



Dear Parents,

**FROM THE RECTOR**

**Traffic Pointsmen Update**

In the absence of the conclusion of tender process with the City of Johannesburg, the school has done the following:

- Attempted to contract with *Traffic Easy Flow* but has not received the requested letter authorising the company to deliver this service.
- Contacted the JMPD, twice, to provide pointsmen for our entrances. JMPD has replied saying that they are unable to provide pointsmen owing to a shortage of personnel.
- Contacted another company currently serving the College. This company is also unable to assist owing to a shortage of personnel.
- Contacted the MMC responsible for Safety & Security in Johannesburg.

I reiterate that:

1. The school may not contract with a service provider to provide pointsmen unless it has been licensed by the JMPD.
2. The school security guards may not act as pointsmen: they are not trained to do so nor do either they or the school have insurance in the event of an accident.

From the number of queries we, the PA and class mums are receiving, it is evident that many parents have not read our other communications in this regard. Please assist us by spreading this message.

Parents, who are largely the affected parties, can also assist by putting pressure on the City and JMPD. This can be done through emails to JMPD as well as to our Ward Councillor, Candice James.

Lastly, may I extend thanks to all those in the community, who have exercised patience, caution and courtesy, while driving, despite the frustration.

The security guards do an amazing job preserving the safety of our children. I've asked them to identify any parents who abuse them so that we can ask them to explain themselves.

**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](mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za) or [dradloff@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dradloff@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce

**FROM THE JUNIOR PREP**

**SCREEN TIME**

A number of parents have asked for feedback on the Screen Time talk hosted at St Peter's last week. This is a brief overview of some of the points:

**Guidelines for 5 to 18 years -**

- One hour of exercise a day.
- No media devices in the bedrooms.
- No exposure one hour before bedtime.
- No media while completing homework/studying – multitasking.
- Ensure it does not disrupt sleep, play, learning or exercise.
- No background television or media.
- Adhere to age restrictions.

Talk to your children regularly about their IT choices by asking pertinent questions. This allows them to think about games, social media and time spent on devices in a practical manner.

IT and particularly the world of gaming is here to stay – so if you can't beat them join them! Parents need to game with their children to gain an understanding of their world and share their interests. Follow them on social media and comment positively on their posts or give guidance if required. Continue to discuss the dangers of the internet and unlimited access by all, so that if your child is placed in a compromising position they know what to do and feel comfortable to share with you.

Enjoy the opportunities screens can offer a family and turn this into a positive experience for every member.

### **SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY, 04 OCTOBER**

Boys must come to school dressed in their sports kit on Friday. They may be barefoot if they wish, but please ensure their hats are packed.

Each Grade will be brought to Newlands Field for their part of the programme. They will take their bags with them so that they can leave from the event to go home or remain with parents to watch older siblings. Please pack an extra snack for your son. The Grade 2 parents are running a tuckshop, for your convenience. *We request that you do not purchase food for your son during his events; as this can result in his missing a race.*

- Grade 0 – 12:00-13:00 (Waiting class on Somerset field from 13:00-14:00).
- Grade 1 - 13:00-14:00
- Grade 2 - 14:00-15:00 (Grade 2 boys will remain in class until their event).

This is a day for our boys to showcase their skills, rather than be competitive.

### **SEFIKENG – HELP!**

As part of our Mandela Day project at Sefikeng we refurbished the staffroom and offices. The builders moved off site this week and the end result is delightful. We would like to upgrade their furniture if possible. Please could I ask parents who either have office furniture in storage or know where we can source second hand office furniture at a reasonable price, to contact me, via email: [kmelvillsmith@stpeters.co.za](mailto:kmelvillsmith@stpeters.co.za). I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of this outreach project.

### **GOLDEN MOMENT**

A Grade 0 boy told his teacher that animals 'higrate' during winter!

On 05 October teachers are celebrated around the world. I would like to leave you with this thought about our amazing team of teachers in the JP.

