



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Welcome back. I have no doubt that you are all grief-stricken at being separated from your children during the day.

The school is well into the Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA) process. Thank you to all those parents who took the trouble to complete the on-line survey. There was a 53% response.

The data is now being analysed to determine areas for improvement. Some issues will require further investigation which can be done by way of meetings with the relevant stakeholders – focus groups. Some of these have commenced.

Overall, however, we have been delighted at the overwhelmingly positive response. A report will be available once the process is complete.

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 JUNIOR PREP

GETTING INVOLVED AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Reviewed by: **Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD**

Whether their children are pre-prep or high school, parents have many good reasons to volunteer at school. Getting involved is a great way to show your children that you take an interest in their education. It also sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause. Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community. They also show their children the importance of participating in the **larger community**.

Working with teachers, administrators and other parents will help you understand your child's daily activities. You'll also tap into trends and fads of school life that can help you communicate with your children as they grow and change — all without intruding on their privacy or personal space. Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start.

To ensure we do not have to respond to “parent burnout” with regards to volunteering, it is important to have a large base to work off. If the load is spread amongst the parent body it can result in a win-win situation for our children, other parents and the school as a whole.

One of the best starting points for getting involved is a **parent-teacher conference** or workshops. These are usually scheduled early in each school year. They're a great opportunity to talk to your child's teachers or the CC about volunteer involvement.

If you have something to offer or just want to help out in whatever way you can, talk about it with the CC. They might arrange something with you personally or direct you to a department head or administrator who can answer your questions and make suggestions. It's also a good idea to join the Parent Association (PA) or CC of your child's school.

Here are some of the ways a parent volunteer can help:

- act as a classroom parent
- support your class parents
- volunteer to assist with school functions
- volunteer to assist in outreach programmes
- help organise or work at fundraising activities
- help to plan and chaperone field trips and other events that take place away from the school

- help to plan and chaperone in-school events
- help the school foundation
- attend PA Meetings
- sew costumes or build sets for theatrical and musical productions
- volunteer to speak in the classroom or at a career day, if you have a field of expertise that you'd like to share

Remember that not everyone is suited for the same type of involvement. You may have to "try on" a few activities before you find something that feels right. If you need ideas, ask your CC, who will likely be glad to help you think of something. When you offer to help out, find out how much of a time commitment is expected and if it will be ongoing. Are you going to repair the costumes for the school production or keep the drama department's supplies in good condition year-round?

Here are a few tips to keep in mind when signing up to volunteer:

- **Be clear about how much time you're willing to volunteer.** Don't be afraid to say no if you're asked to do more than you feel comfortable with — but try to say it early enough so that someone else can take your place.
- **Start small.** Don't offer to coordinate the Hot Dog Day, the School Production, and a swim meet all at once. If you've taken on too much, find out if you can pass some duties to other parents.
- **Don't give your child special treatment when you're volunteering at the school.** Follow your child's cues to find out how much interaction works for both of you. Most kids enjoy having their parents involved, but if yours seems uncomfortable, consider taking a more behind-the-scenes approach. Make it clear that you aren't there to spy — you're only trying to help out the school.
- **Get feedback from the CC and the class volunteers.** Find out what's most and least helpful to them, and ask what you can do to make the most of the time you spend on school activities. It's important to communicate openly with teachers, administrators, students and volunteers. Be flexible and responsive as the needs of the students and the school change.

Remember that volunteering not only benefits your children. It helps the classroom, the whole school, and the community by giving students positive interaction, support and encouragement.

CAR PARK

As we start a new term, I would like to ask parents to retain respect for others in the car park. There are times in the day when traffic flow is not optimal and extra patience is required.

Please could parents, especially those of Grade 2 boys, make use of the drop and go facility near the entrance to the school. Time spent in this area needs to be kept to a minimum so that flow can be achieved.

I can certainly understand the frustration one feels, especially after driving on our busy roads. Our children are, however, always watching us and learning from our behaviour.

SPORT: RUGBY (GRADE 1 & 2)

A reminder that all Grade 1 and 2 boys must remember to bring their gum guards on Sport days. Although no full contact is played, it is still a physical sport and gum guards are needed to ensure safety. Unfortunately, boys who **do not** have a gum guard will not be able to participate in the practice.

Although the boys had originally been given the option of barefoot or takkies for rugby practice, can I please ask that from next week they come to all practices wearing socks and takkies. We are making use of the Astroturf for practice sessions and the surface is not only hot at that time of the day, but it can also be rough/uncomfortable for barefoot running. Many thanks.

Callan Cronin HOD JP Sport

REMINDER!!

Anxiety Talk by In The Know, tonight **Thursday, 16 May**: 18:30-20:30. Venue: JP Boys Hall.

This would benefit any parent trying to raise a child in today's world.

AFTERCARE

Trish Attlee is Acting Head of the Girls Junior Prep School until the end of this year. The running of Aftercare is in the capable hands of Barbara Millar, who is assisted by Alicia Sheppard, Maggie Molefe and Mercy Shereni. Should you have

any concerns or enquiries please contact Barbara on 083 297 4535 or Alicia on 078 166 7721. Trish will return to Aftercare from the start of next year.

