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A Sporting Eye

Jackson Goodall (Grade 4) interviewed by Simphiwe Tashe

Well done Jackson for your recent success at the Western Cape Lifesaving Champs! What did you do at the Champs?
I did a swimming race in the ocean on a board.

How did you get involved in lifesaving?
My uncle, cousin and dad do it.

What is the best part about it?
Saving lives is fun!

We heard that you competed at SA National Champs in Gqeberha as well. How did that go?
It went well. I came 6th in my age group.

Thanks for your time Jackson!

(If you are interested in Lifesaving as a hobby chat to Jackson, or go to www.cliftonsurf.co.za)



Editor's Corner

By Luke Esterhuyse

Welcome to the first issue of the Bishops Prep Post! This is a newspaper made by volunteer students of Bishops Prep.

The Bishops Prep Post (BPP for short) is just some entertainment for you sitting there reading this article. To start off with we are aiming for one issue every term. Please keep the complaining to a minimum for now, thanks!

If you want to comment or suggest something you can do that by dropping put a note into the Suggestion Box in the library.

A big thank you to Miss de la Harpe for her time and effort in supporting this newspaper.

That's it from me, enjoy reading!

Riveting Riddles

By Nicholas Crew

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. What is always coming, but never arrives?
3. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?
4. I am pronounced as one letter, written with three. I come in blue, green, or brown. Reverse me and I read the same either way. What am I?
5. What has a neck, but no head?

Flash Fact



Minecraft was invented by Markus "Notch" Persson, a Swedish video game programmer and designer. He created the game as a passion project and released the first public version in 2009. Minecraft is the best-selling video game of all time, with over 350 million copies sold and nearly 170 million monthly active players as of 2025.

A Slice of History

By Hunter Weingartz



Toot-toot-toot for Richard Trevithick (1771–1883). Inventor and engineer Richard Trevithick dreamt of steam transport.

He left school early and went to the mines with his father. There he worked on the steam engines used to drag coal wagons on the rails. Richard built a small high pressure steam carriage on wheels, but it ran into a house!

Then in 1803, he built a steam locomotive that ran on cast iron rails, but it broke the rails!

Answers to Riddles

1. An egg.
2. Tomorrow.
3. A map.
4. Eye
5. A bottle.



Five questions... for Mr Brown

Interviewed by Luke Esterhuyse



Photo by Nicholas Crew

1. We will miss you, when you retire next year Mr Brown. But what will you miss the most next year?

Good question! I'll miss the excitement of school, all the activities, all the young people, everyone saying 'good morning Mr. Brown', 'how are you Mr Brown'. And I'll also miss all the teachers and probably miss being busy, or so busy.

2. What will you miss the least?

Oh, that's a difficult question. Probably people fussing over stupid things. Is that a good answer? I won't say if it is teachers, parents or boys. I'll just say people!

3. What advice would you give your younger self, if you were a pupil at the prep school now?

Oh, this is an easy one! To take part in lots of activities at school, to make the best of your time here. Whether it is in the classroom, or in music, or sports, or editing a newspaper. And not to let other boys affect you too much. In other words, not be oversensitive.

4. If you had to do it all over again, what career path would you choose if you weren't a teacher?

I don't know, I was never planning to be a headmaster, I was planning to teach in high school all my life. But I am glad the way it's gone. I think maybe I would have gone into law, I was interested in law or teaching. Or acting, I was also interested in acting! And then I decided to go into what I call the most important profession in the world: teaching!

5. And lastly, on a serious note. What food could you not live without?

Meat & cheese. All meats... and all cheese!

I've got a bonus question: What book would you advise that everybody should have read before they go to college?

Oh wow, that is a difficult one! Do I get extra marks if I give a good answer? This is like the bonus question in a math paper! There are two books that the boys read in grade 7 - "The Hole" and "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas". They are quite incredible books about how we see each other.

Thank you Mr Brown!

Quick-Quiz

by Damian Papachristodoulou

1. General Knowledge: What is the largest planet in our solar system?
2. Animals: What species of birds can fly backwards?
3. Geography: What is the capital city of Australia?
4. Science: What is the process called by which plants make their food?
5. History: Who invented the telephone?
6. Literature: Who wrote the play "Romeo and Juliet"?
7. Movies: In what movie does the character Scar appear?
8. Sports: What is the Tour de France?
9. Music: Who sang the song "Bohemian Rhapsody"?
10. Technology: What type of energy comes from the sun?

- Quick-Quiz Answers
1. Jupiter
 2. Hummingbird
 3. Canberra
 4. Photosynthesis
 5. Alexander Graham Bell
 6. Shakespeare
 7. The Lion King
 8. A cycling race
 9. Queen/Freddie Mercury
 10. Solar energy

Terrific Trivia

By Marcel Stevens

As a South African you know that we have 11 official languages, our flag has six colours, we are home of the big five, plus penguins and obviously we are mad about rugby. But did you know that:

Table Mountain is so cool, it was named one of the new 7 Wonders of Nature!

Johannesburg was built on a gold rush - there's so much gold underground, it's called Egoli, the city of gold!

Springboks can run up to 88km/h. That's nearly as fast as a car on the highway!

In parts of South Africa, like the Karoo, scientists have found real dinosaur fossils. Some of the oldest creatures ever discovered were found right under our feet!

Punchline

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"And now Gus is finally big enough to follow in his father's slime trails."