

# Weekly News from the Headmaster

Bishops Prep School

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Dear Parents

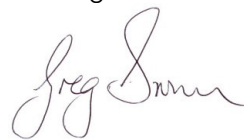
A number of you will know that there were concerns a few weeks ago after boys and staff fell ill, that the Dining Room lunch was possibly the cause. This matter has been thoroughly investigated by our catering company and a letter is attached outlining the results (page 3).

We have a very busy programme at the school and it is not always possible to avoid overlaps, even clashes, although we have tried to organise the timetable in such a way that boys can participate in a wide range of activities. An incidence of where it is not possible to do this is Choir and Living Maths on a Thursday morning. In this case our policy is very clear: Choir takes precedence and boys may not be excused from Choir to attend Living Maths. While I know that Living Maths is very exciting and lots of fun, boys do receive Maths extension in class so they are not losing out in this way. The school has a superb musical and choral tradition and we are very fortunate to have the calibre of Sandee Clapperton and Mark Mitchell, with their experience and expertise, directing the Choir. The two rehearsals a week are the absolute minimum in order to produce what is produced.

While on the Choir, I must congratulate them for their superb singing with the College of an Anthem at the College Evensong last Sunday evening. What a

treat to hear this song of praise sung by 120 boys from age 8 to 18! Best wishes for a good weekend.

Kind regards



**GREG BROWN**  
HEADMASTER

## GENERAL NOTICES

**OUTREACH:** Our Civvies Day last Friday raised R3 660 for the Chaeli Campaign. The money will be put towards a wheelchair for Ibtisaam, a Grade 8 pupil who has diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. She has been in a wheelchair for two years but now needs a bigger, motorised one as she is outgrowing hers. This will cost R24 000. Our donation will help to make her wish come true. Thank you.

**SEUSSICAL AUDITIONS:** There will be callbacks today, Friday, from 13h30 – 15h30 but there will be **NO** callbacks on Monday, 1 March. These have been postponed until the girls have auditioned. The boys will be notified of the new date.

**SWIMMING:** The Pentangular gala took place on 25 February at Wynberg Boys. The boys swam very well and we were placed 3rd overall. The C league gala will be held at Rondebosch Boys on Thursday, 4 March. All boys will be notified of their involvement.

**ATHLETICS:** Thank you to the following for their help during the season: Staff; PA for the tuckshop; parents who contributed towards the teas; athletes for the commitment.

Next Quadrangular to be held on Tuesday, 2 March at Wynberg Boys' High from 15h00-17h00. Boys to check the notice board.

See page 3 for Quadrangular results.

**GR 3 OUTINGS:** Thank you to all the parents who transported the boys on the outings to the Hout Bay Museum.

**RUGBY & HOCKEY BOOT SALE:** Please send in clean rugby and hockey boots in good condition for the annual boot sale, by Friday, 19 March.

**GR 4 PARENTS' SEMINAR:** The Grade 4 Parents' Seminar scheduled for 10 March in the calendar, **will not be taking place.**

**U13 HOCKEY & RUGBY TRIALS:** Hockey - 13 & 15 March. Rugby - 17 & 19 March. No trials on 20 March (change to calendar)

**BREDE RIVER FAMILY WEEKEND:** 24-27 April 2010. Contact caroline@felix.co.za or tel 021 702 9400 by 16 April 2010.

**2<sup>nd</sup> HAND SHOP TIMES:** Tuesdays from 07h30-08h30 and 12h00 to 14h30.

## DIARY DATES

**CHARLTON PICNIC:** Friday, 26 February from 17h30-20h00 at 4<sup>th</sup> beach, Clifton.

**FATHER & SON'S FISHING CAMP:** 5-7 March to Voerhoede Farm.

**GR 7 PARENTS' EVENING:** 10 March from 19h30-21h30

## ACHIEVEMENTS

\* After delivering speeches to the senior boys, the following were elected

onto the Student Council: **Xander Gowar, Stefan Ranoszek, Dakota Date Chong, Andoni Buhler, Ross Willis, Luc Janssens** and **Matthew Morris**. The Council has elected **Stefan Ranoszek** and **Matthew Morris** as Chairman and Secretary respectively. Congratulations to them all.

