



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE

20th FOUNDER'S DAY 2023

"Let our hearts be full of both thanks and giving..."

Every heart that was present in the auditorium of The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Kalyani Nagar on the morning of 7th July 2023, was in complete resonance with the above words. It was the 20th Founders' Day of the school and a moment of great pride for every Bishopite.

Amidst a very solemn ambience, Mrs. Fiona Dinger welcomed the gathering. In attendance was the Chairman of The Bishop's Education Society, Mr. Rudolf Woodman, the members of the Governing Body, the Principal of The Bishop's School, Camp, Mr. Shayne McPherson and Mr. Julian Luke, the Principal of The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri.

As the colour party marched in reverence, to the beats of 'Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus', to present the Flags to the Principal Mr. Ashley Eates, a feeling of pride for all that the school has achieved in these twenty years, was quite palpable. Reverend Pastor Earl Smokey James led the gathering in opening prayer. The first Reading was brought by the Head Boy, Ronav Jaiswal. The students' Choir then mesmerized the audience with the soulful rendition of the song, "Lord is Bigger than any Mountain that I Can or Cannot See".



The second reading by the Head Girl, Amrita Nair was followed by a special song by the staff choir, "Jesus Hold My Hand". The readings and the special song by both the students' and the staff choir seemed to touch the gathering in a way that gratefulness transcended from the altar to the audience.

Pastor Earl Smoky James in his special message referring to Psalm 28 Verse 7 said, it is the Lord that always keeps a watch over us and when we learn to trust God, He will send us help whenever we need it. He added that it was this unwavering faith and trust in the Almighty that saw the Bishop's schools emerge stronger after those difficult Covid years.

After the school prayer by the Principal, Intercessory prayers for the school and all that it encompasses, was brought by the Head Mistress Mrs. Christina Dunn and the Head Master Mr. Merwyn Rodricks.





The Principal while addressing the gathering remembered the former Chairman Rev (Dr) Brian Charles Wintle and said that the vision of the school is to instill the virtue of truth, honesty and a strong sense of value in the students. "The school motto, *Thorough*", he said, "reminds us to always remain true to our tasks." The morning came to a close with the recessional Hymn.

While a very solemn air pervaded the auditorium in the morning, evening saw it in all its glory. The theme of the evening party was 'Masquerade' and the décor in the hall transported us to a medieval court. The solemnity of the morning gave way to music, dance, fun and frolic. Everyone, right from the Governing Body Members to teachers to Admin Staff looked resplendent in beautiful outfits completing the look with a mask.

The evening kick started with the cutting of the cake, celebrating twenty years of our school. The music Band 'Put Together', belted out some foot tapping music and before long the dance floor came alive with graceful moves from ball room dance to waltz to samba to foxtrot. It was indeed quite a sight and everyone seem to be having a great time. More fun was in store as there were a couple of fun games which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A few surprise prizes made the day for some – Mrs. Nikita Khurjekar was given a prize for keeping the mask on for the longest time whereas, Mrs. Ashwini Udawant took home the prize for her mask which was awarded for the most number of feathers in it.



Dancing had left many famished and the aroma of the food was simply irresistible. Pastor James said the grace and the staff headed towards the sumptuous spread. As the evening drew to a close, the exhausted but still exuberant attendees headed home carrying memories of a day well spent which they will reminisce for years to come.



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