



Dear Parents,

REQUEST FROM THE RECTOR

We are looking for names of stained glass window makers to complete the windows in the chapel and would be grateful if any parents are able to furnish us with these names. Please contact Dalys Radloff (dradloff@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

Yesterday at the Service of Thanksgiving, some of our Grade 2 boys read the following poem:

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with....

Criticism they learn to condemn

Hostility they learn to fight

Ridicule they learn to be shy

Shame they learn to feel guilty

Tolerance they learn to be patient

Encouragement they learn confidence

Praise they learn to appreciate

Fairness they learn justice

Security they learn to have faith

Approval they learn to like themselves

Acceptance and Friendship they learn to find love in the world

I believe that the adults of the world role model so much to our children in our words, actions and expressions. We need to be constantly reminded that little eyes are watching and little ears are listening.....so for our children to be the best they can be, we need to be the best we can be.

I would like to thank parents, teachers, interns, coaches and teaching assistants for being part of our family at St Peter's. You touch our boys' lives daily and we must never forget that it "takes a village to raise a child." Our boys have flourished in their amazing St Peter's family in 2017.

SCHOOL FINISHING TIMES

Parents are reminded that from **Wednesday, 29 November** until **Wednesday, 06 December** the school day will finish as follows:

Grade 0: 12:45

Grade 1 & 2: 13:00

There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **14:00**

On **Thursday, 07 December** the following finishing times will apply:

Grade 0: 10:00

Grade 1: 10:15

Grade 2: 10:30

There will be a Waiting Class until **11:00** but **no** Aftercare facility on the day.

COMMUNICATION & DATES

This week you would have received your Term 1, 2018 calendar and an invitation to the Information Evenings at the start of the year. These evenings will give you a good overview of the year ahead and every effort should be made to attend. After time spent in the hall and classroom, there will be an opportunity to socialise with your class so that you can get to know one another.

Year-end reports will be sent home on **Tuesday, 05 December**. Two 2018 car discs required for entry to St Peter's will be in the report envelopes. Please replace your 2017 disc with the 2018 one. We request that you make every effort **not** to misplace these discs.

The final JP Boys Chapel service will take place on **Wednesday, 06 December** at 8:00. We will celebrate all December birthdays at this service and say farewell to the boys who will be leaving us.

The galas will take place on **Wednesday, 06 December** as well as the Grade 2 Leaver's Party.

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

On Tuesday we hosted a Christmas party for the Grade 0 children at Diepsloot Combined School and they had a wonderful morning. Thank you to our Grade 1 parents for supplying a packed lunch for the children.

On Monday the Grade 1 children from DCS will be hosted by our St Peter's Grade 7 boys for their Christmas party.

GOLDEN MOMENT

On our outing to the Panto the JP Boys had prime seats at the front of the theatre. One little boy told his teacher: "I can't possibly sit here, my mom has told me not to sit so close to the screen!"

I look forward to seeing you at the Sunset Carols this weekend. I cannot wait for our Grade 2 Choir and Intern performances.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 02 December	
15:00	Christmas Market
18:00	Sunset Carols
Monday 04 December	
7:30	DCS stationery collection
	Grade 0-2 puppet show "A Christmas Story"
9:30-12:00	DCS Grade 1 Christmas party
11:30-12:30	Grade 2 Interhouse event with Grade 6
12:45	Grade 0 finish
13:00	Grade 1 & 2 finish
Tuesday 05 December	
	No DCS today
	Reports go home
12:45	Grade 0 finish
13:00	Grade 1 & 2 finish
Wednesday 06 December	
8:00	Final Chapel Service (all December birthdays)
8:30	Grade 0 Gala – Boys swimming pool
9:15	Grade 1 & 2 Gala – Boys swimming pool
11:00	Grade 3-7 Gala – Girls swimming pool
12:30	Grade 2 farewell party – Boys swimming pool
Thursday 07 December	
End of Term	
Closing times: Grade 0 10:00; Grade 1 10:15; Grade 2 10:30	
11:00	End of Waiting Class
WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2018	
Start of Easter Term (first term)	

TRINITY TERM 2018

Please note that school will be starting on Thursday, 3 May 2018 for the Trinity Term. This will allow for Staff Development to take place on Wednesday, 2 May, in the knowledge that 1 May is a Public Holiday.

**SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER**

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Marimba, Orchestra, Drumline and Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

Tickets will be sold on the day!

CHRISTMAS BOXES – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the St Peter's Family who so generously supported the Christmas box initiative.

On Christmas morning, you will have made a joyous difference in the lives of the children at St Mungo's, Diepsloot.

Blessings

Father Richard (Chaplain)

**GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER****Cecilia Neto**

Cecilia joined St Peter's Prep in 1999 working in various administrative and accounting roles. She then became PA to the previous Business Manager, Rob Dyer and from there evolved into Operations and is the longest serving member in the Operations department overseeing the various roles, namely: catering, maintenance, internal transport, grounds and security.

Her tenure has seen her witness the College and Girl's school coming into existence.

Cecilia is an avid walker, walking faster than most people can run! A useful skill in her role which demands her to be on top of things on both sizeable campuses.

Cecilia has two sons Nicholas and Marc, both qualified CA's, living in London and passionately pursuing their financial careers. An exciting time lies ahead for Cecilia as her eldest son is coming home to get married in December.

**SCHOOL SHOP****Label Orders:**

PLEASE NOTE: the cut-off date for label orders will be **Friday, 1 December**. All labels ordered after this date will only be processed next year. Anyone needing labels can email the order to schoolshop@stpeters.co.za

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

SECURITY CAR DISCS FOR 2018

Parents will receive 2 x stickers (red in colour) in their son's Report Envelope. **DO NOT** throw these away. Please place on your car windscreen for access into the school next year, otherwise the guards will have to stop you. This is for the safety of our St Peter's Family, thank you.

COMMUNICATOR ST PETER'S

Please remember to re-personalise your channels for when your son changes grade and sports age group.

If you do not have the Communicator yet, here is how:

There is a link below to a **Google Form** – which you are required to complete, please. These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdLCEq0G>

PLEASE ALLOW **1 WORKING DAY** ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE FORM BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR TO ENABLE YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

You can then download via Appstore or Playstore.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come join us for fun in the sun at **Sports and Adventure Club** This Holiday!

Date: Monday, 11 December – Friday, 15 December
Venue: Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys JP
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome
Bring: Packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel
We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby, swimming and climbing wall fun
- Nature walks
- *Minute-to-win-it* games

RSVP: By Monday, 4 December
 Craig Jooste 071 864 1883 cjooste@stpeters.co.za
 Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748 dvandermerwe@stpeters.co.za

Banking Details:

Name: D van der Merwe
 Bank: FNB Cheque Account
 Account number: 62364829667
 Branch: 250655

Come join us at **Adventure Club** in January, before the school rush!

Date: Monday, 8 January 2018 – Friday, 12 January 2018
Venue: Mrs Ritchie's classroom and Boys JP
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome
Bring: packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby and swimming
- Nature walks
- *Minute-To-Win-It* games

RSVP: By Thursday, 7 December
 Gen Ritchie 083 304 8884 or Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748
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