



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This week we have experienced particularly high temperatures. While they have not reached danger levels on our school campus, it is important that we take precautions to ensure that the boys remain well-hydrated and that the necessary hats and sunblock are worn at all times. A look at weather predictions for the near future suggests that these hot, dry conditions are likely to be with us for quite some time. While one hears all sorts of arguments for and against the theory of global warming, practical exposure to these conditions would seem to suggest that we need to be cognisant of the effects of our modern lifestyles on the environment. As citizens, not only of our beautiful country, but also of the world, we need to act and to teach our children to act in a responsible manner in terms of our carbon footprint.

Another area in which human beings are facing challenges is in the acceptance and accommodation of differences amongst the people with whom we rub shoulders daily. Europe is having to grapple with an influx of people from a number of different cultures as a result of the troubles in the Middle East and Africa. Our own country is travelling a similarly challenging path for other reasons. I was fortunate enough to listen to an address by Stanley I. Bongwe when I attended the SAHISA Conference earlier this term. His book, "100 lessons in DIVERSITY" has sold over 24 000 copies and provides short and insightful commentaries on the process of transformation that human beings are experiencing around the world. An important question that he asks is:

"Should you treat others as you would like to be treated or should you learn to treat them as they would like to be treated?"

Following Mama Thandi Chane's workshops earlier in the term, I thought I would share from the book to stimulate discussion within our own families and community. The first idea is probably best provoked by the lyrics by Rodgers and Hammerstein:

*You've got to be taught to hate and fear
You've got to be taught from year to year
You've got to be taught before it's too late
Before you are six or seven or eight
To hate all the people your relatives hate
You've got to be carefully taught*

As parents and teachers, what are we teaching our own children as a result of our actions, overheard comments and other "little" unintentional lessons? Stanley Bongwe says; "The views we hold of others are views that we had learned from socialising agents in our immediate social circles, especially during our formative years..."

I hope you have a wonderful "Proudly South African" week.

Best wishes

Rob Macaulay

DIVERSITY

Mama Thandi's two engaging addresses to parents in September were well received. She sketched the challenges that pupils, parents and schools face in the transformation journey. Council, the PA and staff, support endeavours to promote inclusion and are always happy to address suggestions and comments.

Baxter Pollock addressed the boys on the significance of Heritage Day. He emphasised that this is an opportunity to embrace one another, be good neighbours and thereby form a socially cohesive nation.

St Peter's wishes all Jewish and Hindu pupils, parents and friends well over the fasting period that began in September and runs into October. We hope Eid and Yom Kippur were memorable occasions.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

OLD BOYS NEWS

Michaelhouse

Daluxolo Ngcebetsha was awarded full school colours for Music.

Wenzile Ngcobo and **Luke Tomlinson** were awarded full colours for soccer.

Hilton

Sheldon Bishop was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He received a Gold Award and Best in Category award at the Eskom Science Expo.

Rory Duffy was awarded a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

Stuart Forbes was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He received a Bronze Award at the Eskom Science Expo. He was awarded the Grade 10 Prize for Information Technology on Speech Day.

Rendani Gangazhe was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

William Hayne was selected for the U15A Cricket Team.

Ben Howarth was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Orchestra tour to the Eastern Cape.

Jonty Jewels was selected for the 1st Cricket Team.

Chris Meyer was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

Tristan Meyer was awarded Colours for Academics and was awarded the Mervyn Lloyd Prize for Life Sciences on Speech Day.

Zelwande Phenyane was selected for the U14A Soccer Team.

Keegan Raves was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

Connor Russell was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order, a Commendation in the Mark Order and a Commendation Certificate in the 3rd Term.

Gareth Schreuder was selected for the U15A Cricket Team.

Luke Schreuder was awarded a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

Ross Schreuder was selected for the 1st Soccer Team and awarded the SAS Trophy for the Most Innovative Hockey Player.

Motheo Taukobong was awarded the Grade 10 Prize for Dramatic Arts on Speech Day.

Jordan Twiss was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order, a Commendation in the Mark Order and a Commendation Certificate in the 3rd Term

JUNIOR PREP CAMP OUT

The Junior Prep camp out took place this past weekend. This was the first joint camp out with both the Boys Junior Prep and Girls Junior Prep families, so it meant that the fields were full of tents and people. There was added excitement around the event as South Africa played a crucial game in the Rugby World Cup against Scotland and the PA ensured that everyone could watch the game by erecting 5 additional TV screens around Mvukuzane Pavilion. Families were able to sit on camper chairs or stand around and braai while still being able to watch our team play to victory! Most families took advantage of the braai's supplied and the boys and girls had a blast, playing with friends, roasting marshmallows and telling ghost stories!

We estimated there were about 260 families who camped. Thank you to the St Peter's families for a fun filled evening!



SUNSET CAROLS

- MARKET AND GLOSSY PROGRAMME



St Peter's Christmas Market

Date: Saturday 28 November 2015

Place: St Peter's School
105 Witkoppen Road, Paulshof

Time: From 14:00 onwards

The price per stall is R500. (St Peter's School parents will be charged R400)

Be part of this exciting event!

Please email: carols@stpeters.co.za

St Peter's Glossy Programme

Would you or your company like to advertise in the Sunset Carols A4 glossy programme?

