



NEWSLETTER



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From the Rector's Desk

WE ARE TO HUMBLY SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

An ancient teacher once asked his pupils how to tell when the night had ended and the day was on the way back. "Could it be," asked one student, "when you can see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?". "No," said the teacher. "could it be," asked another, "when you can look at a tree and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?". "No", answered the teacher. "Well, then when is it?" demanded his pupils. "It is when you look on the face of any woman or any man and see that she or he is your sister or brother. Because if you cannot do this, no matter what time it is, it is still night."

Father Ellis

SCHOOL NEWS

NIGHT OF THE STARS

On Saturday 11 October, Bishop Bavin School hosted its first ever Night of the Stars. It was a wonderful evening held in honour of all our learners who have achieved provincial or national colours in various sporting or cultural fields. We were extremely proud to award more than 50 of our learners a Star Award. Shireen Sapiro, who brought home the gold medal in the Beijing Paralympics, was the star of the evening as a result of her excellent achievement. Congratulations to all our stars; we are proud of you!



LETTER OF THANKS FROM A STAR

Dear Father and Mrs Ellis

I would like to thank you both for an incredible evening. Not only was the décor lovely, but the food was absolutely delicious too (much better than hotels which claim to offer "top class cuisine"). For the past twelve years I have enjoyed every aspect of Bishop Bavin life. I have participated in every cultural and sporting activity and I feel truly honoured to have had the opportunity to experience and be involved in such a wide variety of activities. Although I am grateful for having being honoured at Night of the Stars, I believe that it is the two of you what should be thanked for giving us the opportunity of being exposed to these activities and for always being there to support us while we participate. You have created a family at Bishop Bavin and I feel truly blessed to have grown up in it.

Thank you
Ashleigh Strange

*A DVD OF THE NIGHT OF THE STARS IS AVAILABLE FOR R100.00.
TO PLACE ORDERS, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE.*

OPEN DAY – ST FRANCIS MASS

On Saturday, 4 October, we hosted our annual Open Day. It was rewarding to see so many parents visiting the school and attending the St Francis Mass. As Father Ellis blessed each pet, a wonderful atmosphere pervaded the gardens as the Choir School sang hymns of praise. There was an exciting programme with various sport and cultural demonstrations which entertained students and parents.



OPENING OF MATRIC GARDEN

Saturday, 4 October, Open Day, saw the official opening of the Matric Garden. Dr Hees (Head of College), handed the keys over to Durian Du Plessis (Head of School), who opened the garden with a ceremonial cutting of the ribbon, after which Father Ellis lead a touching service blessing the garden.



SCIENCE COMPETITION

On 16 September, Tom Wyszowski and Akie Chhabra, two grade 11 pupils, flew to Cape Town to represent Bishop Bavin School at the 2008 AAD ATNS Youth Science Competition. The essay written by the group of Grade 11 learners, was awarded second place overall. The essay was judged three times by different scientists and engineers, and the group came second by only one percent. While at the competition, Tom and Akie also took part in a model building competition and their model took second place. Well done – we are proud of you!



DEBUTANTES NEWS

DEBUTANTES BALL

On Friday 26 September, cadets, debutantes, their parents and staff were wined and dined in style during the Deb's Ball at Emperor's Palace. We salute and congratulate these incredible children for their superb achievements!

Winning Junior Debutantes:

Junior Debutante of the Year - 2008-	Candice Wernick
1st Princess -	Boitumela Leisa
2nd Princess -	Megan Strange

Winning Senior Debutantes:

Senior Debutante of the Year - 2008 -	Kirsty Brand
1st Princess -	Meagan Becker
2nd Princess -	Robyn Gross

Winning Junior Cadets:

Junior Cadet of the Year - 2008 -	Daniel Sarkis
1st Cadet -	Michael Lembke
2nd Cadet -	Ryan Donaldson

Winning Senior Cadets:

Cadet of the Year - 2008 -	Bryce Meyer
1st Cadet -	Jarrod Brock
2nd Cadet -	Travers Anderson and Adrian Alexander

THE OVERALL WINNING PUPIL WAS: Kirsty Brand

Kirsty was awarded a 50% scholarship to Bishop Bavin School.

