



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Boys

As we welcome our 66th crop of St Peter's Old Boys in a few weeks' time, we reflect on what has been another constructive year.

To pull the crowds, we always try to anchor the annual Old Boys gathering around a sporting event. Therefore, it was fitting that this year's event was a cricket match. This time we upped the ante and arranged two St Peter's Old Boys teams and hosted The Ridge Old Boys on our hallowed turf, Mvukuzane.

Cricket is a part of our school's rich history; an important discipline in teaching young boys delayed gratification and life lessons. It needs careful nurturing to ensure that it's around for another 66 years and, most importantly, that it is, and is always seen to be, an inclusive game,

free from the sting of old school colonialism.

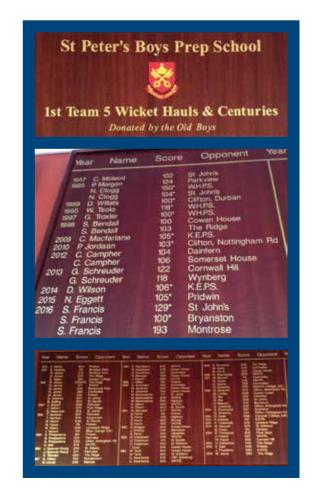
From a sports point of view, cricket has been instrumental in building the ethos of the school, so it was fitting for the Old Boys Association to arrange and fund an Honours Board - a board that marks centuries and fivers for St Peter's first team players since 1950. It even boasts an international player (albeit for the Netherlands). In the future we hope to roll out this concept for other sporting codes.

Next year we will incorporate an Old Boys' soccer game (another game that is very much part of the history of the school) and perhaps a basketball game for the younger Old Boys. Any other suggestions are always welcome.

Thanks to the Old Boys for their fantastic support this year and look forward to seeing you all at next year's events.

Good luck to the Class of 2016 (the newest Old Boys) as you start a new innings - smash it out of the park!

David Wilson



SUCCESS ON THE GOLF COURSE

Justin Walters and Haydn Porteous did us proud in the South African Open and the Joburg Open held in January. Justin finished tie third in both competitions, with Haydn winning the Joburg Open by two shots. Haydn earned automatic entrance to The Open at Royal Troon, held in July.

OLD BOY CONNECTIONS IN CAPE TOWN

Barrie Jack (1956 - 1958) and his son Matthew (1980 - 1988) are considering forming an Old Boy chapter in Cape Town. If anyone is interested in the occasional OB get-together, please contact Barrie at: bjack.newjourneys@gmail.com

CAPE COBRAS: CRICKET...NOT THE SNAKE!

Well done, Omphile Ramela, on being selected to captain the team for the 2016/17 season.

Omphile is also a spokesman for "Black Cricketers in Unity" - a group targeting selection unfairness at the top level, in South Africa.

While on the subject of cricket...

In 2015 Tom Harrison was appointed as CEO of the England/Wales Cricket Board. This is a most prestigious position and we are really proud that it went to an Old Boy.

MUSIC WAS ALWAYS HIS PASSION

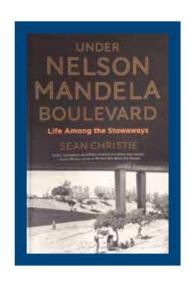
Conrad Asman won the Stefan Grove National Composition Competition earlier this year. This competition is open to those who have left high school but are not yet professionals in the music industry.

STUDYING ABROAD

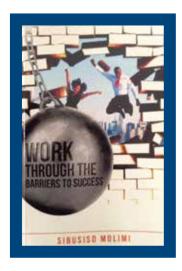
Donovan Westbrook read successfully for an LLM at Columbia University. Congratulations!

TWO PUBLICATIONS IN 2016

1: Sean Christie's book, "Under Nelson Mandela Boulevard - life among stowaways" was published in September. Many interesting/disturbing facts and some hair-raising events (from his parents' point of view!) are covered in the book. A recommended read.



2: "Work Through the Barriers to Success" - Sibusiso Molimi presents areas to work on and solutions to help you overcome barriers and go on to live the life of your dreams. The book is filled with personal journeys, successes, highs and lows. An easy, inspirational read.





CHARITY AWAY FROM HOME

Craig Thomson was the only South African to join the Cycle 4 Change team on their ride from Cairo to Cape Town. Four months, ten countries and 11 500km after setting off, an exhausted group arrived in the Cape. Craig raised R50 000 towards his charity. Apart from the tough physical aspect, they were involved in many adventures and also travelled through some of the most stunning scenery to be found on the African continent.