*“Highly effective teachers are worth their weight in diamonds because that's what they are – they sparkle, dazzle and amaze us with their artistry!” (James Casale)*

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Monday 07 October</b>	
<b>Tuesday 08 October</b>	
<b>Wednesday 09 October</b>	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 07– 13 October)
8:00	Sefikeng – outreach programme
13:00	Grade 2 CHAPS – Dodson Hall
<b>Thursday 10 October</b>	
13:00	Grade 1 CHAPS – Middle Room
<b>Friday 11 October</b>	

## HOW TO GET YOUR SECURITY CODE FOR YOUR VEHICLE (NOTE: The "Google Form" is no longer available)

Download and install the **Charlie app** from your respective app store (click either [Android](#) or [iOS](#))

- REGISTER:**
  - Sign in with either email or cellphone number (if you use your cellphone number you will receive a 6 digit pin).
  - NOTE: It is preferable that you use your cellphone number as you won't need to remember a password in the future.
  - Once in the app, select the blue block to insert your profile details.
  - Once completed, should you wish, the App can be deleted
- EMAIL:**
  - Request QR Code (pre-approval) by emailing [stpeters@appcharlie.com](mailto:stpeters@appcharlie.com)

Please include the following details for each vehicle:

1. NAME (person who normally drives car)
2. EMAIL
3. CELLPHONE NUMBER
4. VEHICLE DETAILS: Registration number, Make, Model and Colour

- RECEIVING OF QR CODE:**
  - The QR code will be emailed to the email given above.
  - Please print, cut out and place in Disc Holder which should be stuck on the same side of your windscreen as the license disc. (If you need a holder, please ask Elvis at Reception).

Sporadic scans will be conducted on vehicles, so please make sure you get your QR codes.

**Lance Camphor** (Head of Security)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR VERY OWN

**Callan Cronin** participated in the Inter Provincial Action Cricket Tournament last week where his team, Western Gauteng, won Gold. A total of 14 teams took part from all over the country.

At the end of the week, Callan was named the "Player of the Tournament" and he was also selected as part of the South-African World Cup Squad who will be competing in Australia next year.

Congratulations Callan!




## TOP TEN IN THE IBC (INTERNATIONAL BOYS COALITION) ACTION RESEARCH

Congratulations to **Catherine Steenhoff** and **Nicole Richardson** whose action research report on "Boys and Stories" has been awarded Top Ten status!

The Buddy Programme commenced this week with the Grade 6 buddies being introduced to their Grade 2 buddies. They will be interacting and forming a relationship over the next few weeks so that in 2020, when the Grade 2 boys move up to the Senior Prep they will have their Grade 7 buddy to help them, guide them and have a "go-to" person on a daily basis. This programme is beneficial



to both the Grade 6 boy and Grade 2 boy as they learn more about the St Peter's values of: Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Resilience, Collaboration and Compassion, in a practical way.



**ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

## My Story, Your Story, Our Story

**Using an Intentional Story Sharing Programme to Strengthen Relational Skills in Grade 6 Boys**

Nicole Richardson & Catherine Steenhoff  
St Peter's Boys Prep School, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Further Information**

This poster and further information is available at <http://www.ibpsc.org>

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**Introduction**

A group of 20 Grade 6 boys participated in a seven-week 'My Story, Your Story, Our Story' programme with their Grade 2 buddy. Through story-related activities and based on pedagogy underpinned by a framework for best practice in boys' education, this action research project sought to establish whether an intentional story sharing programme would strengthen relational skills in Grade 6 boys. Activities that involved physical interaction as well as those with a digital element were chosen as they best suit boys' education.

**The Research Action**

The Grade 6 boys shared their 'My Story' with their Grade 2 buddy. They then listened to their buddy's 'Your Story'. After participating in story sharing activities with their Grade 2 buddy, the Grade 6 boys then produced a combined 'Our Story' video.