WELL DONE TO THE DEBUTANES COMMITTEE AND TEACHING STAFF WHO WORKED SO TIRELESSLY WITH THE DEBUTANTES AND CADETS TO RAISE FUNDS!

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND HARD WORK! WE SALUTE YOU!

A special thanks goes to Mrs Eleni Backer who has, for the past three years, gone over and above the call of duty! Each year she has done wonderful work with the Debs Ball and her hard work was again evident. As always, it was a night to remember.



DIAMOND DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our Diamond Draw winners who won the cash raffles. There were three cash prizes and the winners are:

- R100 000 *E Moffett
JL Stanley
R Hattingh
R Van Wyk*
- R10 000 *A Russell*
- R5000 *G Mathebvia
I Lembke*



MORGAN ELLIS SPEECH FESTIVAL

We hosted our first Morgan Ellis Speech Festival on 19 September. Seven schools took part in both the senior (Grades 10 – 11) and junior (Grades 8 – 9) sections of this festival. We were very impressed with the quality of the speeches and the adjudicators had a difficult time choosing the 'Most Promising' and 'The Best' speakers for each of the sections. Father Ellis, our guest of honour, graced the evening with his presence. We would like to congratulate Abigail Thatcher in Grade 10 for being awarded the prize for Best Speaker Senior Category. Her speech on 'euphemisms' kept the audience enthralled. Well done to our other learners who did us proud: Lebogang Makhubedu, Doreen Kabuzi and Ashleigh Strange. We would like to endeavour to make this an annual event.



EISTEDDFOD NEWS

A group of learners from Grades One, Two and Three participated in the annual Eisteddfod at Christian Brothers College in Boksburg.

Congratulations to all those learners who achieved excellent results.

Small group poetry

- Grade 1 **Honours (A+)**
Evan Roode, Savannah Sheerin, Bokang Mafaro, Robyn Austin, Hannah van Niekerk, Keegan Ovidi, Letlogile Mokoeloe, Rowynn Davies, Talia Schultz.
- Grade 2 **Prestige (A++)**
Alessandra Kempson, Nyiko Maluleke, Jared Pope, Daniele Du Plessis, Brandon Song, Javea Mbaphe, Ayanda Dlamini, Alessandro Marsh, Bianca Edwards, Megan Long
- Grade 3 **Honours (A+)**
Cameron Matthews, James Moleswath, Jordon Fletorides, Keegan Murray, Tafadzwa Makhuzza, Laurinda de Fonseca, Natalie Pelser, Jordan-Lee van Rheede, Evitta Ivanova

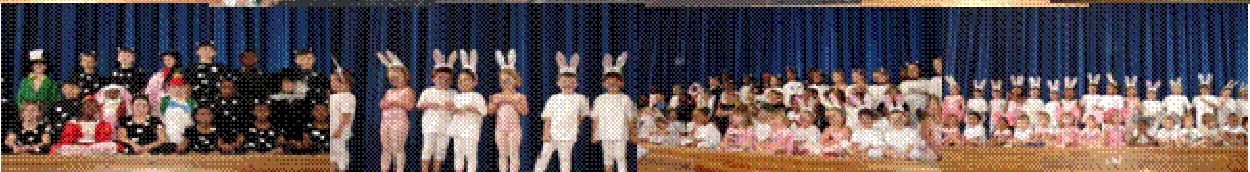
Unprepared Reading

The learners did exceptionally well and received either gold, honours or prestige awards.

