



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Help with Old Boys admin

We are hoping to find volunteers who can assist with building up the Old Boys database. This would involve contacting Old Boys, updating email addresses and so on. If you are interested and have a little time, please contact Hilary Nothard on hnothard@stpeters.co.za. She will be able to furnish further details.

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

“I, you, we”: these concepts play a major role in creating our approach to community.

In today’s world, there is a strong focus on “I”. This is communicated in advertisements, in a focus on “my rights” and in the numerous self-help books and programmes that we find in the bookstores. “I,” however, is a lonely concept. If I achieve, I do it alone and while I may be proud of this achievement it is based solely on my attributes and effort. Similarly, “I” can be very lonely. There are so many people in the world who feel alone, unloved and not cared for by those around them. Interestingly enough, social media, which by definition should encourage interaction, is sometimes blamed for the “I” factor. Scott Hauptfleisch met with Grade 5 parents on Tuesday to discuss parenting in the age of social media. He will also put a note in our Keyhole next week. The following YOUTUBE link was forwarded to me recently. It illustrates this concern far better than one I could express in words.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VASyWEuqFd8>

Similarly, “you” could be seen as a distancing of myself from what others are doing or feeling. It can work in conjunction with “they” and in today’s society seems to be used in a derogatory sense all too often. It also excludes us from the successes of others, thus negating our emotional buy-in to some extent.

“We” on the other hand, brings in feelings of community, of shared griefs and successes and of support. We can find numerous studies and writings on the “power of we” and collaboration is one of our school values.

An interesting exercise is to take note of how often we approach any situation from each of these pronouns. At St Peter’s we encourage the boys to concentrate on the “we” factor. We work together, laugh together and win or lose together. Please may I ask the adults in our community to join this “we drive” and to promote Ubuntu both in the boys and ourselves. I believe that it is this sense of community that is one of the most valuable parts of the St Peter’s ethos; a strength upon which we can build.

Opportunities for Enrolment in Grades 6 and 7

You will be aware that there have been a number of families who have emigrated over the past few months. Our belief is that this trend will continue and may even escalate. This creates opportunities for boys to get into St Peter’s, particularly in the higher grades. We are aware that there is a perception in the marketplace that it is impossible to get into our school because we are oversubscribed. However, it would be good advice to friends who may ask you about placement in St Peter’s Prep, that they should apply, particularly in Grades 4-7. Currently we have spaces for new pupils in Grades 6 and 7 and as different families emigrate, other opportunities may open up elsewhere.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

On World Environment Day we completed the outdoor classroom challenge. Our boys thoroughly enjoyed completing their lessons outside and the teachers had gone to a great deal of effort to ensure these lessons were both enjoyable and educational.

The Ecobrick challenge is underway, parents please bear the following in mind:

- only 2ℓ coldrink bottles can be used
- items used to fill the bottles must be non-recyclable eg chip and chocolate packets, tin foil, cling wrap, thin plastic bags, etc
- the filling needs to be compact and pushed down using a stick
- the completed bottle must weigh 600g.

“BIRDS AND BEES” – 13 JUNE

Wendy Wentzel, our Educational Psychologist, will be giving a talk to parents on “The Birds and the Bees” on **13 June** at **07:30** in the Girls JP Hall. On request of parents, we are repeating this talk – as it is a relevant and applicable topic. Please diarise this date and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

GRADE 2 SPORT – TAG RUGBY

A reminder to all Grade 2 parents about the Tag rugby fixture vs The Ridge at The Ridge this **Friday, 07 June**. The boys will be travelling on school buses and we hope to start at 13:00; all matches should be finished at approximately 14:15. Depending on your response to the google form, if you are collecting your son from The Ridge please confirm with his teacher on the day so that we can keep a record. Thank you.

Callan Cronin: (HOD JP Sport)

DRIVING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

It has been brought to my attention that many parents are driving fast in the lower car park. Parents are also speaking on their cell phones when entering the school and not paying attention to “pupil traffic;” whilst others demonstrate impatience while cars pull out of or into parking bays. Please remember that our young children often do not have a sense of road safety and, due to their size, could be easy to miss if they should run out into the road from between two cars.

Please could I appeal to all drivers to remain alert, cautious and respectful whilst driving through the school.

GOLDEN MOMENT

In a Grade 0 classroom several boys were trying to sit with one particular boy who said to his teacher: “I am a friend magnet because everyone wants to be around me!”

Enjoy the weekend and keep filling the bottles to make Ecobricks!

Good luck to all our parents who are competing in the Comrades this weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 07 June 13:00 Grade 2 Tag Rugby vs The Ridge at The Ridge
Monday 10 June
Tuesday 11 June
Wednesday 12 June 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 10-16 June) 8:30 Sefikeng Community Partnership 13:00 Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 13 June 7:30 Coffee Morning – “Birds & Bees” (Girls JP Hall)
Friday 14 June CIVVIES & HOT DOG DAY (Total R35) Please remember to bring used ink cartridges

DOG POOP

Should you use the campus to walk your dogs, please remember to pick up the poop.

Thank you



PA NEWS

WINTER WARMERS

ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS
 2019 *Winter Warmers*
Family Fun Day

Ticket Prices
 Scholar 5-18yrs..... R150
 Adult 18yrs+..... R150
 Toddler 2-4yrs..... R50

Children Under 2 Free Entry

Lucky Draw Tickets 4 for R100
 1 for R25

Date: Sat 22 June 11:00 to 17:00
Venue: Mvukuzane Field, St Peter's Prep
 Tickets on sale through TIXSA
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/winter-warmers-2019>

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