**Historical Story**  
House shirt & Welcome card  
Presentation on history of house  
War cry  
Flipgrid reflection

**Autobiographical Story**  
Grade 6 My Story Book  
Grade 2 Your Story Book  
Flipgrid reflection


**Growing Our Story**  
Planted succulents

**Story of Our Nicknames**  
Nicknames  
Flipgrid explanation

**Secret Handshakes**  
GoNoodle Secret Handshakes Videos  
Choreographed own secret handshakes  
Flipgrid video

**Hot Lunch Experience**  
Shared a meal

**Our Story**  
iMovie



**Key Findings & Discussion**

The Grade 6 boys identified three distinct themes which they felt are needed to strengthen relational skills:

<b>Acknowledgement</b>	knowing each other's name being friendly smiling positive deposits
<b>Trust</b>	spending time being caring being supportive
<b>Connection</b>	finding interests conversation

**Conclusions**


The sharing of stories was key in providing a platform for the boys to strengthen relational skills and form strong connections. Our programme provided a safe environment for boys to form connections and develop trust. This story sharing programme provided a positive experience for the boys, which enabled them to grow as individuals, reflect on their development in strengthening relationships and be good role models to the Grade 2 boys.

**The Research Question**

*How does an intentional story sharing programme strengthen relational skills in Grade 6 boys?*

**Research Context & Participants**


The participants in this action research project were 20, 11-12 year old Grade 6 boys from St Peter's Boys Prep. St Peter's Boys Prep is an Anglican private preparatory boys school in Johannesburg, South Africa.



**Data Collection & Analysis**


- Surveys
- Observations
- Photographs & Videos
- Flipgrid Reflections
- Field Notes
- Interviews

**The Grade 6 boys have learnt that one can always make a connection with someone if you spend time getting to know them and their story.**



**Readings**

- Adkins, B. & Long, T.A. (2017). Leadership and Storytelling: Promoting a Culture of Learning, Positive Change, and Community. *Leadership and Research in Education*, 15(6) 126. Retrieved from <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15393009.2017.1325225>
- Durkin, T. (2013). Making it Happen: Building Positive Relationships with Children. *HEFPO: Participant Guide*. Family Publications from the Center for Children, Youth, Families & Schools, National Center for Research in Education, 42, 1-6. Retrieved from <http://digitalcommons.ilcu.edu/developmental/128346>
- National Center for the Development of Boys. (2017, December 4). *Understanding Boys: A resource guide for parents, educators, and coaches of boys*. Retrieved from <https://www.nationalcenterfordevelopmentofboys.org/2017-12-04-10-34-11-2017>



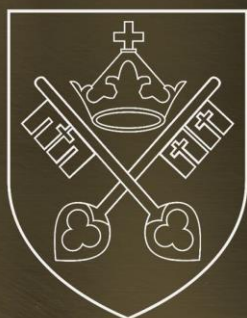
**International Boys' Schools Coalition Action Research Program 2018 - 2019:**  
**Boys and Stories: Pathways to Learning**

Catherine and Nicole's Summary Poster of their Report

**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>

**GOLF DAY THANK YOU**

A special thanks to Carolyn Linnell and her team of parents, who volunteered to be part of the 2019 St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day Organising Committee!

We really appreciate and value your time, hard work and the effort that you put in to ensure that the 2019 Golf Day was a huge success. Thank you to each and every single one of you for every contribution you made.

Thank you to all the Golfers for taking time out of their busy schedules and coming to support the event!

A big Thank You to all the sponsors for the generous contributions made towards the Golf Day!

Congratulations to everyone involved in making it such an awesome event. It was truly another fantastic St Peter's event. See you at the next Tee Off!

*The St Peter's Prep Schools Parents Association*



**LADIES LUNCH 2020 – Calling Volunteers:**

<https://forms.gle/gxwaWXSpL77KDDhZ8>



ST PETER'S  
PREP SCHOOLS  
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

## *Ladies Lunch 2020*

The much anticipated Ladies Lunch 2020 is planned for early in Term 1 2020.

To start planning, there will be a kick start meeting:  
**Friday, 11 October at 07:30 in the Mvukuzane Pavilion**

If you would like to be a part of the Organising Committee, please complete the online google volunteer form  
by **Wednesday, 8 October**

<https://forms.gle/gxwaWXSpL77KDDhZ8>

Many thanks!

**The St Peter's Prep Schools Parents Association**

**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!

