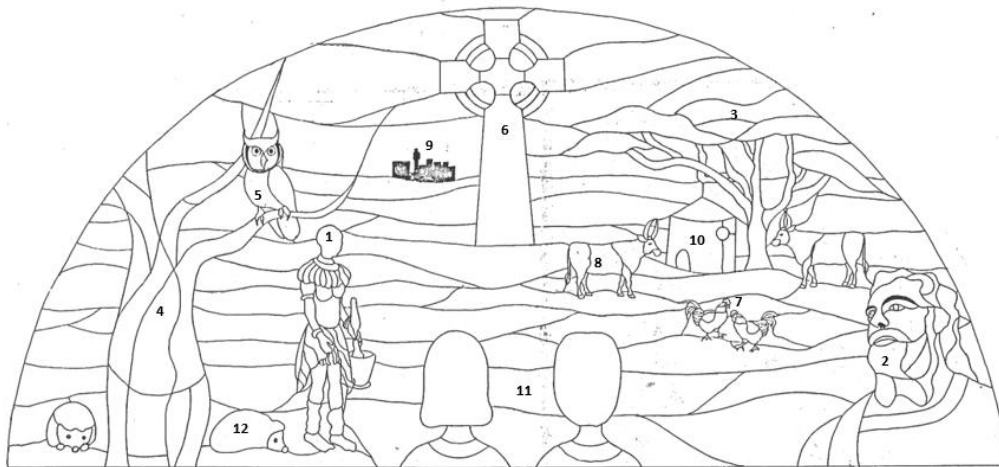




Dear Parents,

**FROM THE RECTOR**

### New Stained Glass Window in the Chapel



#### KEY:

(Conceived by Greg Royce and designed by Katy Mthethwa, Media and Thinking Skills Specialist, 2018. Executed by Leonie Meyer).

**The window portrays the context in which the school is placed. It evokes the mission of the school to prepare children for life in Africa and the world, within the loving care of God's presence.**

1. Manche Masemola, African Martyr from Limpopo, killed by her family while a teenager in February 1928 for her belief in Christianity.
2. St Peter, for whom the school is named.
3. Baobab tree, symbolising endurance of the Christian faith and the hope that the school will prevail.
4. Acacia tree, symbolising the strength of the faith of Christians under the protection of God.

5. Eagle owl, symbolising the wisdom of African philosophy and the rich learning environment of the school based on the cognitive education programme.
6. Celtic cross, symbolising the St Peter's special brand of Christianity, its closeness to nature and its recognition of the status of women.
7. Potchefstroom koekoeks, indigenous African chickens.
8. Nguni cattle, symbolising the domestic animals that sustain humankind in Africa and a reminder of the school's beginnings with 10 boys, 2 girls and a cow.
9. City, symbolising urban life for which children are prepared.
10. Hut, symbolising rural life, the early, humble beginnings of the school and the humility we seek in St Peter's pupils.
11. St Peter's boy and girl looking into the world for which they are being prepared.
12. Hedgehog, symbolising the independence of St Peter's and willingness to protect its ethos.

#### 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)

### FROM THE JUNIOR PREP NURTURING SELF-ESTEEM

Self-esteem is about liking yourself and who you are. This doesn't mean being overconfident – just believing in yourself and knowing what you do well. For children, self-esteem comes from knowing that you're loved and that you belong to a family that values you. It also comes from being praised and encouraged for the things that are important to you, and from feeling confident about the future. You can help nurture your child's self-esteem as follows:

- Give your child a sense of their family, culture and community. Help them to know about relatives, family and family history and cultural beliefs and practices.
- Encourage your child to value being part of your family. One way to do this is by involving children in chores. When everyone contributes to the smooth running of the household, you all feel important and valued.
- Make your child's friends welcome and get to know them. Encourage your child to have friends over to your house, and make time for your child to go to their houses.
- Develop family rituals. These could include a story at bedtime, a special goodbye kiss or other ways of doing things that are special to your family.
- Help your child try hobbies that they're interested in; but don't push your child to do something that they're not keen on, or not good at.
- Let your child help you with something so that they feel useful. For example, your school age child could help you set the table for dinner.
- Encourage your child to think about how to solve problems. When you help your child with problem-solving, you're giving them the tools they need to cope with life's challenges.
- Celebrate achievements and successes, whether they're big or small. Encourage siblings to recognise each other's successes and tell other people about them (without going overboard).
- Keep special reminders of your child's successes and progress. You can go through them with your child and talk about your special memories and the things they have achieved.

