



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

St Peter's Prep Schools intends opening a Pre-Prep in January 2020. The initiative is driven by demand but also by our belief in the importance of effective Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes. Uninformed people often see Pre-Preps as "nursery schools" or "crèches". A good ECD programme is a great deal more than this. It sets the foundation for learning to read and write and makes these skills so much easier for children to master. Lags in developmental milestones can be addressed and confidence built.

We are planning to open the school with two Gr 00 and two Gr 000 classes, each of which will have, in addition to a teacher, an ECD teacher intern, providing much-improved contact time for each pupil.

In line with our educational philosophy, the curriculum will be play-based with emphasis on developing imagination, curiosity and perceptual skills in order to create the best possible transition to formal learning.

We shall be constructing a new school in order for the children to enjoy a happy and stimulating environment, separate from "big school". The facility will be sited on the property across Witkoppen Road, opposite Newlands field. Entry will be via Estelle Road at the back of the property.

While we construct the new building on the aforementioned property, the Pre-Prep will open in the current Afterschool Programme facility, in the grounds of the Prep School.

The recruitment drive for a Head, with appropriate ECD knowledge, is currently underway. We hope to announce the appointment next term. Those of you who have investigated the fees of Pre-Preps will notice that stand-alone schools are inevitably cheaper than those attached to Prep schools, as is the case with St Peter's. Cost is largely driven by teachers' salaries. We shall be looking to employ teachers qualified in ECD and will be remunerating them as we do all St Peter's teachers. In addition, they will be included in the comprehensive training programme required for all staff.

In order to be transparent and fair in receiving applications for the Pre-Prep we have offered accepted pupils on our waiting list first priority to apply for Gr 00/000 without jeopardising their accepted places for Grade 0. We will then extend the offer to families that are already on our waiting lists according to priority weighting points for Grade 0 2021 and 2022 and thereafter spaces will be open to the wider community.

Please see the list of FAQ's below for further information.

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information, please contact Admissions (admissions@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) with regard to GRADE 00 and 000 2020

- **WILL THE PRE-PREP HAVE BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS IN THE SAME CLASS?**
The Pre-Prep will be co-educational; where possible there will be an equal number of boys and girls in each class.
- **WHAT ARE THE TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL? WHAT TIME WILL IT OPEN & CLOSE, AND WILL THIS BE IN LINE WITH THE REST OF ST PETER'S IF ONE IS DROPPING OFF A SIBLING?**
The school day will start officially at 08:00 and finish at 12:30, with a supervised waiting class until 13:30 and an Aftercare Facility until 17:30. Supervision will be provided from 07:00 every morning.
- **WILL THE AFTERCARE BE RUN JOINTLY WITH THE PREP SCHOOLS? WHERE WILL AFTERCARE BE AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**
The Pre-Prep will have its own Aftercare Facility. This will be in the same place as the Pre-Prep School. The fee

structure will be similar to that of Grade 0-2 in the Prep Schools.

- **WHERE WILL THE PRE-PREP BE SITUATED?**

The Pre-Prep will ultimately be on the property across the road from St Peter's Prep Schools. The access will be through Estelle Road, Paulshof. If the building is not completed in time, the upgraded Aftercare Facility will be used until the new facilities are completed.

- **HOW MANY CLASSES WILL THERE BE AND HOW MANY CHILDREN PER CLASS?**

This will be determined by the interest we receive. We are hoping to start with two Gr 000 and two Gr 00 in 2020 with between 18 and 20 children per class with a teacher and a trained Intern/Assistant in each classroom.

- **WILL THE DEPOSIT BE CARRIED OVER FOR GRADE 0?**

The deposit will be carried over to Gr 0 with a top up required to meet the Prep School Deposit for each specific year. If a term's notice is given before a child is withdrawn from the Pre-Prep, 50% of the deposit will be refunded as with the Prep Schools.

- **WHAT ELSE WILL THE FEES INCLUDE IN TERMS OF MUSIC LESSONS, SPORTS, OUTINGS ETC.? WHAT ARE SUNDRIES**

The programme will include Music, Playball and Sport in the weekly timetable.

As with the Junior Prep Schools, the Sundries amount will include outings, productions, stationery, individual and class photographs and any other expenses except Hearing/Eye Screening, School Production DVD and Photographs.

- **IS THERE A SIBLING'S DISCOUNT?**

The sibling discount (of ten percent for the third child's fees) will be given, providing all three children attend the preps concurrently.

- **WILL EXTRA-MURALS BE OFFERED?**

We will offer the regular extra cost extra-murals offered by most Pre-Prep Schools but this will also be dependent on interest and numbers initially.

