



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

MANDELA DAY

This ought to have been in last week but I missed the deadline...and I don't have a note from my mum.

Once again, our community did us wonderfully proud with well over 700 staff, parents and pupils pitching up to repair and brighten up Sefikeng school. Families devoted time, labour, expertise, materials and plants. Many Sefikeng families arrived to work alongside the St Peter's contingent.

There are many individuals and organisations whose agendas it suits to portray independent schools as elitist, indifferent and uninterested in contributing to nation-building. Last Saturday was one of the many initiatives that exposes such falsehoods.

HELP:

Security employment. Our Security Manager is seeking full-time employment in a security role. The Prep employs him for 3 days a week and he has recently been retrenched from the institution which employed him for the other 2 days. He cannot afford to get by on the reduced salary. Although Lance has been with us for a relatively short time, he has proved to be extremely effective and reliable. If anyone is able to help, please contact Vijay Maharaj (vmaharaj@stepeter.co.za/ 0845113875). Lance comes with a great deal of experience in the security industry.

Electrical Engineer needed. The school requires the services of an Electrical Engineer to confirm which of its 71 DB boards requires surge protectors. If you are an Electrical Engineer and are able to assist, we would be grateful were you to contact the Operations Manager, Cecilia Neto (cneto@stpeters.co.za/ 082 900 7146).

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at groyce@stpeters.co.za or dradloff@stpeters.co.za.

Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Catherine Steenhoff and **Nicole Richardson** returned from Montreal, where they presented on our "Buddy Programme" at the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference. When we discussed their various breakaway sessions, during which they interacted with educators from around the world, the topic of childhood stress was high on the agenda. I have mentioned this previously in the Keyhole and below are a few bite-size insights that they are sharing from this conference.

Have a wonderful last week before the holidays.

Rob Macaulay

BOYS AND THE ARTS: GREAT MINDS, BIG HEARTS

The 2019 IBSC Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada explored the theme of *Boys and the Arts: Great Minds, Big Hearts*.

The arts play a critical role in the daily life of a boy. Worldwide there is a shocking decline in arts education and we are very proud of the fact that the arts is an integral part of the St Peter's day. The keynotes, featured speakers, workshops and action research projects all expanded on connection, relationships, self-expression, and feelings of emotional well-being. Boys, stress, the autism spectrum and mental wellness were topics of discussion throughout the conference.



BEATING THE ODDS



Edward (Ned) Hallowell is a child and adult psychiatrist, a New York Times bestselling author, a world-renowned speaker and a leading authority in the field of ADHD. At the 2019 IBSC Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada, he shared his story and offered concrete and practical ways for boys to overcome their own difficulties to “beat the odds”.

Loneliness is described as the leading cause of mental illness. Some boys are disconnected and the ones that are hard to connect with. The ones who hang back, are the ones who need connection the most. The connections Ned made in school saved him and he can still name the teachers who made a difference in his life. If we believe in a boy, he believes in himself. The power of connection changes lives – it is the “other Vitamin C.” Our number 1 priority in a school should be making sure our boys are connected.

Never worry alone... worry with someone and it becomes problem solving.

Nicole Richardson

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP GRADE 2 FOOTBALL

This week some of our Grade 2 boys in Belinda Smit’s class have written my newsletter article. Enjoy reading about their experiences of playing football against The Ridge last Friday:

My soccer match by Patrick Brodie-Smith

I hope you will enjoy my story. On Friday, 26 July 2019 St Peter’s played a soccer match against the Ridge. We played at St Peter’s on Mvukuzane, which is a field. Our team’s name was Amazulu. I played striker. The players in my team were Tsholo, James P, Rui Chen, Luke, Khrishay and Riley. We tried to score but The Ridge’s keeper was too good. The score was zero-zero at the end of the game. It was a draw, nil-nil. After the match we shook hands with The Ridge and went to get chips and juice. I went home with my mom. I hope you enjoyed reading my story.

My soccer match by James Leenstra

I cannot wait to tell you about my soccer match. The field we played on was Mvukuzane and we played on Friday. The boys in my team were Josh, Andile, Max, Malachi, John-Daniel, Oliver, Atrayu, Logan and Max B. Mr Cronin brought my team to the green field and the game started. The Ridge kicked off. They passed the ball to one wing. The Ridge player ran forward, he crossed it into the box, but I saved the ball. Then the game carried on. The final score was 0-0. At the end of the game we shook hands with The Ridge players and then I got my chips. My dad took me home. I can’t wait for my next soccer match.

My soccer match by Max Brown

Let me tell you about my last soccer match against The Ridge. Our team’s name was Chiefs. We had Oliver, Josh, James L, Andile, Logan, Atrayu, John-Daniel and me. In the match I played mid-fielder. We played on Feathers. We had such a good goalie, it was James L. It was such a fun match against The Ridge. We tied our game, nobody scored any goals. It is called nil-nil when two teams tie. So nobody won the soccer match. After the match we shook hands and we got chips and juice. My family came to fetch me from the match. I hope you liked my story. Bye!

GALLERY AT THE SCHOOL

Last night the JP Boys Social Cohesion team hosted a “Gallery at School” event – what a special night it was!

The art work completed by our boys is of a high standard. Yesterday, as the art was being set up, they were so proud to see their pieces placed in our “art gallery.” The display will remain in the JP until Tuesday, so please do pop in to take a look. On Wednesday the boys will bring their pieces home and I can assure you they are frame worthy!

