



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Unlike the financial year, a school year has a very definite conclusion as we move towards December. For many teachers and pupils, this period signifies a time when we reflect on our goals and enjoy the successes we have achieved. As I told the boys during Chapel on Monday, the outcome of one of our G's, namely "Grit" becomes something to celebrate. For a number of staff members, 2017 has been a year in which years of continuous improvement and an attitude of "lifelong learning" have been rewarded through opportunities to develop their careers further. A brief list of their achievements appears below:

- **Dave Hala** has been appointed as the Headmaster of Kyalami Prep.
- **Vijay Maharaj** has been offered a new post as Campus Compliance Deputy. With the increasing number of laws and acts being passed and greater demands from the Department of Education and other regulatory bodies, Vijay will have his hands full ensuring that both the Boys and Girls Prep Schools are fully compliant as we go forward. Vijay is also the manager for the *Isematholeni* Intern Programme and we wish him well as he takes on this new challenge.

As a result of the advancement of these gentlemen, two deputy head roles became available in the Boys Prep. Following an internal recruitment process we are pleased to announce the following new appointments:

- **Scott Hauptfleisch** has been appointed as Deputy Head: Pastoral Care and Additional Learning.
- **Sean Porter** has been appointed as Deputy Head: Administration and School Management System.

We congratulate the two new deputies on their appointments. Not to be outdone, after a number of years of training, our Intern Chaplain, **Kamohelo Kotsi**, attended a Discernment Conference at the Anglican Diocesan Centre last week and he has been discerned as a candidate for ordination, firstly as a Deacon, and at a later stage, as a Priest. We wish Kamohelo well as he begins his journey towards Ordination in the Anglican Church.



There is always a knock-on effect with promotions and we are currently interviewing candidates to become Housemasters and also to take on various academic leadership positions. I will inform the community of these appointments once they have been finalised. One of the characteristics of a living and vibrant organism is that it develops and grows. Our school continues to encourage this growth, not only in the boys, but also in the staff. It is truly gratifying to see the grit and determination for self-improvement bear fruit.

Have a great week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP PLAY!

I attended a workshop this week hosted by the Lego Foundation entitled "What we mean by: Learning through Play." We need to realise the world of tomorrow is going to be one of many challenges, but also of tremendous opportunity. People will require continuous re-skilling and a need for lifelong learning. Through play our children learn the ability to find solutions, to come up with ideas and to imagine alternatives, as they connect with others and their surroundings in a

positive way. Learning through play is crucial for a child's positive development.

From a young age (infancy), children have the ability to learn about the world through play. These natural-born skills enable children to become engaged, lifelong learners; if the skills are nurtured and supported. Play activities could be free play, guided play or games with a learning goal. Play needs to have a holistic approach as it allows a child to develop physical, social, emotional, cognitive and creative skills. Knowing how to read, write and do maths is important for children to take part in the world; but this holistic approach recognises broader skill sets that underpin learning for life.

I would like to end with a quote from Seymour Papert "Rather than pushing children to think like adults, we might do better to remember that they are great learners and to try harder to be more like them."

NEW PARENTS ORIENTATION MORNING

Last Saturday our 2018 Grade 0 intake met their teachers and classmates. It was an exciting morning for the boys who settled well into their new surroundings.

Thank you to Jacqui Wilson, Zoe Van Onselen and their team of moms who helped with setting up and serving tea.

I am sure the new families will feel part of the St Peter's community within a very short period of time.

OUTREACH – SUMMERFIELD RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Our Grade 2 boys will be visiting the elderly at Summerfield Retirement Village on Friday, 17 November. Each boy needs to bring a small pot plant to give to an elderly person. They will write a note, in class, to add to the pot plant. The boys will also sing to members of the village – which is always a hit.

NATIVITY – 21 & 22 NOVEMBER

The Grade 0 boys, accompanied by the Grade 2 Choir, will present this year's Nativity at a Dress Rehearsal at 11:00 on Tuesday, 21 November and a performance at 18:30 on Wednesday, 22 November. A detailed letter will be sent home next week.

GRADE 1 CHOIR

The Grade 1 choir will not be singing at the Sunset Carols. The choir practice on a Monday will continue as we prepare for our first performance in the Chapel, as a Grade 2 choir, early in 2018.

GRADE 2 CHOIR

The Grade 2 choir will practice with the Cadet choir (to prepare for Sunset Carols) on a Tuesday morning, from next week, 14 November, until further notice. They must be at Dodson Hall at 7:20. Please drop your sons off at Dodson Hall, or I will take them there from the Boys JP at 7:15, we will return at 8:00.

