



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Academic success

Our 2011 leaver group did us proud in the matriculation exams, garnering a total of 125 distinctions. In the following configuration:

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| 1 distinction – 17 boys | 5 distinctions – 7 boys |
| 2 distinctions – 2 boys | 6 distinctions – 2 boys |
| 3 distinctions – 5 boys | 7 distinctions – 2 boys |
| 4 distinctions – 3 boys | 8 distinctions – 2 boys |

We are especially delighted with their results given that it has never been school policy to select boys only on academic ability at entry. We do not need for our Old Boys and Girls to become famous public figures. Our only hope for each child that passes through our school is that, as adults, they are contributing citizens, wonderful parents and the best that they can be in any career they choose, hopefully bettering the lives of those around them.

Our first crop of girl leavers matriculates this year. I have no doubt they will do us equally proud!

Questions for the Rector:

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

Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent in the Anglican Church Year. Lent lasts for 46 days in the lead up to Easter Day, when we celebrate the rising of Jesus Christ from the tomb after His crucifixion. During Lent we typically try to give up something we enjoy doing and/or take up a practice that will help us to reflect on our Christian life. Sundays during Lent are regarded as “mini-Easters” and we are free from these undertakings on these days. Thus, the actual number of Lenten days is 40. Father Richard’s sermon yesterday reflected on the similarity of the ashes after a fynbos fire, which is essential for some of the plant seeds to germinate and begin new life, and the Lenten ashes. During this time we are prepared for a fresh, new Christian life after the festival of Easter. Please discuss this concept with your sons if they mention yesterday’s service. I am sure that Father Richard will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the Easter Season. He can be contacted on fatherrichard@stpeters.co.za.



This has been a busy week for the school and we have been happy to welcome visitors from the International School of Lusaka, who came to observe our educational practices and share their knowledge with our staff. In addition, we are hosting the Anglican Board of Education of Southern African Schools conference on Thursday and Friday. These links with other African schools form an important aspect of the St Peter’s growth mindset strategic imperative and we find that we always come away richer from our interaction.

I wish the St Peter's community a meaningful time of Lent and a happy week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP PREPARATION FOR EASTER

It has been a busy week in the Junior Prep with Shrove Tuesday and pancake races, Ash Wednesday and on Thursday discussions around Lent and the meaning of 'sacrificing' something we enjoy in the lead up to Easter. Please do discuss this time with your children and support them if they decide to participate in the Lent challenges.

STAFF VARIETY SHOW

The staff are hard at work preparing for the bi-annual Staff Variety Show. Not only is this production a valuable fund raiser, it is also a time of team building among staff from all departments within the school. I hope you have managed to book a table so that you too can be part of a true St Peter's tradition.

ADOPT A SCHOOL

This week's lesson will be on "My House" and all volunteers are welcome. We meet behind the boat and leave at 8:30.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy was asked to take a message to the office. His response is delightful – "Do I take it to the one that sits (Ros) or the one that prays (myself)?"

Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 06 March
Tuesday 07 March 8:30 DCS lesson "My House"
Wednesday 08 March 8:00 Chapel (birthday cards 6-12 March) 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir OR 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 09 March
Friday 10 March Grade 2 Mini Cricket matches vs The Ridge - away

LOST/MISLAID

Jaden van Rensburg (Grade 05) accidentally swapped one of his shoes with another boy (not in his class). He now has one size 13 (his shoe) and one size 1 (not his). Parents please check your son's shoes in case you have the matching shoe and if so, please contact Herman van Rensburg on 082 489 0005. Many thanks.

MAKE-UP REQUIRED

It is Staff Variety Show time and we want to look fabulous for you! If any parents have make-up that they do not use or have a connection to a make-up house for discounted goods, please could you donate or contact Sister Gail Brent. Boys can deliver any donations to her.

LATEST EDITION OF AWSUM NEWSPAPER

We are on page 6: https://issuu.com/tiemedi/docs/johannesburg_february_primary_-_hi

SHOE DRIVE FOR DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

When interacting with the children from DCS, we often notice the poor condition of their school shoes. For this cause, please consider donating your outgrown school shoes or takkies. We have placed permanent collection boxes in the Junior Prep and Senior Prep reception areas as this will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

St Peter's Community Partnership

STAFF VARIETY SHOW


It's the greatest show of the year

Let's TACO 'bout it

Price: R300 per head
down by R50
(Incl dinner & show)

MexiKEY II
2017 STAFF VARIETY SHOW

Get your table of 10 together or we will find you a spot

Show dates: 24 or 25 MARCH /
31 MARCH or 1 APRIL

Booking procedure:
Send a booking request to
svs@stpeters.co.za on
Friday, 3 March at 08:00.
Tickets will be allocated on a "first
come, first served" basis.

Email your name, the names of those on
your table, preferred date and second
choice date to the email address
provided.

You will be notified by Monday, 6 March if
your booking has been successful.
Payment in full will be required by
Tuesday, 7 March to secure, else the
table will be reallocated to the next
person on the waiting list.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION*"Give a gift, change the future"***Adopt a School: Diepsloot Combined**

What a wonderful start to the year with many new enthusiastic volunteers - our literacy programme continues to strengthen! A huge thank you to the families who also contribute financially, all initiatives need time and money, and we are grateful to you for both.

**Tax-year end**

A huge thank you to those who heeded our call to donate any unspent CSI funding, we appreciate your contribution!

Monica Sloane (Foundation Manager)

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE (Grade 1 & 2 boys only)

Your son should have brought home a School Magazine. The cost is R165 and will be debited to your account. If you do not want a magazine please return it to either the Boys SP or JP reception areas by today, together with a slip of paper with your son's full name and class.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

YEAR OR THE WOMAN

Prof Carol-Ann Benn addressed the parents on breast cancer in the Royce Hall last week. This was an informative talk focusing on screening, early detection, treatment and living with cancer. She encouraged conversation with our girls, family members, nannies, domestics and work mates. Mammograms and regular checks are important. Medical aid members should make their annual visits to hospitals of their choice. Helen Joseph Hospital does not turn away non-medical aid members.



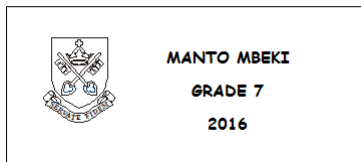
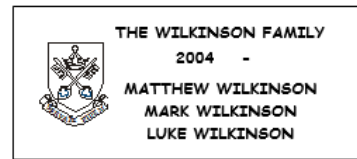
The Year of the Woman (YOW) steering committee thanks Colleen Hayward-Butt for arranging the talk that left us positive and hopeful!

PA NEWS**PAVER PLAQUES**

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

Should you wish to order, please contact Leonia West-Russell on Leonia@imagnet.co.za or download the order form from the Communicator under Resources/GIRLS/BOYS PA information.

Plaque designs available to are order:

CURRENT PUPIL:**LEAVERS' 2015:****FAMILY PLAQUES:****PA AGM – WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH**

Please note that Notice of PA AGM and Proxy Forms have been emailed to all parents. They can also be found on the Communicator St Peter's under Resources/BOYS/GIRLS PA.