\* **Keanan Alexander** (7M) has been selected for the Western Cape swimming team in the 200m Individual Medley, 200m Backstroke and the 400m Freestyle events. Congratulations on this fine achievement, Keanan.

\* The **Artists of the Week** are **Jonathan Bassett, Theuns Kuhn, Matthew Wray** (6A), **Richard Berkeley, Chris Mailer, Alessandro Lupini, Daniel van der Valk, Cameron Gynn-Dicks** (6C), **Christian Stehlik, Julien Schlebusch and Curwin Jacobs** (6F) for their outstanding clay Mauri masks.

\* At the **Wednesday Music Assembly**, **Luke Burton** (7M) introduced the following musicians: **Senne Ramiah** (5G) piano, **David Court** (4L) piano; **Christopher Aubin** (5G) guitar, **Leo Gevisser** (2) piano; **Brandon Burke** (5S), **Ryan Good** (5D) and **Timothy Tzemis** (5D) voice; **Jeremy Gebers** (7M) piano, **Taahir Bhorat** (6F) violin, **Julian van der Watt** (7M) piano.

\* **Notable cricket scores:** **L Burton** 3/25; **J Gebers** 4/30; **T Richardson** 22; **S Hanekom** 62 n.o.; **M Adam** 32 n.o.; **R Lancefield** 35; **H Makin** 27; **O Minyi** 3/3; **C Haller** 27 ret.; **K Sacranie** 20 n.o.; **M Clayton** 28; **A Lupini** 3/16; **K Caffell** 21; **S Sani** 5/4; **P Morkel-Brink** 24 n.o. **U9 mini:** **N Opie** 3/4, 9 runs; **R Campbell** 11; **R Tudhope** 14; **S Elliott** 13; **F Fletcher** 9; **D Perlman** 3/8; **J Bird** 5/5 & 15 runs.

**CRICKET**

<b>Saturday, 27 February</b>	U12A 1 <sup>st</sup> XI 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	<b>CANCELLED</b> vs St Peter's from Gauteng vs The Grove	(H) Rossall (A) Lady Ann Field	08h15-16h30 08h15-13h00
<b>Monday, 1 March</b>	U9 mini Jnr League U10A U10B U10C U10D U11A, U11B U11C, U11D	Practice Practice vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS Practice Practice	Avenue field Avenue field (A) Westall field (A) Atkinson field (H) Rossall (H) Stanmore Sahara nets Stanmore nets	14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45
<b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>	U9 mini U12A/U12B U12B U12C U12D U12E 1 <sup>st</sup> XI 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI U13C, U13D	vs WPPS & Sunlands vs Peninsula Bears <b>Match cancelled - Practice</b> vs Pinehurst PS vs Pinelands North PS Practice Practice Practice Practice	(A) WPCC (H) Frank Reid Stanmore field (H) Rossall (A) Richmond Avenue Sahara nets Lutgensvale B Stanmore nets Sahara nets	14h30-15h45 15h45-21h00 14h30-15h45 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00 14h30-15h45 14h30-16h15 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45
<b>Wednesday, 3 March</b>	Jnr League U10A, U10B U10C, U10D U11A U11B U11C U11D	vs RBPS Practice Practice vs SACS vs SACS vs Rylands vs SACS	(H) Astro Stanmore Nets Sahara Nets (A) Westall field (A) Annenberg field (A) Rylands (H) Rossall	14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00
<b>Thursday, 4 March</b>	U12A U12B, U12C U12D U12E 1 <sup>st</sup> XI 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI U13C U13D	Practice Practice Practice vs RBPS Practice Practice vs SACS vs St Joseph's	Stanmore field Sahara nets Sahara nets (H) Lutgensvale A Stanmore nets (H) Lutgensvale B (A) Westall field (H) Rossall	14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 15h00-18h00 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 15h00-18h00 15h00-18h00
<b>Friday, 5 March</b>	U9 U10A U10/U11 U11A 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Practice Practice Practice – voluntary nets Practice Practice	Stanmore nets Stanmore field Stanmore nets Rossall Rossall	13h35-14h20 13h35-14h20 13h35-14h20 13h35-14h20 13h35-14h20
<b>Saturday, 6 March</b>	U10A U11A U12A 1 <sup>st</sup> XI 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	vs WPPS vs WPPS vs St Augustine's CC <b>POSTPONED TO 9 MARCH</b> vs WPPS	(H) Stanmore (A) Mount Royal (A) St Augustine's CC (H) Rossall	08h15-13h00 08h15-13h00 08h15-13h00 08h15-13h00