### INCREDIBLE EDUCATION

Zoemba, a show for young children on Rhino Poaching, was performed for our boys on World Environment Day (5 June 2018). This show highlighted the dire straits our Rhino population is in. It was fun and entertaining, portraying a difficult message in a child friendly manner.

At daily prayers we have continued to review the impact that plastic has on our planet. Should you wish to continue these discussions at home there is a YouTube clip "Plastic Planet" which the boys watched on Monday. See link:

<https://youtu.be/73sGgmZoMBQ>

We are collecting plastic for the Owl Rescue Centre as part of our World Environment Day. I have challenged the boys to fill our bag three times before Half Term.

On Friday our boys are watching a magic show that focuses on bullying and gives them “magic solutions” to a variety of situations.

### COFFEE MORNING – BIOKINETICS

All parent are invited to a talk on the role of Biokinetics in our children’s lives. The Grade 0 boys attend a weekly biokinetics lesson to prepare them for increased table top activities in Grade 1.

**Date: Thursday, 14 June**

**Time: 7:30-8:30**

**Venue: JP Girls Hall**

### GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy told his teacher “I only have temper tantrums at home, I don’t at school because it’s cool!”

I would like to wish the participating members of our community all the best for Comrades this weekend.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Monday 11 June</b>  |
| 12:00 Grade 2 Choir practise during break  |
| <b>Tuesday 12 June</b>   |
| 8:30 DCS – Community Partnership   |
| <b>Wednesday 13 June</b>   |
| 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 11-17 June)   |
| 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir  |
| <b>Thursday 14 June</b>  |
| 7:30 Grade 2 Choir practise  |
| 7:30-8:30 Coffee Morning “Biokinetics” – JP Girls Hall                                   |
| <b>Friday 15 June</b>  |
| HOT DOG/CIVVIES DAY (R25) Please remember to bring clothing in lieu of Civvies Day money |
| <b>Saturday 16 June</b>  |
| <b>YOUTH DAY</b>   |
| 11:00 St Peter’s Family Soccer Day   |
| <b>Sunday 17 June</b>  |
| <b>FATHER’S DAY</b>  |

### ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

Due to much interest from last week's Bus Service Survey, we need to move to the next stage of gathering information so that we can contact you to make arrangements for the morning Bus Service.

Please click on the link to fill in your details:

<https://goo.gl/forms/q7ZzUWZTFqCkE3762>



### DID YOU KNOW?



A regular oreo Mcflurry contains 9.75 teaspoons of sugar.

Refined sugar has no nutritional value, besides empty calories.

It does not contain any vitamins, minerals, enzymes, fats or fibre. Everything beneficial is removed through the refining process.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

When you lose someone or something very precious to you, the grief can be intense. Pain, sad memories, and unanswered questions can haunt you. For a child, losing a parent is, without doubt, one of the most difficult experiences to deal with. They may even feel

that they'll never be the same - that they'll never laugh or be whole again. There is no way to grieve and get over it, something small can trigger memories at any time and we need the support of others and the opportunity to speak about it.

To this end, St Peter's is starting a Bereavement Support Group for these children, from both the Girls and Boys School from Grade 0 to Grade 7. The group will meet once or twice a term or whenever they feel it necessary to meet. The purpose is to celebrate the life of the parent they have lost and to provide an opportunity to share, in a safe environment, with peers who have had common experiences.

These group sessions will be run by Wendy Wentzel, our resident Psychologist and myself. Our first group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 June from 07:30 to 08:30 in Wendy's office, located at the boys school ASU.

If your child has experienced the loss of a parent, please encourage him/her to attend these sessions. Together we can support and help your children to work through their loss and, slowly but surely, help them to feel whole again.

Please contact me on 082 332 9855, should you have any questions or queries.

Blessings

**Fr Richard** (Chaplain)

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5 JUNE

World Environment Day appeared on our Eco calendar earlier this week on 5 June. It is the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.

Each World Environment Day is organised around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018 is **beating plastic pollution** and the host country for 2018 is India.

At St Peter's we have decided to embrace the theme of 'beating plastic' by partnering up with the **Owl Rescue Centre's Plastic Recycling Project**.

All of our plastic, collected for the rest of the term, will be placed in the special collection bags supplied by the Owl Rescue Centre. These are collected, and in turn, recycled and made into owl and bat boxes. In addition, the school has ordered some barn owl, spotted eagle owl and bat boxes. We will keep you up to date regarding the installation. Children wishing to make a difference, must place all their plastic in either the classroom recycling bins or the big wheelie bins that are labelled 'plastic'. We will sort it and make sure that it gets passed onto the Owl Rescue Centre. The Owl Rescue Centre will take any form of plastic including their recent addition of plastic bags.