Dates for the Choir and all Grade 2 boys:

- All Grade 2 boys to sing at Summerfield Retirement Village on 17 November.
- Choir to sing at the Nativity in our JP Hall on 22 November. Boys must meet me in the music room at 18:00, barefoot and dressed in their khaki uniforms.
- All Grade 2 boys and the choir will sing in Chapel for the Thanksgiving Service on 29 November.
- Choir to sing at Sunset Carols on 2 December. There will be a morning practice and a time schedule will be sent out the week before.

Sandra van Wyk: Music

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy told his teacher that he lives in the "newen" days not the "olden" days, like you Mrs Fietze!

Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13 November 13:30-14:00 Grade 1 Choir
Tuesday 14 November
Wednesday 15 November 7:15 Grade 2VM Chapel experience 8:00 Chapel Service (birthdays 13 - 19 November) 11:00 Grade 2 Hot Lunch Experience 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir OR 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 16 November
Friday 17 November Grade 2 visit to Summerfield Retirement Village

**CHRISTMAS BOXES – REMINDER
BOXES TO BE RETURNED BY 17 NOVEMBER**

Please include:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R50 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of Sweets
- Crayons and blank book



if there is space, please fill the box up with: tinned fish, tinned beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits. Please be so kind as to wrap them in Christmas or newspaper.

Collection points: Boys SP reception; Boys JP reception; Girls SP reception and Girls JP reception
Please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za for any further info.

Father Richard (Chaplain)

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**LYDIA TELEKI**

I was born in the Free State. I have never had contact, or support, from my father. I have no siblings, as my older brother was shot when he was 6 years old. I grew up being raised by extended family members. It was a hard life as things were tough and there were times when I was treated unkindly.

In Grade 10, I moved to Johannesburg to live with my mother in Fourways Gardens. My mother is a domestic worker and has been employed by the Principal of Buccleuch Primary, and her husband, for 20 years – they have been very good to her and very supportive.

I attended Ferndale High School from Grade 10 to Matric.

'St Peter's is a blessing in my life. I have never been this happy or relaxed! My role as an Intern, and the pupils, mean so much to me. My incredible mentor is supportive of me and is always on the look out to see that I'm happy. I'm extremely humbled by everyone and everything! I promise to always do my very best!'



SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER

AVOID THE QUEUES -

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE ELECTRONICALLY!

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

EFT details:

St Peter's Foundation

Standard Bank

Acc No. 422 057 533

Branch: Rivonia

Reference: Surname

Send proof of payment with ticket requirements

to:

tickets@stpeters.co.za

**PA NEWS****Positions for 2018 are open in the Boys Senior Prep CC****Roles and Responsibilities of The Communication Committee (CC)**

Each school has its own CC. These individuals represent the parents of each school on the PA Committee. The main role of the CC is to manage and co-ordinate the class reps who play a crucial liaison and communication role between the parents of their classes, the teacher and the school, ensuring the correct information gets out to all parents.

The CC is responsible for the management of PA funds for TLC, and various breakfasts and functions required during the year.

The CC also support the school and PA functions as and when necessary. These functions include the ladies lunch, winter warmers, and the St Peter's Golf Day to name a few.

It is important that the CC individuals uphold and epitomise the core values and community spirit for which St Peter's is known.

Volunteer Now for 2018!

The **St Peter's Parents Association** is planning the following events for 2018, and as always, we are looking for volunteers to participate in the organisation of these events. Please contact Robyn (robyn@designoval.co.za), Malope (malopem@icloud.com) or Caron (cduplessis@stpeters.co.za) if you are interested in getting involved.

The planned events are:

- **Ladies Lunch:** this takes place every second year, in the first term, alternating with the Staff Variety Show. It involves the moms of the school purchasing tickets for a fun afternoon, involving lunch, drinks and some form of entertainment – the format and choice of entertainment to be decided by the organisers.
- **Winter Warmers:** we have decided to bring back the very popular Winter Warmers concert in 2018, as a change from Movie Night and Autumn Carnival. The format and entertainment to be decided by the organisers, but this typically involves an outdoor music festival/act coupled with an Inflatable Carnival, entertainment for kids, food and drink vendors. Families come for a relaxed afternoon on the field in the winter sun, listening to great music, while the kids are busy with their own entertainment.
- **Family Soccer Festival:** as per the 2017 festival, this will involve an afternoon of friendly soccer matches between the kids while parents relax and enjoy the matches.
- **Golf Day:** the annual Golf Day, held at Kyalami Country Club, will take place in the third term of 2018.



WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

Don't forget to drop your slips, with your name and number on the back, in the entry boxes at all receptions in order to stand a chance to win the Nespresso Coffee Machine. Draw will take place on 2 December at Sunset Carols

NESPRESSO ZENIUS  