**WATERPOLO**

<b>Friday, 26 February</b>	U11A U11B U11C U12A U12B U12C U13A U13B U13C	vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS vs SACS	College old pool College new pool College new pool College old pool College new pool College new pool College old pool College old pool College old pool	15h00 15h00 14h30 15h30 15h00 14h30 16h30 16h00 14h30
<b>Monday, 1 March</b>	U12A U13A All other U12/U13	Practice Practice Practice	Prep Pool Prep Pool College Pool	14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45
<b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>	U11 U12 & U13 squads	Practice Practice	College Pool College Pool	14h30-15h45 06h00-07h00
<b>Wednesday, 3 March</b>	<b>TOUR DEPARTS</b> U12 U13	Practice Practice	College Pool College Pool	14h30-15h45 14h30-15h45
<b>Thursday, 4 March</b>	U10	Practice	College new pool	14h30-15h45
<b>Friday, 5 March</b>		<b>NO MATCHES</b>		

**ATHLETICS**

<b>Monday, 1 March</b>	All age groups - field All age groups - track	Practice Practice	Stanmore field Lutgensvale	06h30-07h15 14h30-15h45
<b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>	Quadrangular Meeting		Wynberg Boys' High	15h00-17h00

**SWIMMING**

<b>Monday, 1 March</b>	Early morning squad swimming	Prep Pool	06h45-07h15
<b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>	Early morning swimming U10	Prep Pool Prep Pool	06h45-07h15 14h30-15h45
<b>Wednesday, 3 March</b>	Early morning squad swimming U9 U9	Prep Pool Prep Pool Prep Pool	06h45-07h15 14h30-15h10 15h10-16h00
<b>Thursday, 4 March</b>	U11 C League Relay Gala	Prep Pool (A) RBPS	14h30-15h45 15h30-16h45
<b>Friday, 5 March</b>	Early morning squad swimming	Prep Pool	06h45-07h15

**TENNIS**

<b>Monday, 1 March</b>	U12 & U13	College Courts	14h30-15h30
<b>Tuesday, 2 March</b>	U10 & U11	College Courts	14h30-15h30
<b>Wednesday, 3 March</b>	U12 & U13	College Courts	14h30-15h30
<b>Thursday, 4 March</b>	U10 & U11 U11A	College Courts vs RBPS (H)	14h30-15h30
<b>Friday, 5 March</b>	U13A U13B	vs WPPS (A) vs Sweet Valley (H)	

**FENCING & JUDO**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Fencing	Novice Advanced	Jagger Hall Jagger Hall	14h30-15h30 15h15-16h45
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fencing	Juniors & 2 <sup>nd</sup> session swimming Gr 3's Seniors & 1 <sup>st</sup> session swimming Gr 3's	Jagger Hall Jagger Hall	14h15-15h15 15h15-16h15
<b>Friday</b>	Judo	All	Jagger Hall	14h00

**ART CLUB**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Grade 4 & 5	Prep Art Studio	14h30-15h30
<b>Thursday</b>	Grade 3	Prep Art Studio	14h30-15h30
<b>Friday</b>	Seniors	Prep Art Studio	13h30-14h30

