THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL, CAMP, PUNE Junior Section Report on "COME SING A CAROL" 2023-2024

Christmas carols fill the air with joy and merriment, as the chime of the bells echo all around and prayers reach out to God. The Junior School Choir of The Bishop's School Camp, along with its sister schools, St Mary's Jr. School, and St Helena's Jr. School, came together to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus Christ with their melodic singing and accompaniment, bringing out the spirit of Christmas in our hearts. On December 4, 2023, our school hosted the "COME SING A CAROL"event to usher in the Holy season of Advent.

The programme began with a reflective prayer led by. The Christmas tree was then lit by a representative from each school and the Headmistress Ms. Mayura Barsay then addressed the audience. The Bishop's Co-ed school, Kalyani Nagar gave a wonderful performance of the two earols, *"That's Christmas" and "Mistletoe."* Carols like *"Wake O Carth" and "Come and see Jesus"* were powerfully and inspirationally delivered by the talented choir of St. Helena's Jr. School. The audience was reminded of the value of faith and joy by the ageless earols "O come, all ye faithful" and "Feliz Navidad" by The Bishop's School, Camp (2nd session) choir. A mesmerising dance performance of a Christmas Carol medley by the boys of The Bishop's School, Camp received widespread appreciation.

The soulful tunes of "See him lying on the bed of straw" and "It was a starry night" filled the air with peace and they were sung by the Bishop's Co-ed school Undri Choir. The St. Mary's Jr. School Choir captured the spirit of happiness and togetherness with their renditions of the carols "In December" and "A Christmas Medley," which moved the audience. With their heavenly and magnificent voices, the outstanding choir of The Bishop's School, Camp (first session) sang the closing pieces, "Do you hear what I hear" and "Angels we have heard on high."

With a great deal of love and happiness in the air and a lot of Christmas spirit in every heart, the programme came to an end with a vote of appreciation proposed by Ms. Mayura Barsay, the Headmistress of The Bishop's School, Camp. Everyone found the programme to be quite exciting and enjoyable, and special recognition should be given to our principal, Mr. Shayne McPherson, the headmaster, Mr. Christopher Gaynor, the Principals of the visiting schools and the choir instructors, who always go above and beyond to ensure the success of the event. Their advice and assistance are really admirable.

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