The programme will have photos and names of all choirs participating in the event as well as all events of the day, the sing-a-long Carols and other fun information. For more details, please contact Dalene ((dalene@selectivevents.co.za))

PA NEWS

SUPPORTER'S SHIRTS

Can be bought from The School Shop

ST PETER'S PA GOLF DAY

Friday 16 October at Kyalami Country Club with a shot gun start at 12:00.

There are **two 4-balls available** due to unavoidable cancellations. Should you want to join this fantastic golfing day, please contact Dalene 083 226 6269 or dalene@selective loans.co.za

ST PETER'S MINI TRIATHLON

Sunday 1 November 8:30 – 10:30 on the school grounds and parts of the PWC Bike park.

Save the date for this fun, family morning experiencing an all-in-one event. Swim, cycle and run/walk.

We encourage all St Peter's families and friends to join in.

The distances and courses will be age appropriately designed.

Further details will follow.

IRONMAN QUALIFIERS

Closing applications for this will be 16 October.

All Ironman medals will be awarded after half term. The focus of the Ironman Challenge is to promote maximum participation and so if any child was unable to complete one of the legs of the Ironman due to unforeseen circumstances or a clash on the school calendar, then we will accept that the child completes the event of equal distance in their own time and submits this information to Dalene (dalene@selective loans.co.za) in order to still qualify for a medal.



CHARITY EVENTS

SUNFLOWER FUND - NATIONAL BANDANA DAY MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER

If you have not already done so, buy your bandanas this weekend and wear them to school on Monday.



Support National Bandana Day
In support of patients diagnosed with leukaemia and other life threatening blood disorders.

12 October 2015

We ♥ Bandana Day

The Sunflower Fund
Share a Little, Save a Life

Buy your bandana from Pick n Pay or Round Table and wear it with pride on National Bandana Day.

#BandanaDay2015

Toll-free 0800 12 10 82
www.sunflowerfund.org.za

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National Bandana Day
12 October 2015

Pet Competition

How to Enter:

1. Like our Facebook page.
2. Get Creative! Post a pic of your pet wearing the 2015 bandana to our Facebook page and Share the competition!
3. When you've entered pop an email to: michal@sunflowerfund.org.za to let us know you've entered.

Amazing prizes to be won!

Enter here: [facebook.com/TheSunflowerFund](https://www.facebook.com/TheSunflowerFund)
The competition runs from 15 Aug - 12 Oct 2015.
T&C's apply - SA only.

These are our 2015 designs. You need to wear one of these to enter

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FINANCIAL MANAGER AT ISASA

The position of Financial Manager at ISASA's (Independent Schools Association of South Africa) head office, in Johannesburg, is currently being advertised.

The successful applicant for this position will be responsible for overseeing and managing all financial operations within ISASA. The incumbent will have to manage the effective delivery of ISASA's core financial management practice through the design, development and implementation of effective financial policies, procedures and operating systems.

The full advertisement for this post can be found at the following link:

<http://www.isasa.org/vacancies/listing/financial-manager/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME
OF THE GAME HAS
CHANGED TO 14:30



**THE OLD BOYS ARE BACK...
WITH A WINNING TEAM!**

**ST PETER'S OLD BOYS
VS
THE GOBLINS**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
14:30 TILL LATE (STAY
FOR THE RUGBY - AUS VS
WALES)**

**WHERE: ST PETER'S ON
MVUKUZANE FIELD**

**T20
FESTIVAL
9 TO 11
OCTOBER**

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

REMINDER:**RUGBY SUPPORTER FRIDAY**

Boys to wear South African supporter shirt, blue sports shorts, white socks, white takkies.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	09/10/2015			ABRSM Practical Music Exams
Friday	09/10/2015			T20 Cricket
Saturday	10/10/2015			T20 Cricket
Saturday	10/10/2015			Hockey Matches
Sunday	11/10/2015			T20 Cricket
Monday	12/10/2015			Summer Sports Programme Commences
Monday	12/10/2015	14:00:00		U10 Cricket Matches
Monday	12/10/2015	16:00:00	18:00:00	Chess Matches vs The Ridge (Home)
Tuesday	13/10/2015	14:00:00		U11 Cricket Matches
Wednesday	14/10/2015	14:00:00	16:00:00	ABRSM Theory Exams (Music)
Wednesday	14/10/2015	14:00:00		Open Cricket Matches
Wednesday	14/10/2015			SACS Water Polo Tour Departs
Thursday	15/10/2015	07:30:00	08:00:00	House Assembly for Grade 3 - 5
Thursday	15/10/2015	07:30:00	08:00:00	Tutor Groups for Grade 6 and 7
Thursday	15/10/2015	08:00:00	12:00:00	Grade 7 Study Skills
Thursday	15/10/2015	14:00:00		U9 and Open Cricket Matches
Friday	16/10/2015	08:00:00	12:00:00	Grade 6 Study Skills
Friday	16/10/2015			St Peter's Golf Day
Saturday	17/10/2015			Cricket Matches (All Ages)
Saturday	17/10/2015	08:00:00	11:00:00	Open Basketball Festival
Saturday	17/10/2015	08:00:00	11:00:00	U12 Basketball Festival
Saturday	17/10/2015	08:00:00	11:00:00	U11 Basketball Festival
Sunday	18/10/2015			SACS Water Polo Tour Returns

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS : WEDNESDAYS 17:00