- Grade 2
Eythron Davies, Daniele Du Plessis, Alessandra Kempson, Megan Long, Nyiko Maluleke, Pragna Singh, Sarita Naidoo, Bianca Edwards and Jade Simoen.
- Grade 3
Tebogo Mashabela, Vuyo Dlwathi, Realeboga Morena, Siyabonga Ngeva, Angelique Luis, Slade Coetzee, Tafadzwa Makhuzza, Laurinda de Fonseca, Thabelo Mokobori, Gabriel Douglas, Keegan Reynolds, Jordan-Lee Van Rheede, Michael Wilkie, Evitta Ivanova, Natalie Pelser.



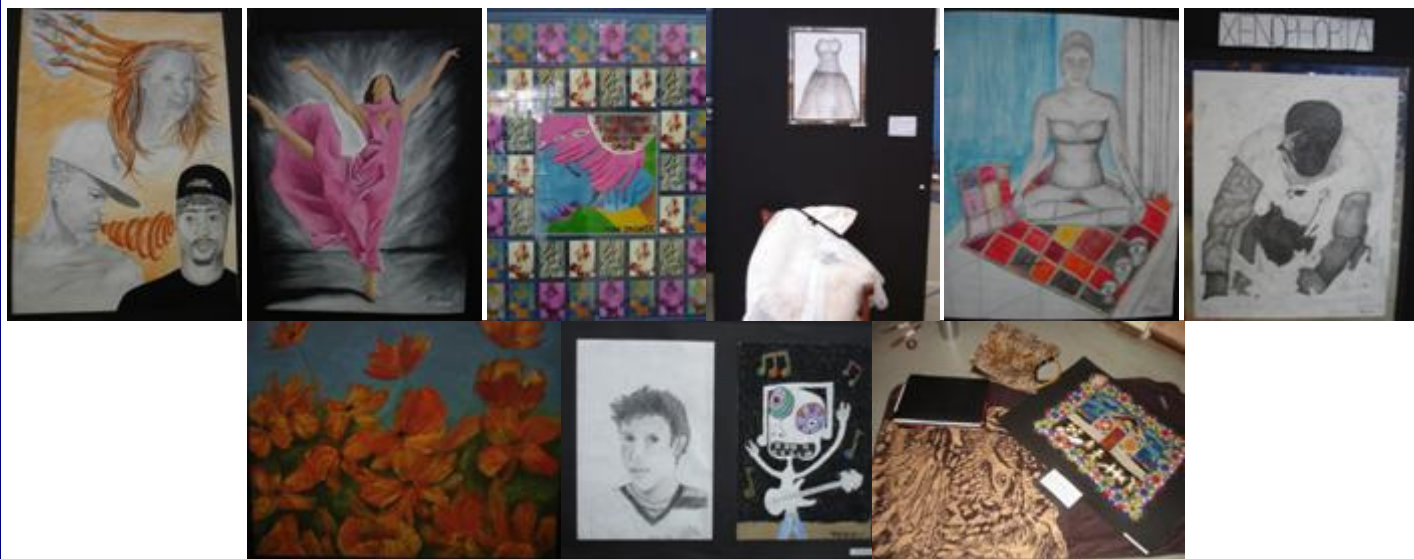
BISHOP BAVIN JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAY "THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS"



A DVD OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT IS AVAILABLE FOR R100.00. TO PLACE ORDERS, CONTACT DENISE SHERMAN ON 084 608 0905

COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION

On 15 October, selected pieces of artwork from Grades 10, 11 and 12 were exhibited in the Morgan Ellis Centre. It was evident that a lot of hard work had gone into the portraits and each masterpiece symbolized the talent that we have in the College. A truly inspirational evening was enjoyed by all!



CHESS

We are proud to announce that Niko Siebert, Kyle Spinola, Kuda Makuzah, Martin Hayford and Kabelo Motshekga have been selected for the Gauteng Provincial Team. They will be playing nationals at Pochefstroom University in December. Well done!

