



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Traffic Congestion

It will be of scant comfort to you to hear that this is a gripe on many school campuses. We are aware of the frustrations that parents are experiencing and the problem has enjoyed a great deal of attention, even at Board level. You may have noticed the changes we have made over the last few years in an attempt to alleviate this.

A second traffic flow study on the campus has now been commissioned and we await the results, having plotted two additional new roadways in the hope that at least one of these may provide a partial solution.

The real problem is, of course, the high traffic levels on Witkoppen Road which strangle the traffic flow in and out of the campus. This is something over which we have no control other than to provide pointsmen. This is not a cheap solution, costing R28 000 per month.

Our hope is that the K60, a new road running from the intersection of Witkoppen and Main through the infamous Club (Domain, Cats Whiskers, Cheerleaders) and ending at the Kingfisher Lane, Pick n Pay Shopping Centre will be constructed. We understand that this project has been approved by the Province and are doing what we can to accelerate commencement.

In the meantime, please try to either arrive earlier or accept the circumstance as a fact of life. Don't abandon civility or consideration of others.

Some tips (which you have all heard before):

- please don't pause in a lane to freshen your make-up;
- please occupy a parking space at drop-off time as briefly as possible – your children should be encouraged to take themselves to school with their bags. You will look strange carrying their briefcases when they run their own companies;
- if you wish to avoid being summoned to the Head's study to discuss your child's language, restrain yourself while they are with you in the car. Parents are a child's most influential role models and they will quickly adopt your profanity, misogyny or racist views;
- we don't punish children who arrive late as it is almost never their fault. We do try to teach them how to cope in such situations. In my second year at St Peter's, I stopped a small boy who was strolling down the road towards the Junior Prep at 08:30. "Aren't you late?" I enquired. "No," he said "my school is open all day."

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at

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Greg Royce

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

WHAT IS READING?

Are you constantly wondering about the progress your child is making in reading and whether he is on track? Do you want to reassure yourself that his progress is measurable and in the range of expected standards? Do you worry that he should be reading sooner, more or 'harder' books?

Teaching reading is complex and is a part of every aspect of school life. Reading includes decoding and encoding and most importantly, making meaning from print. It is taught throughout the day, through shared reading, research, guided

reading and specific language instruction. The earliest reading behaviour is typically modelling of reading; holding a book and pretending to read and this develops throughout our lives. Every child grows their reading skills in their own way and at their own pace. As parents, we have the responsibility to support the process and trust that the school is doing their job. Which we do!

Here are ways in which you can support reading at home.

- Read to and with your children.
- Encourage them to explore a variety of different genres: plays, poems, fiction and non-fiction.
- Teach your children to respond to different texts, for example – newspapers, magazines, menus and recipes. Ask questions, explore characters and make connections to their own lives and others.
- Ensure your child has the opportunity to read independently each day.
- Encourage them to re-read texts and practise expression and fluency.
- Support reading strategies teachers provide.
- Practise writing stories based on reading experiences.
- Encourage your children to take risks and test out their skills; make it safe.
- Model reading yourself!
- Have fun!

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body - Joseph Addison

BOOK WEEK

Our boys have experienced a most exciting week at school. They have been fascinated by the story of “The Wizard of Oz” and have learnt lots of positive character traits from Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion.

Greg Royce shared many facts about lions with our boys. They enjoyed spending time with this ‘master of the bush’ and their general knowledge was expanded.

The Fire Department allowed our boys to meet and hear from ‘real life’ heroes.

The effort that was put into dress-up day was unparalleled. I enjoyed seeing so many excited characters from the story at our school.

I am sure you would all agree that Annette Strouthos went out of her way to transform the JP Library into a wonderland that triggered creativity and imagination in our boys. Thank you Annette!

More to come on this super theme..... Watch the Second Term calendar.



SATURDAY, 08 APRIL

DADS AND LADS MINI CRICKET

Sign up starts at 8:00 – please look for your class teacher’s table. Dads are respectfully reminded that they are playing with their sons and the emphasis is on a fun, team building morning.

The Grade 2 Leaver’s Gift team will be selling refreshments in the morning, so please do come hungry and support their efforts.