**Cathy Linnell** (Eco Committee Chair)



**Plastic Recycling Project**

We all have a responsibility to keep our environment clean for the wildlife who calls it home. **Owl Rescue Centre** has decided to manufacture all our conservation products, including Owl Houses, Bat Houses, Bee Hives and more from recycled plastic, to make an even greater impact through our conservation efforts. Help us by collecting all your used plastic bottles. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for updates on this project & drop-off spots in your area.

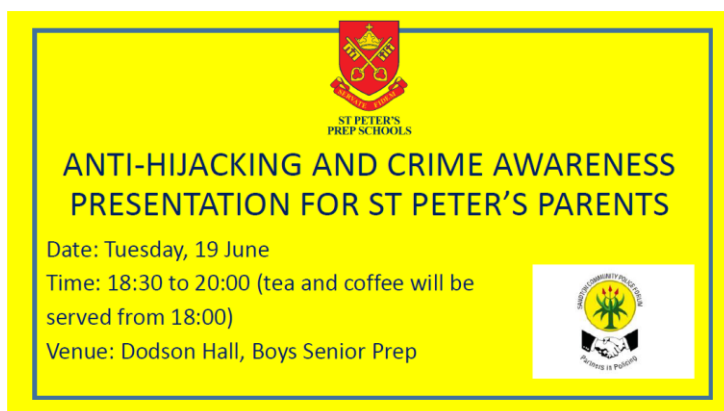
**Join our Plastic Recycling Drive & help us to make a difference**

**Owl Rescue Centre**  
 Plastic Recycling Project  
 Creating wildlife conservation products  
 from recycled plastic  
 Your funding makes this possible  
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**Owl Rescue Centre**



**PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS – 19 JUNE****REMINDER: CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR CIVVIES DAY – 15 JUNE**

For our Civvies Day (Friday, 15 June), we are collecting clothes for the HLALISEKANI PLAYGROUP.

Please drop donations in the Vestry of the Chapel. All sizes of clothing will be gratefully received. St Mark's Anglican Church will distribute the adult clothing.

Your support for this initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings

**Kamohelo Kotsi** (Assistant Chaplain)

**PA NEWS****PA COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Several of the current serving members of the St Peter's Parents Association will be stepping down toward the end of this year as their terms come to an end.

As a result, we are looking for parents to volunteer to fill these vacancies. Being part of the PA is a fun and rewarding way of contributing towards the school we are all part of. Please contact Malope or Robyn if you are interested in getting involved.

Malope Mabizela: [malopem@icloud.com](mailto:malopem@icloud.com)

Robyn Doak: [robyn@designoval.co.za](mailto:robyn@designoval.co.za)

**REMINDER: SOCCER DAY – 16 JUNE, REGISTER BY 13 JUNE**

Click on this LINK to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/QKJpQ9xaDPsGg5uY2>

**PAVER PLAQUES**

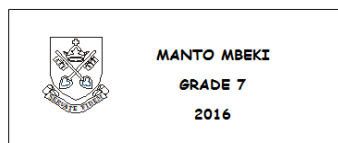
A PAVER PLAQUE is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

Examples of plaques available to order:

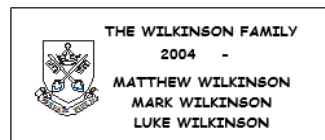
CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



### **SECOND HAND SHOP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Opening time: Wednesday 07:00 to 08:00**

The Second Hand Shop is proving to be a popular option for many parents.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with the shop during the opening time.

We would also like to start providing second hand sporting equipment (cricket bats, hockey sticks, tennis racquets etc.)

Please contact **Carol Sithole** on [carol.sithole1977@gmail.com](mailto:carol.sithole1977@gmail.com) or on 072 226 8599 if you are able to help.



**ST PETER'S  
PREP SCHOOLS**

## **WE ARE GOING CASHLESS FOR ALL SCHOOL EVENTS!**

- Allowing our children and families to be safer at events
- Creating less work for parent volunteers who manage the ticket sales and admin
- Convenient electronic purchasing of tickets, no more queues!
- Allowing for multiple payment methods, so you can decide how to pay
- One platform for all different events in the school calendar



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### **WINTER WARMERS**



**ST PETER'S  
PREP SCHOOLS**

## **WINTER WARMERS MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY!**

Live Music | Kids Inflatables & Entertainment  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
SAVE THE DATE  
DATE: Saturday, 14 July 2018  
TIME: 12:00 – 17:00  
TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON – STAY TUNED!  
[winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za](http://winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za)

**CHARITY EVENTS**