**MUSIC**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Brass Ensemble Choir Wind Band String Ensemble	Orchestra Room Orchestra Room Orchestra Room Class Music Room	07h10 12h00-12h30 12h00-12h30 13h45-14h15
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Marimba Band	Orchestra Room Orchestra Room	07h30 13h45
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Wind Band	Orchestra Room	07h30

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Dear Parents

You might have heard that a number of staff and boys were sick on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February respectively. There was speculation that the dining room Coronation Chicken lunch of the Monday might have been the cause even though the majority who ate it did not get ill. I consequently contacted Royal Sechaba Foods, who manage our kitchens, and they responded quickly, taking our concern very seriously.

I met with them earlier this week for the report back on the results of their investigation and I was very impressed with their thoroughness and openness. The investigation was conducted by the Royal Sechaba Manager on campus and the Area Manager. All aspects of the preparation procedure were checked which included tracking the kitchen procedures from delivery of meat to serving, studying the completed charts, interviews with kitchen staff and an inspection of the facility. A sample of the meal (samples of each meal are kept) was sent to a Pretoria laboratory for testing. During this testing it was found that higher than normal levels of bacteria were present, sufficient to lead to people getting sick but not enough to cause food poisoning (in layman's terms).

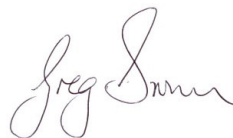
Royal Sechaba are concerned about this and have made recommendations regarding fly control measures, extensive handling of cold food in the heat of summer, ensuring all temperature requirements are adhered to in the process; staff training continues as does ad hoc sample and facilities testing and inspection. It is not impossible that the chicken could have been contaminated when it left the supplier. No raw sample was available so the meat could not be tested. However, they do assure us that Royal Sechaba Foods use set suppliers and conduct regular audits at their premises including those of an ad hoc nature. If the supplier's produce is not of a high enough standard, the contract is discontinued.

Royal Sechaba Foods and the school do regret this occurrence. Together we will proceed to action necessary improvements and continue to monitor procedures in order to ensure the maintenance of best practice and best standards of the industry. I appreciate Royal Sechaba's response to this situation which was immediate, the investigation detailed and thorough, and their feedback candid and constructive.

We continue to have great confidence in the management and staff of the Van der Bijl kitchen and are very happy with the very good level of service and excellent meals that they provide. Staff do not remember anything similar in previous years.

I feel satisfied with the process followed and I think we can move on positively and confidently.

Yours sincerely



GREG BROWN

HEADMASTER

### RESULTS FROM THE ATHLETICS QUADRANGULAR HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2010

Ross Willis	1 <sup>st</sup> U13 shot
M Lanfranchi	1 <sup>st</sup> U11 800m; 1 <sup>st</sup> U11 long jump
T Kuhn	1 <sup>st</sup> U12 800m
R Goodwin	1 <sup>st</sup> U11 200m <b>new record</b> ; 1 <sup>st</sup> U11 75m; 1 <sup>st</sup> U11 100m
R Doyle	1 <sup>st</sup> U11 shot
C Hitchman	1 <sup>st</sup> U13 200m; 1 <sup>st</sup> U13 long jump; 1 <sup>st</sup> U13 100m
R Campbell	1 <sup>st</sup> U7 50m
R Hyne	1 <sup>st</sup> U9 75m; 1 <sup>st</sup> U9 100m
H Makin	1 <sup>st</sup> U12 400m
S Hanekom	1 <sup>st</sup> U13 400m
S Prentice	1 <sup>st</sup> U12 shot
B Sharples	1 <sup>st</sup> U10 high jump
T Bakre	1 <sup>st</sup> U10 100m
U8 relay team	1 <sup>st</sup> U8 4x50m relay <b>new record</b>
U9 relay team	1 <sup>st</sup> U9 4x100m relay
U10 relay team	1 <sup>st</sup> U10 4x100m relay
U11 relay team	1 <sup>st</sup> U11 4x100m relay
U13 relay team	1 <sup>st</sup> U13 4x100m relay