



**ST PETER'S  
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**  
**SERVING THE FAITH  
FOR 70 YEARS**

**THROUGH THE KEYHOLE**

**DATE 26 February 2020**

**JUNIOR PREP**

Dear Parents,

### ***FROM THE HEADMASTER***

Can you believe that the first half of the Easter Term has come and gone? As we launch our 70th Celebrations with a School Eucharist on Thursday, we are conscious of how blessed St Peter's has been during the years of development. A large portion of our success has to be attributed to community participation and the belief in the three-legged pot. With the iron pot containing all the ingredients necessary for a good education to happen, we can never lose sight of the importance of all three legs in supporting the educational stew. Parents, the boys and the school all have an equal role to play in the development of a child ready to take on the demands of the 21st Century. It is, therefore, no coincidence that collaboration is not only part of the school values, but is also part of 21st Century skills. Thank you to all of you for your continued involvement and input in every one of the boys.

While we have had a lot of much needed rainfall, it has been somewhat detrimental to the sporting programme. Not only does a wet basketball court present dangers, but there have been numerous stoppages for lightning alerts. The lightning alert system works on a fifteen kilometre radius and any activity, whether cloud-to-cloud or cloud-to-ground within this area, will trigger an alarm. The lightning conditions remain in force until half an hour after the last recorded strike. While this means that the siren can go off while there are still sunny conditions, the cricketers from Saturday morning will be able to attest to the fact that, in many cases, that storm can be upon us within minutes. I do understand that when these conditions prevail during the busiest pick-up of the week, frustrations can be present, but I must remind you that the safety of the children is our primary concern and they will be kept in safe areas throughout the alert. Thank you to the parent body who showed such restraint and sensibility, even with the electrical outages adding to the "perfect storm" that we encountered last Friday.

As we enter a period of mid-term break, I hope that you enjoy a little peace and quiet so that the boys are ready to return to the busyness of school on Tuesday.

Enjoy the long weekend.

**Rob Macaulay**

### ***FROM THE JUNIOR PREP***

#### ***ASH WEDNESDAY***

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, one of the important days of the Christian calendar. It is the first day of Lent, which is a time of prayer and fasting, that takes place from forty-six days before Easter. In preparation for this time we held our Shrove Tuesday activities yesterday. The boys thoroughly enjoyed pancake races and the yummy pancakes they received afterwards.

On Ash Wednesday ashes from the burnt palm crosses of the preceding year's Palm Sunday are used to place a mark of the cross on one's forehead. This cross reminds us of God's love and sacrifices for us. The time of Lent prepares us for Easter celebrations. It is a time of prayer, repentance, self-reflection, fasting and self-denial.

#### ***HALF TERM BREAK***

The Junior Prep Boys school will close today **Wednesday, 26 February at 13:00** for the first term Half Term break. We are hosting the St Peter's Boys School 70<sup>th</sup> Eucharist in the JP Building on Thursday, 27 February:

- There will be no school for Grade 0-3 boys on **Thursday, 27 February**.
- An Aftercare facility will be available for all Grade 0-3 children at the JP Girls Hall from 7:00-14:30. The Aftercare staff will manage this service and there will be no costs involved. Children who attend must please bring a packed lunch and extra water; they may wear civvies to school, but a hat and sunscreen are important.
- The Eucharist Service will start at 9:00 and should finish at 11:00. Any Grade 0-3 boy who attends this service must be accompanied by his parents.
- School will re-start on **Tuesday, 03 March at 7:30**.
- There will be **no** early finish today, waiting class will run until 14:15. Aftercare will, however, be in the Girls JP Hall to facilitate the set up of our building for the Eucharist Service.

### **MINI CRICKET – GRADE 2 MATCHES**

Grade 2 parents please see attached details of a mini cricket match to be played against St Stithians at St Peter's on **Friday, 06 March**.

### **HELP NEEDED**

- We continue to appeal for anti-waste items for our STEAM area – egg boxes, toilet rolls, polystyrene trays, old magazines, scraps of material and clean containers. Please place these items in the area behind the boat.
- Aftercare is looking for good quality, second hand books to start a reading corner in this facility. If you have books available please leave them in the JP Boys School foyer.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Next week a table with all unmarked lost property will be set up in the JP Boys foyer from Tuesday lunchtime until Friday. Please do check for any items your child may have lost.

Could I also appeal to parents to check cupboards over Half Term for items of school uniform which may not belong to your son. Please return these to school. Thank you.