This event, together with the Camp Out, is one of the highlights of the JP calendar.

CAMP OUT

The annual Camp Out takes place on Saturday evening, please refrain from driving on the fields after 15:00. Our children run free and enjoy the late afternoon as a time to play. Their safety is our first priority.

Entrance is R30-00 per car and can be paid on the day, if you have not already done so. Please use the black bags provided for all litter and place these in a bin before you leave. We request that children remain on the fields and do not wander around the campus. Please do **not** bring bicycles, roller skates, skate-boards or other toys with wheels to the Camp Out. Enjoy this time with your children and their friends whilst demonstrating respect for those camping in a close vicinity.

Should the weather be inclement you will be notified of changes in plans via the class WhatsApp groups.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – TUESDAY, 11 APRIL

Due to the uncertainty around today's protest action, reports will be sent home on **Monday, 10 April**.

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday, please remember these are limited to 10 minute slots. This is a time to review your son's work and touch base with his teacher. Should you wish more time, please book an extended interview time with your class teacher.

Please note that school will close at 13:00 on Tuesday to allow for sufficient time for consultations. Supervised Waiting Class and the After School programme will run as usual.

JUNIOR PREP TRAFFIC FLOW

After trying a staggered closing time on a Thursday for a month towards the end of term, and seeing how this has eased the traffic, times are changing for next term. Please note the following:

MONDAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAY:

Second break will be 15 minutes, instead of 30 minutes, the boys will finish as follows:

Grade 0: 13:00

Grade 1: 13:30

Grade 2: 13:45

Boys not collected by 14:00 will be taken to the After School facility, unless they have an extra cost activity that starts at 14:15. Should you arrive at school after 14:00, please meet your child at the After School venue.

WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY

Grade 0: 12:45

Grade 1 & 2: 13:00

Waiting Class until 14:00, after which the same procedure as above will apply for the After School programme.

END OF TERM – WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL

School closes on Wednesday, 12 April for the Easter holidays. There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **11:00** but **no** After School facility. Parents are requested to please inform Transport Companies, au pairs and those who collect your child of the finishing times:

Grade 0: 10:00

Grade 1: 10:15

Grade 2: 10:30

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

The next prep session will take place on Tuesday, 09 May at 7:30; our first lesson will be on 16 May 8:30 to 10:30. If you are sorting through your son's cupboards during the holidays, please remember we are collecting used, but in good condition shoes, for the children of Diepsloot Combined School.

LOST PROPERTY

All unmarked lost property will be on display on **Monday 10** and **Tuesday 11, April** in the foyer (outside Ros' office). Please check for lost items.

Any items not collected by Wednesday morning will be donated to an underprivileged school in Lesotho.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A young boy was most disappointed that there was no Spiderman in the Wizard of Oz. He wanted to wear his “sexy-pack” outfit for dress-up day!

EASTER

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter. I hope the holidays allow for family time and memory making.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 8 April 8:00-11:00 Grade 1 and 2 Dads & Lads cricket 16:00 Camp Out
Monday 10 April Reports to go home
Tuesday 11 April No DCS 8:00-10:00 Grade 2 music demonstrations 13:00 School closes, Waiting Class to 14:00 13:00-18:00 Parent Consultation Afternoon
Wednesday 12 April No Chapel Service End of Term: Grade 0: 10:00; Grade 1:10:15; Grade 2: 10:30
Wednesday 03 May 7:30 Start of Trinity Term Boys to return to school in winter uniform 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 01-07 May) Closing time: Grade 0: 12:45; Grade 1& 2 13:00
Thursday 04 May Closing times: Grade 0:13:00; Grade 1: 13:30; Grade 2:13:45
Friday 05 May Closing times: Grade 0:12:45; Grade 1&2: 13:00

COME JOIN US FOR FUN IN THE SUN AT ADVENTURE CLUB THIS HOLIDAY!

