



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

We were all shocked to hear about the awful bus accident that involved one of our major “feeder” high schools, Michaelhouse. Our community’s thoughts and prayers are with the whole Michaelhouse family and especially with our St Peter’s Old Boys at this difficult time.

As I welcome everyone back to school, I am pleased to report on a number of Campus Developments that have taken place during the holidays:

- You will have noticed the work on Dodson Hall and the Reception façade. This will be in progress until the end of October and promises to create a far more modern and user-friendly hall, as well as creating an entertainment deck and new entrance to the facility.
- We are in the process of adding a mezzanine level to the Chapel. This will be a wooden structure and will provide extra seating as well as adding to the aesthetic appeal within the Chapel.
- All the fields have been scarified and treated with our own compost, which is produced on-site by Muchachari Garden Services. Not only is the treatment working well, but it has meant that we have not had to use artificial fertilisers; this has both an environmental and financial impact for the school.
- There is, however, one field that has not been fertilised, namely Brecknock. You will note that machinery has arrived on site and that the area has been levelled in preparation for the laying of the new multi-purpose surface. The success of the present multi-purpose surface has meant that we are really looking forward to commissioning the new, slightly larger, surface for use by both Boys and Girls Prep Schools.
- Take some time to walk down to Gunn Field and look at the new adventure play area. I am sure that the boys will thoroughly enjoy the creative stimulus that the area will provide.
- The swimming pool stands have been repainted and the basketball seating area has been adapted to allow a better field of vision.

All in all, the improvement to educational facilities that is underway will provide an even better school experience for the boys.

We had a wonderful Staff Eucharist on Monday morning during which Bishop Steve Moreo shared his story and motivated the staff for true “work from the heart” in the term ahead.

I remind you that Sunflower Day takes place on Friday, 15 September. The boys will be allowed to wear their “topes” on the day.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

Best wishes

Rob Macaulay



FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

Welcome back to Advent Term which is always the favourite term of the year. As usual it is a busy term but it is also a time of celebration and recognition.

The August holidays provided a time for true relaxation and rest. Our boys have come back ready to face their new challenges and have settled with ease into the routine of the school day.

Somehow the mornings are much easier when one wakes up to the sun rising and birds singing. This makes for a positive attitude plus South Africa has been voted the 5th most beautiful country in the world, so we need to remember to keep counting our many blessings.

WELCOME

We welcome Seth Koeberg to Grade 1D this term. Seth joins us from Crawford and is familiar with St Peter's as his brother, Jesse, joined us in Grade 2 at the beginning of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nkele and Mdungwazi Ngobeni on the birth of their daughter. Hlulane in Grade 2V is a very proud big brother!

SPORTS DAY – Saturday, 9 September

I can't imagine a better way to kick start our term than with Sports Day on the first Saturday. Please remember that this is a fun opportunity for our boys to work as a team and demonstrate the skill sets being taught in the Junior Prep.

The Grade 2 Leavers Committee will be selling refreshments at this event. Please do support them, as the funds raised contribute towards a gift from which your boys will benefit.

The Golf Committee will also be selling raffle tickets at this event. The tickets are R200 each, the prize is four tickets to the Rugby Sevens in Cape Town, including flights and 5 star accommodation.

The weather forecast for Saturday is extremely hot, so please ensure sunscreen is applied before arriving at the event.

Grade 0 boys are scheduled to start at 8:00 and Grade 1 and 2 boys at 9:30. A detailed notice was emailed home this week.

GRADE 1 CHOIR

Grade 1 boys are invited to join the Grade 1 Choir starting on **Monday, 11 September** from **13:30-14:00**. They are introduced to the discipline of being a choir member, the joy of singing and learning self-control. The Grade 1 Boys Choir will perform with the other School Choirs at our Sunset Carols.

PLEASE DIARISE

20 September – 7:00-9:00. Thinking Skills Morning. This is an opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of the St Peter's Thinking Skills Programme and see it in action in the classroom.

21 September – 18:30. By request we are repeating the Anxiety Workshop, from last term, by In the Know. If you were unable to attend please use the opportunity to learn about anxiety in our children.

Details of both events will be given nearer the time.

CORRECTION TO JP ADVENT CALENDAR

Please note that school closes on **Thursday, 7 December 2017** and NOT 6 December as indicated in the JP calendar sent home last term.

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that our first outreach session this term is on **Tuesday, 12 September**. We will meet behind the boat and leave for DCS at 8:30, returning by 10:30. The theme for this week's lesson is Wild Animals.

GOLDEN MOMENT

When singing The Lord's Prayer this week, a Grade 0 boy was singing with great gusto:

“Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hello, Lord (Hallowed) be the name.....”

I had to suppress my giggles!

Looking forward to our JP Sports Day on Saturday.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 09 September	
SPORTS DAY	
8:00	Grade 0 Sports Day
9:30	Grade 1 & 2 Sports Day
Monday 11 September	
13:30-14:00	Grade 1 Choir
Tuesday 12 September	
7:00	Raffle ticket sales
8:30	DCS – Outreach
18:00	My Father's Coat at St Peter's College
Wednesday 13 September	
8:00	Chapel at the Letti Bell behind the Boys swimming pool, (birthday cards 11-17 September)
12:00-12:20	Grade 2 Choir OR
13:00-13:30	Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 14 September	
7:00	Raffle ticket sales
Friday 15 September	
Boys may wear 'topes' for the Sunflower Foundation should they wish	

UNIFORMS

A list of the uniform items, which can be used by the Girls and the Boys Schools, has been compiled below. Parents who have, both sons and daughters at St Peter's Prep Schools will find this handy:

- Blazer
- Tie
- White long sleeved shirt
- Tracksuit jacket and pants
- Long sleeved and sleeveless jersey
- Navy shorts
- Soccer/hockey socks
- Towel
- Red/yellow/blue house T-shirts
- Scarf and beanie
- Peak cap
- White trainers
- Red swimming cap

THINKING SKILLS OPEN MORNING

PARENTS - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A THINKING SCHOOL?

YOU ARE INVITED TO A THINKING SKILLS OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

07:00 – 07:30 TEA IN BOYS JP HALL
 07:30 – 08:00 THINKING SKILLS PRESENTATION
 08:00 – 09:00 PUPIL-LED THINKING SKILLS ACTIVITIES

RSVP TO: dfraser@stpeters.co.za by Friday, 15 September

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SUNSET CAROLS MARKET

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2017 St Peter's School Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 2 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. The market is held prior to the St Peter's Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people. To secure your stall or for further info please email carols@stpeters.co.za