OLD BOYS - WHERE ARE THEY AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING? (Some details may have changed without us being notified)

• 80's

Denis Corin: President: QBioMed Inc, Cayman Islands Mark Backes: IT Specialist, Nedbank, Johannesburg

Mxolisi Kobus: Strategy Manager: Barloworld Equipment, Johannesburg

• 90's

Julian Christie: Self-employed in the automotive/sound industry, Johannesburg

Charles Serrurier: Plastic Surgeon, Johannesburg William Tsolo: Business Analyst: HSBC, London

Duncan Crow: Vice-President: Manufacturing Development, SABMiller, Miami, USA

• 2000+

Peter Searle: Project Manager, New Leaders Foundation, Johannesburg

James White and Stuart Smallwood: Deloitte, London

Share your stories...

If any Old Boy would like to share a story through our newsletter or Facebook page, please contact Hilary Nothard at: hnothard@stpeters.co.za. We also welcome updates of where you are and what you are doing. All OBs are invited to join our Old Boy Facebook page. Currently, there are 530 members, of all ages.

T20 CRICKET: OLD BOY CRICKET FESTIVAL

Following on from last year's successful Old Boys game against the Goblins, this year we hosted another mighty cricket clash between the Old Boys of two highly regarded prep schools - St Peter's vs The Ridge. The two matches were played in buoyant spirit with both young and old - a number of festive "20 Somethings" bringing lots of banter and fun to the occasion. One game was certainly played in a more competitive spirit whilst the "mixed ability" game enjoyed more humour and liquid refreshments.



THE OLD BOY A AND B TEAMS

It was great to see Graeme Holmes (certainly not one of the "20 Somethings") hit a flurry of sixes in the dying overs - batting with his son, James. Sadly, this late display of aggressive batting was for a losing cause as the St Peter's "mixed ability" side, who lost too many wickets at the wrong time in their chase of 197, fell 40 shy of the total. Top score for St Peter's was Graeme Holmes on 31 not out followed by Ashton Drummond on 26 - the team was captained by James Faircliff.

THE "A" TEAM

It was left to our "A" team to demonstrate our proud cricketing history, which they did with a convincing win, led by the batting heroics of Justin Attlee - he retired on 51 not out. Gavin Alston, who captained the side, carried on where he left off in the early 80's with figures of 3 for 11 off 4 overs. A great team effort to defend a total of 170.

It was a fitting occasion to unveil the Cricket Honours Board which was donated by the Old Boys and is on display in the Mvukuzane Pavilion. The board marks the 100s scored and 5 wicket hauls of St Peter's first team players from 1950.

We look forward to a period of recovery until next year's game. Hope to see you there.

At the T20 Cricket, it was lovely to see Nigel Edmundson, who was part of the first class at St Peter's in 1950. Nigel came to support the Old Boys and enjoyed watching an afternoon of cricket with his granddaughter, Paige, who is at the Girls School.



ST PETER'S FOUNDATION

The St Peter's Foundation was established in 1996. It is dedicated to ensuring long-term sustainability of the St Peter's family, facilities and the broader community by raising, managing, investing and allocating sustainable funding in accordance with the school's values, ethos and tradition.

The Foundation office sources donor funding and manages the investment and disbursement of funds in line with donor specifications.

SCHOOL PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION

1. Isematholeni Intern Programme

The *Isematholeni* Intern Programme focuses on developing South Africa's teachers of tomorrow. Prospective teaching students, of whom over 80% are from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, have the opportunity to apply for a full

scholarship. This includes academic fees towards a B.Ed. and a small stipend, while receiving full-time, dedicated training on how to become an efficient and productive teacher. Once qualified, the graduates are encouraged to return to their communities to teach, motivate and inspire children to become the next economic-contributing citizens of South Africa.

The programme hosted 8 interns in 2015 who, as a group, achieved five distinctions and all passed their various years of study. Three graduates have completed our programme and had been employed in both state and remedial schools. In 2016, a total of 17 interns are progressing through the programme.

2. Bursaries

St Peter's is dedicated to giving a quality education to financially disadvantaged scholars with academic ability. Since 1996 the Prep has provided bursaries to disadvantaged children from grade 3 to grade 7. To date, over 30 children had been supported in aid of an excellent education at St Peter's.

The Old Girls Bursary Fund was established by the 2014 Grade 7s and the 2015 cohort raised approximately R39 000. This fund had been established to support Old Girls' daughters or grand-daughters who otherwise would not have the financial means to afford the same excellent education as their mothers/grandmothers.

3. Community Partnerships

The St Peter's way is to support our surrounding community thereby contributing to sustainability of our area. One such initiative is our partnership with Sefikeng Primary and Diepsloot Combined Schools. These partnerships had been built over years and include a variety of activities, ranging from dedicated weekly reading sessions with the school's junior prep pupils to joint sports activities and the preparation and delivery of sandwiches by St Peter's pupils.

All projects aim to develop skills, talents, attitudes and relationships of the people participating, as well as to promote improved understanding between St Peter's children and the community.

The impact of our involvement can be seen especially in the improvement of the scholars' reading ability, a consequence of our programme in partnership with Read for Africa.

Should any readers be interested in becoming a donor or would like to get involved in any of the above projects, please go to our website for information on the process: www.stpeters.co.za