### **GOLDEN MOMENT**

A Grade 0 boy has decided he is going to give up eating for Lent!

I am sure you will enjoy this Half Term break. I hope you make memories as a family.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Monday 02 March</b>	
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Tuesday 03 March</b>	
7:30	School recommences
<b>Wednesday 04 March</b>	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 02-08 March)
8:00	Sefikeng community partnership
13:00	Grade 2 CHAPS (Middle Room)
<b>Thursday 05 March</b>	
<b>Friday 06 March</b>	
13:00	Grade 2 mini cricket vs St Stithians @ St Peter's

### **PA AGM**

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting and the Notice of AGM. Please click on the following link if you would like to complete a proxy form:

<https://forms.gle/mb1hFg34BVfEH2rc8>

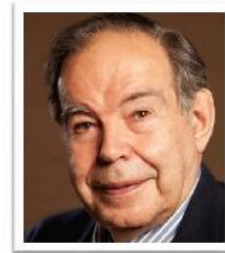
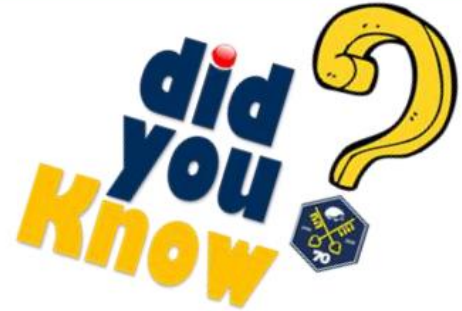


## 70<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATIONS

During the early 2000s, St Peter's was visited by the great **Dr Edward de Bono** of *lateral thinking* and "the Six Hats" fame. At that time, he held simultaneous professorships at Harvard and Cambridge. If I recall, he was charging something in the order of \$18 000 per day to consult to companies. De Bono had heard about the St Peter's Cognitive Education Programme and its extensive use of his thinking techniques. He offered to visit the school, deliver a lecture and answer questions.

His lecture, more like a workshop, was absolutely fascinating and after lunch, he responded brilliantly to questions from staff. We made sure to explain the greatness of the man and the significance of his visit to the school to the boys. We were always seeking intellectual role models to balance their hero worship of sporting figures. They reacted superbly, continuously hounding him for autographs. When some boys were unable to locate paper or other objects for his signature, they removed their boxers and enthusiastically presented these for his autograph.

**Greg Royce**



FIRST DECADE OF  
ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL  
1950 - 1959



Founder: Mr Stanley Dodson

## THE DECADES OF ST PETER'S IN ACTION

Here is the first of seven videos that will be released throughout the year in celebration of 70 years of St Peter's Boys Prep School.

Here are the 50s:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSknyJ8Sfio>

## FROM SICK BAY

A few cases of Chicken Pox have been reported in the Girls Junior Prep.

**Incubation Period:** Symptoms usually appear 14-16 days after exposure.

### Common Signs and Symptoms:

- Rash that first appears on the trunk (stomach and back) and spreads to the face, arms and legs.
- The rash appears to be small water blisters. Your child may have a fever or stomach ache for the few days before the rash appears.
- In a day or two, the rash will form crusts that will remain for a few days. As the blisters spread, some will be healing as new ones appear.
- Your child needs to remain home until all the blisters are crusted over (they are contagious until that time). Many children have received the chicken pox vaccine; however, children who have been vaccinated may develop a milder case with only a few lesions and may not feel ill at all.

Please notify the school if your child has chicken pox. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.  
**Nosipho Makhaya** (Girls Prep Nurse)

### 70<sup>th</sup> SOCKS – ON SALE

Boys will be able to wear the socks on all days with a seven (except 27 February which is the 70<sup>th</sup> Eucharist). They will wear the socks together with their sports kit consisting of red practice shirt, blue shorts and takkies.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for a **prefab/container/moveable structure** of about 50 square meters for the second hand shop; this should include electrical work, plumbing and partitioning for a toilet and storeroom. Please contact: [mhodgson@stpeters.co.za](mailto:mhodgson@stpeters.co.za).

**Paint supplier** - We are looking for additional quotes on our next big building painting project. If there is a parent who can assist, they should contact [cneto@stpeters.co.za](mailto:cneto@stpeters.co.za)

**Water-harvesting specialist** - In our ongoing campus greening and sustainability we are currently looking for a water-harvesting specialist. If there is a parent who can assist, they should contact [mhodgson@stpeters.co.za](mailto:mhodgson@stpeters.co.za)