



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Notice in a French church

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

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

This has been a really satisfying couple of weeks for me. You are all aware of how we push our “5G’s” at the school and, while it sometimes appears to be a fruitless task, it would appear that at least two of our “G’s,” Greeting and Grooming, have been internalised by some of our fine, young men. I have received two separate communications that testify to this: On 26 September, Rui Morais, St Peter’s College Headmaster, forwarded the following communication from the St John’s College water polo parents to me:

“I don’t know the St Peter’s Prep headmaster but we had a busy Saturday of polo at SJC. There was Prep cricket on the field behind Valley. This boy’s name was Bourne and he was watching his brother play cricket. He decided to come over and offer his services as he loves cooking. He spent the whole morning cooking and then moved onto pregos and boerewors. He didn’t move and was happy to be paid with a coldrink, prego and mentos for his services which he loved. What a super boy and we think he may be the next masterchef! He deserves some recognition at assembly I think. Thank you, Bourne, from SJC water polo”

And then, this morning, I received another thank you from someone who had encountered our boys:

“On Saturday we had the pleasure of travelling on the same Gautrain as a group of your boys ranging in grades from Grade 0 to Grade 5. Their families had been at the very exciting SA versus All Blacks Rugby Test and they were returning home on the last train from Pretoria to Johannesburg. It was late, they were tired (as were we) and we all were a little deflated after the narrow defeat. What a joy it was to come across well-mannered, polite young lads who gladly gave up their seats for us when their youth, exuberance and speed netted them all a place to rest their weary legs. Behaviour like this is, sadly, seldom encountered these days and the boys deserve a huge pat on the back, as do their parents and school. We never got any names but I wanted you to know that you are doing a very good job at raising boys who will grow into true gentlemen.”

It is so often how a person acts, when they don’t believe that the spotlight is on them, that truly illustrates their character. Thank you to the parents and teachers, who are constantly reinforcing positive behaviour.

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

CHILDREN FEEL UNIMPORTANT TO CELL PHONE-ADDICTED PARENTS

OK parents, it’s time to put down your phone and pick up your child because children feel unimportant when you use your cell phones too much, a study says.

The Short of It

Nearly one-third of *children feel unimportant when their parents use their cell phones* during meal times, conversations, TV watching and *playing outside*, according to a recent study.

The Lowdown

A June (2017) study by AVG Technologies surveyed more than 6,000 children, ages 8 to 13, from Brazil, Australia, Canada, France, The United Kingdom, Germany, The Czech Republic and the United States. The survey discovered that 32 percent of children felt unimportant when their moms and dads were distracted by their phones. The children said they had to compete with technology for their parents' attention, and 28 percent of mothers and fathers agreed with this observation.

"I do feel like the balance between the degree to which I use my mobile device to stay connected to work and my ability to be more present, available to my family, is quite *out of balance*," one of the parents in the study said.

In addition, 54 percent of the children think their parents spend too much time on their phones. Fifty-two percent of moms and dads agreed with their children and worried that they were setting a bad example for them.

"With our children picking up mobile devices at an increasingly younger age, *it is really important that we set good habits* within the home, early on," said Tony Anscombe, senior security evangelist at AVG Technologies. "Children take their cues from us for everything else, so it is only natural that they should do the same with device use. It can be hard to step away from your device at home, but with a quarter of parents telling us that they wished their child used their device less (25 percent) they need to lead by example and consider how their behaviour might be making their child feel."

The Upshot

We're the first generation of parents with 24/7 access to phone calls, email, the Internet, and more, right there in our pockets or purses. It can be hard to navigate this crazy connected world in which we find ourselves and remember that the digital universe can wait while we interact with the people with us in the present moment. We, as moms and dads, need to put down our cell phones and focus more on our children. They *are* more important than the latest work email or what's trending on Twitter. Let's make sure they know it.

OUTINGS & SCHOOL VISITS

The Grade 1 boys have hosted their DCS friends at the Montecasino Bird Park. The children from both schools learnt so much, shared lunches and enjoyed every minute of the Bird Show at the end.