Date: Tuesday 18 April – Friday 21 April 2017

Venue: Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys JP

Time: 8:00 – 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 10 April

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REPLY SLIP

Please cut **SCHOOL SHOP HOURS FOR NEXT WEEK AND BEFORE TRINITY TERM COMMENCES**

Monday 10 April and Tuesday 11 April 06:30 to 09:00
Wednesday 12 April 06:30 to 14:00

Shop Hours before Trinity Term starts:

The shop will be open the day before school starts on Tuesday, 2 May 08:00 to 11:00

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)**KIKUYU GRASS AT ST PETER'S**

The school is about to start construction of the multipurpose surface on Brecknock Field and all the grass is available. If you would like to collect some, please sms **Mugochi** on **083 381 0809**. Please send details – name, quantity and time of collection. It will be available on Monday and Tuesday next week (10 and 11 April).

We would appreciate a donation which will go towards our *Isematholeni* Intern Programme.**Banking details:**

St Peter's Foundation

Standard Bank

Branch: Rivonia: 001 255

Ac No: 422 057 533

Monica Sloane (Foundation Manager)**STAFF VARIETY SHOW 2017 THANK YOU**

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and spouses involved in making this year's Staff Variety Show (SVS) so successful. It was a huge team effort which resulted in a show that everyone seemed to enjoy. I would also like to give a special thanks to the following people:



- Sharon and her kitchen team for the amazing food, cold drinks, working the late hours and always being there to accommodate everyone.
- Isaac and his team for being there over the whole weekend. The hall was always spotless and ready for the next show.
- All the people who volunteered as waiters/waitresses, bar staff and helping set up the hall. We couldn't have done it without you guys giving up your time.
- Finally the St Peter's staff. For the endless hours of practising, many late nights away from your families and all you did to make the show a success.

I always find that the SVS really shows the true essence of what St Peter's Schools Community is all about. It is a community that comes together, always ready for a good time and to support one another.

Thanks again and have a wonderful, restful weekend.

There is a small box of lost property items that were left after the shows. Please come to Boys Senior Prep Reception to Caron du Plessis to claim them.

ST PETER'S
AUTUMN

Carnival 27 May
2017

RUN A STALL...

Here's what you need to know

- ❖ Stalls are on a ticket system, so no need to handle the cash
- ❖ Prizes will be collected centrally, so you won't be responsible for sourcing your own prizes
- ❖ If your stall incurs any costs, these can be claimed back from Carnival expenses, not your own pockets
- ❖ Carnival bunting and tablecloths will be provided
- ❖ Call on your friends to help with setting up and running the stall!

Booked Stalls:

Tombola
Nail 'Salon'
Cupcake Decorating
Potty Toss
Nerf Gun Shooting
Lawn Darts
High Striker Strongman Hammer
Guess the Weight of the cake
.... and of course... the ever
popular Inflatable Rockets,
Rides and Slides

Ideas for Stalls:

Pin The Donkey
Wet Sponge Throwing
Toss The Hoop
Face Painting
Go Fishing
Boat Races
Shoot the Hoop
Sandpit Treasure Dig
Get those creative ideas
flowing!!

Details:

Date: Sat, 27 May
Setup: 10:00 – 12:00
Carnival Time: 12:00 – 17:00
Cleanup: 17:00 – 18:00

Provided:

Tables and chairs
Some décor

WORK AT A STALL...

We will need plenty of hands on deck to help on the day. Offer to help at a stall on a shift basis of an hour or more. Or gather some friends together and work the shift as a group of 2-4 people. It will be great fun, and your kids will love it!

HELP OUT WITH PRIZES...

- ❖ Have a look around your home for something new to donate ... small or large
- ❖ Chat to your employer to see if they have any corporate goodies to donate
- ❖ Ask companies to sponsor a prize

Sponsored Prizes:

Dinner voucher
Salon voucher
Electronics
Weekend Away
Bounce Voucher
Laser Tag Voucher

Corporate Prizes:

Company cap
Branded stationery
Branded t-shirts
Branded mug

Something Small

Sweets
Mini Plastic animals
Marbles/Lego pieces
Hair clips & scrunchies
Cookie ingredients and recipe
Slime/ Playdough
Stationery/Stickers
Temporary tattoo



If you would like to join in on the carnival fun,
please email the committee on
stpeterscarnival@webmail.co.za

