



Dear Parents,



CHRISTMAS WISHES

Our Grade 0 boys learnt this poem for the Nativity this year. It really does sum up our Christmas celebrations in South Africa.

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AFRICA by Claire Fietze

*Christmas in South Africa is really quite a treat;
We have lots of things to do and plenty of food to eat.
We don't have snow or snowmen, in fact it gets quite hot!
So we get to play outdoors and we swim a lot.
Christmas in South Africa is a time of holiday and rest
In fact Christmas in South Africa is really the best!!*

Wishing our St Peter's family a blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas. May your star shine bright in 2018.

FAREWELL

At this time of year we bid farewell to the following:

Staff

I would like to wish Cheryl Vermeulen much happiness as she moves to Sydney, Australia. I know she will enjoy spending time with her extended family. Cheryl was with us for a very short period of time, but she touched the lives of the boys in her class and will be missed in the staffroom.

Craig Jooste is not leaving St Peter's, but his promotion to Housemaster of Dodson means he is moving into Grade 6 as a class teacher. I cannot thank Craig enough for the role he has played in JP Sport since 2011. Our loss is Dodson's gain and my one consolation is our boys will interact with Craig, once again, in their senior years at St Peter's. Congratulations, Craig, we wish you every success in the years to come!

Boys

We bid farewell to a number of boys at the end of this year. I would like to wish them and their families much success and happiness in the years to come: Tavonga Madhumera, Jack Alison, Finlay Shaw, Ashton Cornforth, Madimetsa Mokoatlo, Avery Chigudu, Jared van der Merwe, Bandzile Makhanda, Ishan Ralli, Owen Clark and Manqoba Mzimba.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior Prep staff for the hard work and passion they have put into the year. Every teacher and prospective teacher has touched lives this year.

Thank you, parents, for your involvement and support. The education of a child is not a road one can walk on one's own. Last but not least, thank you to our little boys, each and every one of you make our days special. You have worked hard and made the most of your schooling in 2017.

END OF TERM

Parents are reminded that school closes for December holidays on **Thursday, 07 December:**

Grade 0: 10:00
Grade 1: 10:15
Grade 2: 10:30

There will be a supervised waiting class until **11:00** after which boys will go to the Chapel lawn for collection. There is no Aftercare.

School re-opens on **Wednesday, 17 January 2018**. Parking will be available on Somerset Field for the first ten days of the New Year.

GOLDEN MOMENT

After the Nativity, one of the boys told his mother he knows why we say "Merry Christmas." It is because baby Jesus' mom was called "Mary."

I would like to wish our families a happy holiday – enjoy your time together.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018

Wednesday 17 January 2018	
7:30	School starts
There will be no Chapel today	
13:00	Grade 0-2 closing time
Thursday 18 January	
13:00	Grade 0 closes
13:15	Grade 1 closes
13:30	Grade 2 closes
18:30	GRADE 1 INFORMATION EVENING & CLASS SOCIAL
Friday 19 January	
13:00	Grade 0-2 closing time
Monday 22 January	
18:30	GRADE 0 INFORMATION EVENING & CLASS SOCIAL
Wednesday 24 January	
18:30	GRADE 2 INFORMATION EVENING & CLASS SOCIAL