbled stream that runs through the entire block, striking slate flooring, stairways and a spacious brick parking bay for college parents.



LIBRARY NEWS

The following reference books from "World Book" have been added to the Preparatory School library in Simpson House:

- Student Discovery Encyclopedia
- Celebrations and Rituals Around The World
- People & Places
- Human Body Works
- Library of Natural Disasters
- Solar Systems & Space

The books have already been seized upon by learners who have extrapolated much knowledge from these exquisite readers. They have proven to be such a popular addition to the library. These books were paid for by the Parent Teacher Student Association – thank you P.T.S.A! The Junior Library also received a set of learning readers also published by Wolf Books and this is once again, thank to the P.T.S.A

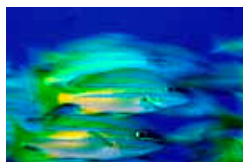


ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Educom Marketing, who is currently working with our SMS system, is offering parents or businesses an opportunity to advertise on Bishop Bavin's and other schools' data bases. For further details please contact Neil Shelver on 082 878 3611.

REQUEST FOR FISH

We appeal to parents for donations of Koi Fish or Gold Fish for the ponds and streams of St Georges's Close.



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 considerably and are blocking the roads, as well as speeding through the school grounds. We also request that parents bring their children (Grade 1 – 3) to the IT classrooms and collect them there as well. Grade 4 – 12 pupils must please be collected outside the boarding houses.

Your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated!



TRANSPORT OFFERED

Tsamaya Sentele Transport Services is offering transportation for learners in Bedfordview and surrounding areas. For more information regarding this service, contact Fredah Morena on 011 972 5159 or cell 076 377 2487.

 **Bishop Bavin School** 
St Francis Holy Eucharist



Join us for the highlight of our year:
 Bishop Bavin School's Open Day.

Celebrate the St Francis Mass with us in "God's Cathedral" – our beautiful outdoor Mass setting. Bring along your pets for us to bless. Visit venues around the school alive with activity. Our students will display on the day their best work produced in this exceptional school. We'd love to see you there.

**Bishop Bavin
 School
 St George's Road
 Bedfordview**

Tel : 011-616-4018

Date : 4 October

Time : 8h00 – 13h00

**All Welcome
 Bring Your Pets**

Open Day

- Tours of the School
- Tea Garden & delicious boerewors rolls on sale
- Performances by our Choir School
- Interhouse netball & soccer matches
- Tennis gradings
- Fencing displays
- Science experiments
- Biology demonstrations

OPEN DAY ENTREPRENEURAL STALLS

On 4 October, the Grade 9s will be hosting entrepreneurial stalls at the Bishop Bavin Open Day. We invite you to bring along friends and family to support these up and coming entrepreneurs and visit their stalls. There will also be jumping castles, games and food stalls.



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SALE END:

"He is to be educated not because he is to make shoes, nails and pins, but because he is a man."
 William Ellery Channing

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A hearty welcome back to one and all! We would like to wish all our students much success in the third term. Many wonderful events, such as our Open Day, Night of the Stars and many others have been planned for this term. We look forward to your continued support.

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