- **IS THERE A ST PETER'S UNIFORM, OR DO THE CHILDREN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES?**

At this stage there will be no uniform for the children attending the Pre-Prep and we do not think this will change.

- **WHO WILL BE THE HEADMASTER/MISTRESS OF THE PRE-PREP SCHOOL?**

This position has been advertised and we are in the process of recruiting. As is its custom, St Peter's is seeking an exceptional educator familiar with current ECD methodology to manage the school. The Head of the Pre-Prep will start part time in the second term 2019 and will be employed full-time from the third term to oversee the project and set up the Pre-Prep for its opening in January 2020.

- **WHO WILL THE TEACHERS BE?**

Once a Head has been appointed, we will begin the process of advertising and employing both teachers and other staff required. All appointments will be made by the start of the third term 2019; teachers will officially take up their positions in January 2020. Teachers will be suitably qualified to teach Early Childhood Development (ECD).

- **ARE CURRENT TEACHERS AT ST PETER'S LIKELY TO BECOME THE TEACHERS, OR WILL THE TEACHERS BE SOURCED FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL?**

This will depend on interest shown by internal staff and the CV's received as Early Childhood Development (ECD) qualifications or experience will be a requirement. We will be looking for staff who align with the ethos and values of St Peter's Schools within the Pre-Prep.

- **WHAT IS THE STRUCTURAL LAYOUT OF THE SCHOOL GOING TO LOOK LIKE AS WELL AS THE CLASSROOMS?**

The design of the school will be similar to the Girls Junior Prep buildings with a farm-style theme to it. We want to create a warm, safe environment with an element of fun and nature coming to the fore. Both the plans and a model will be presented at the open day in June 2019. The classrooms will be large with activity centres and lots of light.

- **WHAT WILL THE SCHEDULE BE LIKE?**

This question will be answered in greater detail at the Open Morning (in June 2019) once a Head has been appointed. We are looking at a flexible programme with the focus on learning through play. The programme will be aimed at developing the perceptual skills of young children through inquiry, investigation and wonder. Nature and the outdoor environment will play a large role in the curriculum.

Information will be provided on a regular basis, informing parents whose children will be attending the Pre-Prep, of developments as they happen. We can, however, assure you that the St Peter's Pre-Prep will hold the same values and ethos as the Prep Schools and children who attend the school will be well prepared for entry into Grade 0 and the start of formal learning in Grade 1.

You will be invited to an Open Day in June 2019 at which the building plans and model will be presented. The Head will also present an overview of the curriculum and the overall plan for opening the Pre-Prep in 2020, which will coincide with the 70th celebrations of St Peter's Boys Prep School.

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

THE ST PETER'S PRE-PREP

As Greg Royce has shared, we will be starting a Pre-Prep at St Peter's in 2020. It is an extremely exciting project to have been privileged to work on and the energy that it has created within the community is starting to be felt. The school will be an environment that fosters all the wonder and joy that we know early learning encompasses, and will have an intentionally focused child centred curriculum that supports creativity, resilience and exploration.

In the words of the poet, Robert Fulghum *...all I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten (or the Pre-Prep in our case). Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school.*

These are the things I learned:

- *Share everything.*
- *Play fair.*
- *Don't hit people.*
- *Put things back where you found them.*
- *Clean up your own mess.*
- *Don't take things that aren't yours.*
- *Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
- *Wash your hands before you eat.*
- *Flush.*
- *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
- *Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.*
- *Take a nap every afternoon.*
- *When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.*
- *Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.*
- *Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup – they all die. So do we.*
- *And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned – the biggest word of all – LOOK.*

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

We hope to start our journey to this wisdom at St Peter's Pre-Prep!

CONGRATULATIONS

Sam Hauptfleisch has become a big brother to Joseph, who was born yesterday. We wish Lorin and Scott much joy in the years to come.

GRADE 1 & 2: DADS & LADS MINI CRICKET

Excitement is building around the morning of cricket on Saturday. Our boys delight in playing cricket with their dads on this day. Please remember the morning is about enjoyment and fun.

Our Grade 2 parents will be selling refreshments on the morning. Please do support them.

CAMP OUT

We are looking forward to seeing you with all your paraphernalia on Saturday.

VISION SCREENING: Grade 0 and new boys

EyeTek will be screening our boys on Monday, 18 March – thank you for your responses.

GRADE 0 GRANDPARENTS TEA

On Wednesday, 20 March, we will host the Grade 0 Grandparents in the JP. We will start with a Chapel Service at **9:00** followed by tea in the Dodson Hall where the Grade 0 boys will perform a few short items. Thereafter grandparents will have the opportunity to look at the classrooms and the work that the boys have started. Boys may go home with their grandparents at 11:00.

