



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I wonder if you have seen the recent footage on a pilot whale that died as a result of ingesting hundreds of plastic bags? While the footage is somewhat distressing, the occurrence is far from uncommon. In addition, ongoing talks about climate change and how nations can work towards alleviating the problem, have been somewhat hamstrung by a decision by one of the world's superpowers to "go their own way." While we have been given a beautiful world to live in, we have also been assigned the responsibility of stewardship for our environment. The two events mentioned above are comparable in that convenience and wealth creation have been judged to be of more importance than stewardship. I cannot help but wonder whether this belief, that in today's world, what matters "within my bubble" is far more pressing than global or societal issues. Certainly, the IBSC Conference identified that this "me" factor is a dangerous addition to modern living and that the need to accentuate the "we" factor in schools is essential if we are to prepare boys for the future.

I am pleased to share a new St Peter's initiative with you that talks to our attempt to address this need on a "home" front. The following communication was forwarded by our Operations Department this week:

We are delighted to advise that Bekabee (recycling and waste disposal company) have started their services at St Peter's. Bekabee offer a full waste recycling system for all waste generated at the school reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

How it works:

The Grounds team collect all the refuse bins from the school grounds and take them to the recycling stations at the current Skip area where the Bekabee team separate recyclables from non-recyclables and remove all from site. The process is monitored and run by a Bekabee employee who is based on site full time.



I have encouraged the boys to play a real part in the project as eco-warriors and would like to ask parents and the broader community to help us by encouraging, correcting and role-modelling the collection of waste and in the placement into the appropriate bins around the school.

I commend the Operations department and Enviro committee for this fine initiative. The programme will be calibrated over the next few months to get it working optimally and we hope to be able to report on its progress once it is fully operational.

Have a great week

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

THANK YOU AND WELCOME

I would like to thank Penny Coltham who has been the Junior Prep EC representative for two years. Penny has had to step down with immediate effect, due to work demands. I know you will all agree that Penny has been a real stalwart in

this position. She has tackled every task in a calm, organised and efficient manner. Personally she supported me during an extremely difficult time when my husband passed away last year. I will always feel most grateful to Penny for taking on this role and how much the St Peter's community has benefitted.

Zoe van Onselen has stepped into Penny's shoes with immediate effect. I would like to thank Zoe for showing such enthusiasm to become involved as our Junior Prep EC representative. I know she has much to offer and that her partnership with Jacqui Wilson will ensure that our community is cared for and that the communication continues without interruption.

BALL & BOOK FOR MANDELA

Our Junior Prep 67 Minutes for Mandela drive is to provide every Grade 0-2 child at DCS with a tennis ball and book. Invitations have been sent via email, explaining how you can be involved in this initiative on Tuesday, 25 July. (Diepsloot Combined School is on holiday on 18 July).

To make life easier the DCS team will be selling ball and book packs on **Tuesday, 18** and **Wednesday, 19 July** in our foyer at R35-00 per pack. Even if you can't join us, please consider donating a pack to this cause – *"a book is a gift you can open again and again."* Garrison Keillor.

INTERNS – MY STORY

Last week we had a good turnout in support of the Isematholeni Intern Programme. Some of our Interns shared their stories. It is in learning more about one another that we build closer, stronger relationships.



ISEMATHOLENI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONFERENCE: 28-29 July

We are hosting a Foundation Phase Conference at St Peter's Prep. Lecturers from UJ will present on various new and trending Early Childhood research to enhance pupil learning. We are delighted that all our staff will attend the conference.

FOOTBALL

Last week our Grade 1 boys took part in a Football Tournament. The excitement was evident from the moment the boys arrived at school and the enthusiasm from both our boys and their parents was delightful. Every child tried his best and demonstrated amazing skills.

Thank you to Craig Jooste and his team for a super afternoon that was well organised and enjoyed by all.

Our Grade 2 boys play their first match this afternoon against St Benedict's. I am sure they will enjoy themselves and show the sportsmanship we expect from St Peter's boys.