HOLY BAPTISM

On Tuesday evening 14 October, seven young learners were baptised by Father Ellis in the Chapel.

ADMITTANCE TO HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

On Thursday 16 October Rt. Revd Dr Brian Germond, our Anglican Bishop, confirmed 26 learners in the College and admitted 31 learners to First Holy Communion. The service was held in our outdoor chapel, "Gods's Cathedral", and 400 people – including parents and grandparents, friends and family – attended this moving service.



ROTAKIDS VISIT CHILDREN'S HOME

On 19 September the Bishop Bavin Rotakids visited Lambano Children's Home. They delivered clothes and food to the thirty resident children. It was a special day as one of the children celebrated their birthday. For more information about this home or the Rotakids, please contact Miss Edgar.





Many exciting stalls and activities

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The funds raised from the Christmas Market will go towards the building of the new exam centre. The more help and new ideas that we have, the more successful the market will be. If you would like to be involved in the organising of the market, or if you have any ideas for stalls at the market, please call Pam Gross on 082 468 1972.



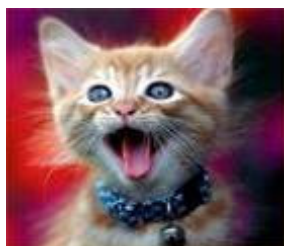
THE CHOIR SCHOOL

This has been a very busy term for the Choir School. We started the term with an evening of sacred music for St George's Home on 19 September. The choristers were very well received and we have been invited again to conduct the Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols for the home in late November. We sang at the Open Day on 4 October – both at the St Francis Mass, as well as in the Chapel later that morning. The Junior and College Choirs also performed before a very supportive and enthusiastic congregation in the Chapel. A select group of choristers performed at the Night of the Stars on 11 October. This performance was excellent and they were then invited as special guests of Mrs Noleen Natrass, Chairlady of the M-Net Breast Cancer Convention, held on 14 October. There we performed excellently to an audience of 1500. On 15 October we participated in the Dominican Convent, Belgravia, Choir Festival. The next day we sang at the Confirmation Service. We are looking forward to our preparations for singing at the end of term Christmas Morning Market, Carol Service, Prize-giving and Valedictory Services.



SPCA REQUESTS DONATIONS

Bedfordview and Germiston SPCA appeal to all Bishop Bavin learners and parents for donations of any cat and/or dog food. Should anyone wish to make donations, you may drop them off at the Public Relations Office.



Looking for Host Families for Argentinean Exchange Students

The Chase Foundation in Argentina has chosen two young exchange students to visit Bishop Bavin School for the first term of 2009. Their names are Correa Guadalupe and Micaela Tenaguillo and they are looking for families at Bishop Bavin School that would be able to host them in their home for three months (25 January – 1 April).

Hosting an Argentinean exchange student involves welcoming the student into your home, providing board and lodging and treating her as an extra daughter whilst she is with you. Hosting an exchange student can be an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience and often results in life-long friendships.

If any families with pupils at Bishop Bavin School would like to consider hosting Correa or Micaela during 2009 for three months, please contact Mrs Tracy Edwards at the school office on 011 616-4018.



Miss Correa Guadalupe

- She is very keen to come to S.A. and learn about our country and culture. She gets on well with her parents and spends a lot of time with them.
- Interests: Horse-riding and hockey. She would like to learn more about these while in South Africa.
- She is sensitive and works hard at school.

Miss Micaela Tenaguillo

- Very adaptable and excited about coming to South Africa.
- Micaela is well balanced with a good attitude and will fit in well at Bishop Bavin.
- She enjoys sports, plays volleyball and goes to a gym.



