



JUNIOR PREP

Dear Parents,



FROM THE RECTOR

Headship for St Peter's intern

We were delighted to hear earlier this year that one of our early interns was appointed Head of Bishop Bavin Preparatory School.

We continue to be delighted at the success which our graduates achieve. For further information, please see the attached annual report on the intern programme from the St Peter's Foundation.

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

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the Advent Term. While this is a relatively long term, I find that the end of the year flies towards us at an ever increasing rate of knots as the busy and diverse programme takes shape. I hope that you had a really restful holiday and that you feel ready for the term ahead. I thought I would begin this Newsletter with a few updates:

- You will see that the new "Innovation and Design Centre" is under construction near the Lettie Bell area. The aim is to have a more inquiry-based and technological feel in the Centre, but not to lose the important hands-on skills that have become a trademark of our D&T programme. Thank you to Mr Agnew and the class teachers, who will use a combination of a "Mobile Centre" and Mr Porter's Maths Room during the building phase. We hope that the room will be complete by the end of October.
- You will also see the "Adventure Playground" that has been donated by the Armstrong family. This is on the Mvukuzane Embankment and will be used primarily by the Middle School, but I am sure the others boys will enjoy it as well. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude as a community to the Armstrong family. Not only has Jen put an enormous amount of professional input into the design of the playground from an Occupational Therapy point of view, but the family have funded the project entirely.





The Napier Quad and Chapel gardens have gone indigenous. Thanks to Muchachari Garden Services for all their hard work. Thanks, also, to the Maintenance Team and Ops for all the work that has been done during the holidays. We have increased the size of the drainage pipes under Feathers so that they can cope with the extra storm flow which has come about due to the new multi-purpose surface above the Girls JP. You will also notice that general maintenance on the fencing, as well as the scarifying of the fields, has been done. There are a number of other "odd-jobs" that were completed. Well done Ops!

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Sean Creamer has taken on the role of Head of Inquiry and Innovation for 2019. Sean will be using an inquiry-based approach to D&T. His brief will be to grow our inquiry-based approach across the curriculum from Grade 0 - 7.

- Callan Cronin will be joining us in a full-time teaching capacity as the HOD of JP Sport in 2019. We wish Callan and the team all the best as they continue to grow the JP Sports Programme.
- Janine Futselaar, who has been HOD Mathematics at Rivonia Primary for a number of years, will be joining us in 2019, teaching Maths in the Upper School. I believe that Janine will have much to offer us and will settle in very well.
- Jaya Govender has also come back home. Jaya will be completing a locum in the Girls School this term, but will re-join the Boys JP in 2019. Debby Jameson will be teaching Grade 2 as a locum for the third term in Dom van der Merwe's place. She joins us after teaching in the UAE for a number of years.
- Bonolo Molefe will join us as a JP teacher in 2019. Bonolo will complete her internship at St Peter's in 2018 and is already part of our community. I wish her everything of the best as she embarks on her teaching career.

As we begin what I am sure will be a very happy term, please may I ask everyone to help us to reinforce the 5 G's (Greeting, Grooming, Grounds, Grit and Gratitude) in all encounters with the boys so that we can get rid of some of the cobwebs that may have appeared during the four week break.

I wish you all a blessed term ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP MARBLE SEASON

The boys greeted the start of marble season with excitement this morning. From **Monday, 17 September** they may bring marbles to school, as long as they are in a clearly marked container. Prayers on Monday will be used to establish "rules" for marble season, which will be communicated in next week's newsletter.

DRUMMING & MUSIC WORKSHOP

On **Monday, 17 September** our boys will be involved in a drumming workshop. This will include discussion on music appreciation and percussion.

GRADE 2 HOUSE T-SHIRT PRESENTATION

Our Grade 2 boys will receive their House T-shirts from the Grade 6 boys on **Tuesday, 18 September** at **7:30**. Their Housemaster will present on the history of the House, as well as generate some excitement around Interhouse events. The Grade 2 parents are welcome to join us on this morning.

JP HERITAGE TABLE



Please do join us for our Heritage Day Harvest Table on **Thursday, 20 September** at **18:30**. The invitation was sent earlier this week, please RSVP by **17 September** to allow for final planning. We request that you bring a plate of finger food to share with others. Drinks will be provided. I am sure this will be a lovely evening of community building.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our boys are to wear something representing their heritage on **Friday, 21 September**. The interns have planned a time of educational fun and sharing their culture with their class.

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JP SPORTS DAY

Please note that Sports Day is on a Friday afternoon this year. It will take place on **28 September** with Grade 0 starting at 12:30 and Grade 1 and 2 at 13:30. Unfortunately there is a clash with sports fields this term. The JP Camp Out will be on **Saturday, 29 September** (you will remember that we had to postpone it in the first term due to inclement weather).

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 2 teacher and her class were discussing when to wear sports kit and when to wear khakis. One of the boys said: "I didn't know khaki was a colour. I thought it was because we have the 'car keys' on our badges!"

Enjoy the warmer weekend! Warm regards, Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17 September Marble season begins **Drumming Workshop Tuesday 18 September** 7:30-8:00 Grade 2 House T-shirt presentations 8:30 DCS lessons Wednesday 19 September Chapel (birthdays from 17 to 23 September) 8:00 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir **Thursday 20 September** 13:00-13:30 Grade 1 Choir 18:30 Heritage Day Harvest Table Friday 21 September Heritage Dress Up Day & celebrations

MORNING BUSES

Further information with regards to the morning buses that will be operating from Lonehill and Kyalami will be sent out shortly to those parents who expressed an interest in the service. Should you require more information or would like to be included on the emails, please contact cduplessis@stpeters.co.za



NEWS FROM THE ST PETER'S KITCHEN

The school's kitchen once again attained fantastic results following the Hygiene Audit, which took place in August. Sincere congratulations to Sharon and her team and in particular to Howard and Tebogo.

How wonderful to know that we are so well cared for.

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 the 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 the plaques available to are order:







Orders for 2018 will close on 30 September 2018

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HOT DOG & CIVVIES DAY

REMINDER – FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

CIVVIES DAY R10 for charity

HOT DOG DAY

R25 for Hot Dog, Crisps and a Cool drink.

INK CARTIDGE COLLECTION

There are permanent collection points on campus or hand in at a reception.

R10



PA GOLF DAY