GOLDEN MOMENT

Grade 0 boys were learning how to make butter with Susan the Science teacher. When she told them that they had to add a little bit of salt one boy said that he did not want to get high blood pressure! He then explained that eating salt gives you high blood pressure.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Warm regards,
Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 18 May 9:00 Grade 0, 2020 screening
Sunday 19 May 8:00 Family Eucharist (Chapel)
Monday 20 May
Tuesday 21 May
Wednesday 22 May 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 20-26 May) 8:30 Sefikeng 13:00 Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 23 May St Peter's hosting Ed-Tech Conference
Friday 24 May St Peter's hosting Ed-Tech Conference 11:30 Grade 1 Coffee with Head (JP staffroom)

**REMINDER: TOMORROW, FRIDAY 17 MAY
HOT DOG DAY AND CARTRIDGE COLLECTION**



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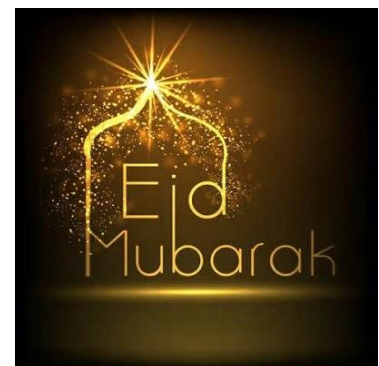
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RAMADAN AND EID

Muslims throughout the world observe the blessed month of Ramadan from Sunday, 5 May to Tuesday, 6 June 2019 - a time for reflection, contemplation and celebration. Ramadan is the most important month of the year in the Muslim calendar.

Observing Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. For Muslims, Ramadan is a month of spiritual dedication and its purpose is to strengthen their relationship with God. Observers abstain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset for the next 30 days. Typically, Muslims will sip water and eat dates before observing sunset prayers. They will then share a feast with friends and family.

The popular greetings during the fast is "Ramadan Mubarak" and "Ramadan Kareem", wishing the recipient a "blessed" and generous Ramadan. In case you were wondering it's perfectly fine for a non-Muslim to wish a Muslim for Ramadan.



At the end of the 30 days of fasting, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr which translates to “festival of breaking the fast” in Arabic. It is accompanied by a special prayer in the morning, usually at an outdoor location or a mosque. Visits to friends and relatives follows after the prayer, along with giving gifts and making phone calls to distant relatives to exchange greetings. St Peter’s wishes all our Muslim pupils, parents and friends, “Ramadan and Eid Mubarak”.

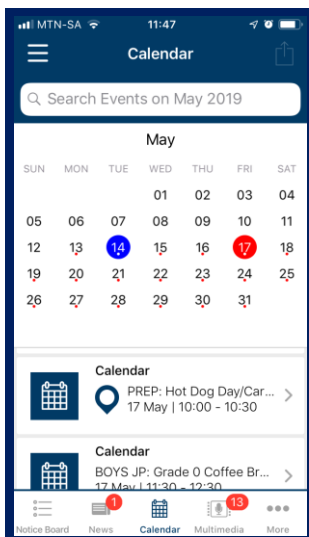
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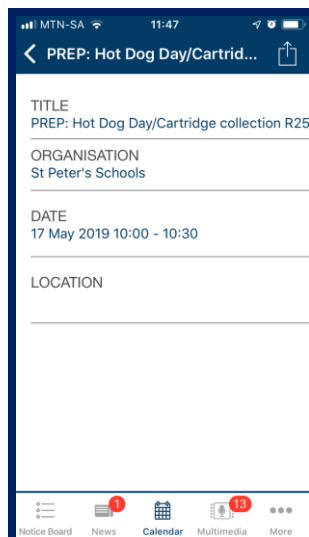
1. Download and install the Charlie app from your respective app store (click either [Android](#) or [iOS](#))
2. Sign in with either email or cellphone number (if you use your cellphone number you will receive a 6 digit pin).
3. Once in the app select the blue block to update your profile details.
4. Email stpeters@appcharlie.com with your vehicle details (registration, make/model, colour).

COMMUNICATOR ST PETER’S

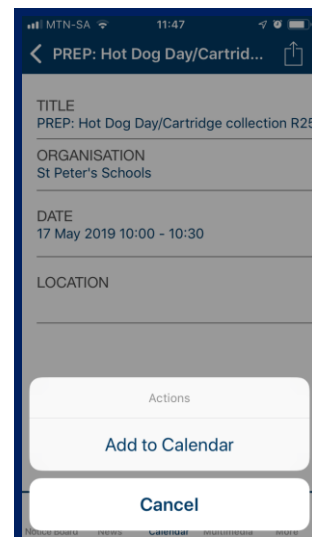
Did you know that you can go into the Calendar section of the App and load each and every event directly into your electronic calendar. You can also look at this Calendar on a daily basis for the most up to date events information and a reminder of what is coming up.



Go to Calendar in your App and search through the different dates



Click on the event you want to save and then click on the box with the arrow (here it is right hand top)



Click “Add to Calendar” and it will take you to your electronic calendar where you press add/save.

The Marketers will be deleting the hardcopy pdf calendars from under Resources from the Communicator as they are already out of date and will just cause confusion. Please refer to the Communicator Calendar section from now on.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

PA NEWS**Exciting news!**

MySchool are running a competition during May 2019 and June 2019 and the help of all our MySchool cardholders is needed to help our School WIN!

See below for more details. If you need to replace your MySchool card or would like to join, visit www.myschool.co.za or contact Anne on annedp@live.com for assistance.

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R150 000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL

**BE IN IT
TO WIN
IT**

**R150 000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
YOUR SHARE OF R150 000 IN VOUCHERS**

With R150 000 up for grabs for the school and one of 10 x R15 000 vouchers for you, everyone is giving their all to win the challenge. Remember to swipe your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card to get your school a swipe closer to winning big and to bagging your share in vouchers from any of our partners.

Each swipe is an entry*, so the more you swipe, the more entries you get.

Competition closes 30 June 2019.

* Each swipe is one entry however MULTIPLE swipes done at the SAME partner store on the SAME day will count as one entry only.

Don't have a MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card?
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