SPORT

Grade 1 & 2 Parents

A reminder that Athletics season starts next week (please refer to the letter sent out earlier in the week).

All JP Parents

Swimming has now come to an end and as from next week the individual PE lessons will focus on strength, agility, speed and proprioception. The boys will stay in their school uniform for these lessons.

Callan Cronin: HOD Boys JP Sports

STAFF VARIETY SHOW

Every second year the PA hosts a Staff Variety Show. Parents are invited to a dinner and a show. The star performers are the staff members at St Peter's. It is an evening of fun and fundraising. Please do book your tickets to be part of this event.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The democratic government declared 21 March **Human Rights Day** to commemorate and honour those who fought for our liberation and the **rights** we enjoy today.....Freedom of movement and residence – everyone has a **right** to freedom of movement and to reside anywhere in the country. We hope that this day gives us the opportunity to show our gratitude for this freedom and enjoy a restful long weekend.

BELLAVISTA TALK – Sensory Strategies for Self-Regulation

Presented by the Bellavista Occupational Therapy Department

This evening talk, aimed at parents, will explore how sensory strategies can assist children to regulate themselves.

Venue: Bellavista School, 35 Wingfield Avenue, Birdhaven, Jhb. Date: Wednesday, 03 April 2019

Time: 18:00-20:00. (Please note the earlier than usual start time). Cost: R150-00 per person.

To book go to: www.bellavistashare.org.za/book

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy told his teacher that he is so excited for “frizzies day” tomorrow.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Camp Out.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<p>Saturday 16 March Dads & Lads Mini Cricket Grade 1: 8:00 registration, start 8:30 Grade 2: 10:00 registration, start 10:30 16:00 Camp Out</p>
<p>Monday 18 March Vision screening for Grade 0 and new boys</p>
<p>Tuesday 19 March</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 March 8:00 Sefikeng Community Partnership prep session (JP Girls School) Grade 0 Grandparents Tea 9:00 Chapel Service for all JP boys (birthdays 18-24 March) 10:00 Tea 11:00 Grade 0 boys go home with grandparents 13:00 Grade 2 choir (Dodson Hall)</p>
<p>Thursday 21 March Public Holiday – Human Rights Day</p>
<p>Friday 22 March School Holiday</p>

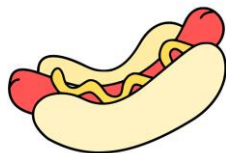
HOT DOG DAY AND CIVVIES DAY

FRIDAY 15 MARCH – R35

On Friday boys can wear civvies to school.

Hot dog Day - R25

Civvies - R10



SAVE THE DATE: MANDELA DAY SATURDAY 20 JULY

This year, St Peter’s is planning a major project at **Sefikeng Primary** to clean, refurbish, paint and so much more that needs doing. If your company would like to join us, please contact us so that we can coordinate our efforts to make a difference! (msloane@stpeters.co.za).

Early next term, we will start the drive for our families.

The Mandela Day Team



ST PETER'S COLLEGE GOLF DAY – 20 MARCH


ST PETER'S COLLEGE
PA Annual Golf Day
 Wednesday, 20 March 2019
 Bryanston Country Club

- Book your four-ball @ R3 600
- (or book Individually @ R900)
- Sponsor a hole @ R4 000
- Sponsor prizes, goodie bag items etc.

Contact Simone Hope
pa@stpeterscollege.co.za
 082 582 7080

ST PETER'S COLLEGE MUSIC SOIREE

St Peter's College MADD Centre presents **The Chanticleer Singers**, directed by Richard Cock, performing a programme covering all things natural.

The programme includes "All Creatures Now are Merry Minded" by John Bennet, "Christ Hath a Garden" by Eleanor Daley and "Lullabye of Birdland" by George Shearing, in addition to works by Elgar, Morley, Stanford and Lauridsen.

Featuring soloist Nicholas Nicolaidis in his final appearance with the Chanticleer Singers before emigrating.

Click on the image below and follow the [link](#) to purchase your ticket:



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Music Soiree
 Chanticleer Singers
 30 March '19

PLEASE NOTE:

- Limited seats available - first come first serve!
- Payment options on the system are: VISA/MASTER Credit or debit card, SID EFT and Zapper
- Coffee and tea served from 15:00 in the MADD Centre foyer.
- Audience take their seats from 15:40.

Thank you for your support!

Vaughan van Zyl & the MADD production team