The event in the evening was an opportunity for our parents to socialise with each other. A young up and coming artist, Themba Shabalala, shared his story, created a charcoal sketch and brought his work to display. He is a talented young man and was most encouraged by the positive feedback he received. Thank you to parents who supported him by purchasing a piece of his work.

An event such as this could not be possible without hard work and planning. Thanks must be extended to our Social Cohesion team: Chetna Daya, Mandy and Grant Hugo, Lindsay Anderson, Terrence Motsamai and Nokhuthula Dube, as well as our auctioneer, Nico Kritsiotis. Once again our Housekeeping and Kitchen staff went out of their way to assist as needed. Thank you to the teachers who made every effort to bring the creativity of our boys onto paper and, lastly, to our boys who worked so hard to produce a piece of work of which they could be proud.

GRADE 1 & 2 SPORT

Please see attached letter regarding hockey next term.

Callan Cronin: Junior Prep Sport.

GRADE 0-2 INTERNAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our boys will be participating in an internal football tournament on **Thursday, 08 August** – a really good way to end the football season.

As parents have experienced some matches and the demo mornings, it is not expected that you attend this event. Should you wish to attend, please could I ask that couples come in one car. Parking will be limited due to the number of activities on campus.

Grade 2 parents will be providing refreshments and you may send money with your son to purchase goodies to eat. The price list will be distributed through your class WhatsApp groups.

TERM 3 (ADVENT) CALENDAR

The above calendar has been sent with this newsletter; please diarise dates.

LOST PROPERTY

Due to the heat in the middle of the day our Lost Property has mounted as boys strip down to their PE kits. All unmarked lost property will be placed in the foyer from Monday-Wednesday next week. Please do check for misplaced items. Any unmarked items will be sent to an underprivileged organisation in Lesotho.

END OF TERM: 08 AUGUST

I am sure you are finding your son is tired and irritable as we head to the end of term. This week in prayers we spoke about the importance of being kind, especially at this time of term.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY, 08 AUGUST:

8:00-10:00	Grade 0-2 Football Tournament
10:00	Grade 0 home time
10:15	Grade 1 home time
10:30	Grade 2 home time
11:00	Supervised Waiting Class ends
11:00-14:30	Aftercare (JP Boys building). Please note that this service has no charge. Boys do, however, need to bring a packed lunch.

AFTERCARE

Aftercare will remain in the JP Boys building at the start of term on **Tuesday, 10 September** to allow for set up of the building after the alterations.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy was having a discussion with his mom about various topics. At one stage he shared with her that our intern, Mr T, is his role model! How sweet is that?

Enjoy your weekend – only one week to go.....

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 05 August	
Tuesday 06 August	
Wednesday 07 August	
8:00	Chapel (August birthdays 05-31 and farewell to leavers)
8:00	Community Partnership Sefikeng
13:00	CHAPS practise (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 08 August	
8:00-10:00	Internal Football Tournament
End of Term closing times:	
	Grade 0: 10:00; Grade 1: 10:15, Grade 2: 10:30
11:00	Waiting Class ends
11:00-14:30	Aftercare (bring a packed lunch)
Friday 09 August	
Women's Day	

HOLIDAY CLUB

We are looking forward to having you at
ADVENTURE CLUB!

Please remember to pack a **snack**, **sun hat**, **bicycle** and **helmet**. We can store your son's bicycle in a locked classroom for the week.

Only St Peter's pupils are allowed to attend from Gr0 to Gr3.

Cost: **R200** per day

Times: 08:00 to 12:00

Venue: Boys JP - Nichola Harmuth's class

Dates: 12 – 16 August

Please use the following banking details to make payment to secure your son's place. Please email proof of payment to

nharmuth@stpeters.co.za

N Harmuth

Nedbank Cheque Account

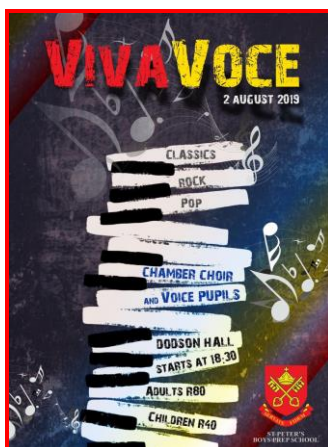
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VIVA VOCE: FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 18:30 Dodson Hall

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/viva-voce>



PA NEWS**PAVER PLAQUE ORDERS -** <https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

Paver Plaques



"May you never forget what is worth remembering."

This is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep. A brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the Old Boys Quad outside Dodson Hall.

Should you wish to order, and see the various options, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

Tickets go on sale on Tuesday, 6 August.

The Link will be on the Communicator and on WhatsApp Groups on Monday, 5 August



**ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS**

RAFFLE 2019

**Buy a raffle ticket for R200 to
stand a chance to win
R30 000
towards your school fees!**

The fine print:

- The draw takes place on 27-09-2019 at approx 19:00
- You don't have to attend the draw to win
- A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold
- You can buy multiple tickets
- Ts & Cs apply



GIRLS PREP – OPEN DAY – 5 OCTOBER

If you have friends, family or neighbours who would be interested in attending this Open Day, please spread the word!



**ST PETER'S
GIRLS PREP SCHOOL**
105 Witkoppen Road | Paulshof

*** OPENDAY ***

**We are expanding and have
spaces in Grade 0 and 1 for 2020!**
(turning 6 or 7 years old)

- > **Saturday, 5 October 2019**
- > **09:00 to 12:00**
- > **Venue St Peter's Girls Junior Prep**
105 Witkoppen Road
(Opposite Porsche)

*** Register for OPEN DAY**
girlsopenday@stpeters.co.za

www.stpeters.co.za