Taking a visit to SPACE, without leaving our hall, proved to be an interesting event for our boys. They enjoyed interacting and learning about the 'science' of space. Once again Experi-Buddies gave our boys a time of true exploration.

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 16 October the DCS Grade 0 children will join our boys at St Peter's to enjoy the wonder of a magic show and be spellbound by tricks. Lunch will be shared and playgrounds explored.

The DCS volunteers will head to the school to complete a baking activity with the Grade 1 pupils, a treat they so enjoy.

INTERNS

Our Interns are currently preparing for their final exams. Many will start writing on Monday, 15 October. I know you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck over the next few weeks.

MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE

On Friday and Saturday St Peter's will be hosting a Mathematics conference. The conference will feature both overseas and local mathematicians. Nichola Harmuth, Genevieve Ritchie, Belinda Smit and Lee-Ann Pickering will be presenting at this conference.

SP MARKET DAY

Our Grade 1 and 2 boys will be supporting the SP Market Day on Tuesday, 16 October. Please do not send more than R40 for your son to spend. If possible, please send this amount in small change eg R1, R2 or R5 coins.

HALF TERM

School closes on **Wednesday, 17 October** for Half Term. There will be no Chapel, but birthday cards will be handed out during prayers in the JP Hall at 7:30 that morning. Please take note of closing times:

10:00 - Grade 0

10:15 - Grade 1

10:30 - Grade 2

GOLDEN MOMENT

During a Zulu lesson Mama R asked a Grade 2 class if they had any ideas on how powered milk is made. One boy said "They make it like a rock, then they get a big hammer and smash it!"

I hope our Grade 1 boys are preparing their poems for the Eisteddfod on 25 October.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15 October	
Tuesday 16 October	
8:00	Grade 1 and 2 – SP Market Day
8:30	DCS – Grade 1 baking
9:00	DCS – Grade 0 visit and magic show
Wednesday 17 October	
7:30	No Chapel
	Prayers in JP Hall (birthdays 15-21 October)
HALF TERM	
Closing times: 10:00 – Grade 0	
	10:15 – Grade 1
	10:30 – Grade 2
Tuesday 23 October	
7:30	Return to school

AERIAL PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you, we had many offers of help. Watch this space for some beautiful updated aerial views of the school!

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

SUNSET CAROLS BROCHURE – CALL FOR ADVERTISING



The St Peter's Intern Programme invites you to advertise in the 2018 Sunset Carols Brochure.

St Peter's will be celebrating its **sixth Sunset Carols** event on Saturday, **1 December 2018**. This event attracts over 2 500 adults and children and has become the School's annual flagship event. It is preceded by a bustling Christmas Market.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za

ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS GOLF DAY

The St Peter's Prep Schools annual Golf Day was held on Friday, 05 October at Kyalami Country Club.

A full field of 36 fourballs (144 golfers) teed off at 12:00 in perfect weather conditions. The objective of the day was to raise funds for the Parent's Association, whilst ensuring a memorable and fun-filled day for the golfers. The day certainly proved to be very festive for all involved (especially with the gin bar and well stocked watering holes!). The evening event and prize-giving was enjoyed with an incredible view over the course.

The golf was of a high calibre, and congratulations go to the winning fourball of Bruce Baisley, James Newmann, Mark Parsons and Kyle De Matteis.

Thank you once again to all the golfers and sponsors for your incredible support which ensured that the day was such a success!



MYSCHOOL APP



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By downloading the free MySchool app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#), you can:

- ✓ scan your virtual card at the till point
- ✓ link your Woolworths card, and
- ✓ find out where you can shop in the area you're driving/living/visiting

Your **continued support** in having St Peter's Prep Schools as a beneficiary, is **sincerely appreciated**.



If you have any questions or would like help with joining, please contact Anne annedp@live.com



Look out for details of a competition taking place during November 2018