FAMILY SPORTS DAY

Tomorrow, Saturday, 15 July, is our Family Sports Day, starting at 13:00. We have been amazed by the positive response received. I believe we are in for a fabulous afternoon of family time and community building.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 1 boy told his dad he was learning about nouns. His dad's response was "Oh yes, that is a, e, i, o, u." "No" said the child. "Okay" said dad "then it must be doing words." "No" said the boy, "dad you are a noun!"

See you all on Saturday afternoon – holding thumbs for a warm and sunny day.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 15 July	
13:00-15:00	Family Sports Festival & Picnic/Braai
Monday 17 July	
Tuesday 18 July	
Mandela Day	
7:00	DCS team selling Ball & Book packs (R35 each)
Wednesday 19 July	
7:00	DCS team selling Ball & Book packs (R35 each)
8:00	Chapel (birthday cards 17-23 July)
11:00	Boys attend Senior Prep production
12:00-12:20	Grade 2 Choir OR
13:00-13:30	Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 20 July	
Friday 21 July	
13:30	Grade 2 football matches vs St David's

SCHOOL SHOP

Summer uniform:

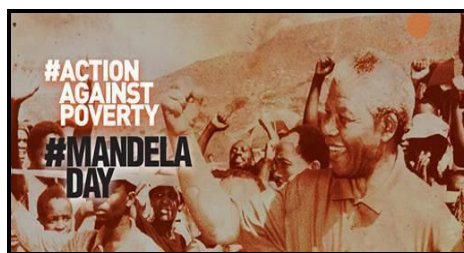
We have three weeks until the end of winter term, so we advise that families get their children to try on their summer uniforms and check them before school closes this term. We suggest that you do not leave it until the day before school starts as that is when the School Shop is at its busiest and the queues are very long!

Embroidery:

Should you need any items embroidered during the holiday, please drop them off no later than **Wednesday, 02 August**.

Nadia Thompson: School Shop

MANDELA DAY - 18 JULY 2017



As part of our Mandela Day Drive, we are appealing to all our families to donate unwanted and unused items. The skip is in the Chapel carpark.

We would like to support:

Vuleka Schools	BOOKS	For their library
Diepsloot Combined & Sefikeng Primary	SPORT KIT and TAKKIES	Part of the Family Day Drive on 15 July
St Peter's community	SECOND HAND CLOTHING & EDUCATIONAL TOYS	
Diepsloot Combined	BOOKS and TENNIS BALLS	JP boy initiative

Monica Sloane (Foundation and Community Partnership)

PA NEWS MYSCHOOL



Does every swipe really count?

Yes, it does! Participating in the MySchool program has had various benefits for the learners at St Peter's Prep Schools, as well as the initiatives that are supported by the schools. Just recently, the funds raised have been used for:

- Audio Visual upgrades to the Chapel (in Aug 2016)
- Donation to the Intern Program (in Aug 2016)
- Donations to Sefikeng Primary School and Diepsloot Combined School (November 2016)
- Contribution towards the new Astroturf being installed on campus (February 2017)

It's up to you!

- You may have up to three beneficiaries linked to your card
- If you chose to have St Peter's Prep Schools as a beneficiary, check your monthly MySchool statement that is emailed to you. It should state **St Peter's Prep Schools**
- If you already are a member, check your details. Logon to the MySchool website www.myschool.co.za or visit the MySchool table at the Family Day on 15 July 2017 - where we can also assist you, if you would like to join
- Remember to swipe when shopping at any of these MySchool partners:

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Thank you for your continued support

GOLF DAY

The St Peter's Golf Day
29 September 2017
Kyalami Country Club

EXCITING RAFFLE
Win tickets to both days of the HSBC Cape Town Rugby Sevens 2017, return flights and 3 nights accommodation at the 5* Radisson Blu Hotel from 8 - 10 December for FOUR people

The Essentials...

- 12:00 shotgun start
- Gin bar on arrival
- Prize giving and casual dinner in the bar
- Draw for the raffle valued at R40 000 (no fundraising auction this year)

Bookings open 20 July 2017
email golfday@stpeters.co.za for further info and to request a booking form



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TICKET PRICE R200
Limited to 500 tickets only
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Sales start 20 July 2017

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The raffle draw will take place at the Golf Day Prize Giving function on the evening of 29 September 2017