SPORTS SCHOOL



FENCING

We are very proud of our Bishop Bavin fencers. On Saturday 27 September at the Free State Open Fencing tournament, they once again, brought home the medals and the results were as follows:

<u>U17</u>	Demi-Lee Schultz	Gold
	Lebohang Makhubedu	Bronze
<u>U20</u>	Ashleigh Strange	Gold
	Demi-Lee Schultz	Bronze
<u>Women's Senior</u>	Ashleigh Strange	Bronze

BASKETBALL

On 9 October our Basketball girls gave of their best in a tournament against St Mary's School hosted at Bishop Bavin School. The results were as follows:

	Under 14	Bishop Bavin 14	St Mary's 9
	Under 15	Bishop Bavin 41	St Mary's 22
	Under 16	Bishop Bavin 47	St Mary's 14
Best player	Under 14	Tshiamo Zinde	
	Under 15	Khensani Sono	
	Under 16	Kaluba MCGuffog	

SHIREEN SAPIRO RECEIVES AN AWARD

On 4 October, Shireen Sapiro, a grade 11 pupil, was presented with the Disabled Swimmer Of The Year Award at the Swimming South Africa awards at Vodaworld. Shireen was also privileged enough to have lunch with Nelson Mandela and all the other paralympic swimmers who did South Africa so proud! Wow Shireen, this has been an amazing year for you!



SWIMMING STAR



Brenden Crawford, a grade 6 pupil, was selected to represent Gauteng on 11 October at the NTS provincial in Pretoria. Here he achieved Silver and a Bronze for 100m Breast and Mixed Medley Relay. In September, Brenden was selected to take part in the Mr Price Seagulls Gala in Durban; here he achieved 2 Silvers for the 100m Breast-stroke and a Medley Relay. Brenden took part in the CGA Junior Short Course Championships on 2 and 3 August and achieved 3 medals in: 100m Breast-stroke he received Gold, 50m Breaststroke – Silver and for the 100m Medley Relay, the team achieved Silver. He was also then selected to represent Central Gauteng at the Highveld Interprovincial for 2008 on 13 September. Here he achieved two golds for the 100m Breast-stroke and the 200m Medley Relay. Well done, Brenden we are very proud of you.

RUNNING STAR

On 28 September, Demi-Lee Schultz, a grade 8 pupil, ran The Citizen Ten Kilometre Run. Demi-Lee did exceptionally well, as she was one of the top thirty runners in this event, in which over five hundred runners took part. Demi-Lee completed the race in one hour and ten minutes. Well done Demi-Lee!

TENNIS STAR

Clinton Wernick, a grade 10 pupil, recently took part in the SATA Junior National tennis tournament in Bloemfontein. This is the show-case event of the year as it determines the rankings for the new year. After some strong tennis and tough matches, he ended 2nd in the tournament. His current U/16 ranking is 9 for singles and 13 for doubles. Well Done!



My School CARD

THE TOP 5 SUPPORTERS BY NO. OF TRANSACTIONS FOR AUGUST 2008:

Shortt Family
Davies Family
Rossi Family
McIntosh Family
Magic Family

THE TOP 5 SUPPORTERS BY AMOUNT RAISED FOR AUGUST 2008:

Miller Family
Da Silva Family
Del Campo Family
McIntosh Family
Elliott Family

Christmas Cakes for Sale

The Bishop Bavin Catering Department will be selling beautiful Christmas cakes at the following prices:

Large Round cake	R220	Mini Loaf	R45
Large Loaf	R125	Iced Cup Cakes	R10

To place your orders, contact either the Catering Department or the Public Relations Office.



Bishop Bavin Supporters Clothing



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Men R 160



Polo Golf Shirt
Ladies R 160



Voyager Jacket
Ladies R 370



Voyager Jacket
Men's R 370



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your name on
back R 70

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TALE END:

One man to another: "My greatest fear is that I will be standing behind Mother Teresa in the final judgement line, and I'll hear God tell her, "You know, you should have done more." **Father Ellis**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A hearty welcome back after a well deserved mid-term break! 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 cultural events have given us the chance to reward many wonderfully talented learners! We wish the Matrics all the best for their upcoming exams. Study hard and reap the rewards!

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