



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Campus Traffic: safety and frustration

It is beyond belief that some parents drive with so little regard for the safety of our children. We continue to have drivers traversing the Boys and Girls JP carparks at dangerously high speeds and shortcutting through the parking areas.

When we are able to identify and confront such drivers, the exchanges are usually acrimonious, with the perpetrators becoming defensive and aggressive, offering the flimsiest of excuses and refusing to take any accountability for the potential for tragedy in their actions.

Of course, this is not merely a school problem and we all value the parents who intervene to stop this.

We recently engaged the services of a traffic engineer to survey campus traffic and suggest solutions. He acknowledges that the current roadways and measures adopted by the school are probably the best under the circumstances. He has recommended that the entrances to the school be moved deeper into the campus to reduce backup on Witkoppen Road and that these be widened. Of course, the real problem is the traffic volume on Witkoppen Road which would hamper access and egress, no matter how wide these entrances were. Nevertheless, we are giving consideration to these as well as a number of other measures. The recommended changes will be extremely expensive, however, and we have other pressing development needs to complete before we can tackle these. In the meantime we are looking for measures that can be implemented to heighten safety and to improve access and egress.

The new plot, on which the After School Care Facility is situated, will be used for overflow parking in the immediate future as we develop an integrated usage plan for the campus.

St Peter's Mission: preparing children for senior school and beyond

Although promotion announcements from senior schools will continue until the end of the year, herewith more preliminary news:

Boys: of the 25 house prefects selected at St Alban's, six (nearly a quarter) are St Peter's boys, one of which is the son of PA Chairman, Robyn Doak.

Girls: to date the small group of about fifty 2013 leavers have produced:

- A Head Girl at St Anne's (daughter of former Council Chairman, Ray Chasenski)
- Deputy Head Girls at Brescia and St Peter's College
- Head of Boarding at Wykeham Collegiate
- A further prefect at St Peter's College

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

THE YEAR END SYNDROME?

We find that from around mid-November our little JP boys are tired and irritable. They can become quite tearful and easily upset. Like us, young children of today are impacted by the fast pace of life and need extra TLC towards the end of the school year.

As parents the best way to assist your son is as follows:

- Maintain home routine.
- Provide healthy snacks and meals.

- Ensure your son gets enough sleep every night.
- Allow time for rest and relaxation at home.
- Try to be sympathetic, but also maintain a balanced outlook on your son's day at school.
- Speak to your son's teacher if you feel concerned.

GRADE 0 NATIVITY

The Grade 0 Nativity will take place in the Junior Prep Hall. We will host a Dress Rehearsal for grandparents and caregivers on **Tuesday, 21 November at 11:00**. The boys are welcome to go home with their guests afterwards, should you wish.

The performance is on **Wednesday, 22 November at 18:30**. Please do join us.

PINOCCHIO – THE PANTOMIME

On **Friday, 24 November** our Grade 0-2 boys will be attending Pinocchio at the Johannesburg Theatre. They will travel by bus and must be at school promptly on Friday morning. Please do take note that the buses will only return to school by 14:00 that day.

All boys must wear khaki summer uniform with the correct footwear and bring a disposable lunch in a plastic bag, with their name and class clearly indicated. They should also bring a small box of fruit juice and a roll of sweets for interval. No child may bring money to this event.

JP GALA

The Grade 0 Gala will commence at **9:30 on Saturday, 25 November**. This event is across the width of the swimming pool with the emphasis on fun and participation. The aim is to introduce our Grade 0 boys to competition in the swimming pool in an informal and interactive manner.

The Grade 1 and 2 Gala will follow at **10:15** with the boys swimming length. This gala is to demonstrate the skills boys have learnt this year and maximum participation is encouraged.

The Grade 2 Farewell function will take place directly after the end of the Galas in the swimming pool area.

STATIONERY 2017

Each year we collect stationery from Grade 1 and 2 classes for Diepsloot Combined School. We are fully aware that some families want to support their own caregiver's children and wish to keep their stationery. The stationery collected is used by our Diepsloot Combined School Outreach programme to complete their Tuesday arts and crafts activities. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter, if you do not want to donate your son's stationery. Collection of stationery will take place on **Monday, 4 December**.

LOST PROPERTY

Tables displaying all uncollected items of lost property will be in the JP foyer on Thursday, 30 November, Friday, 1 December and Monday 4 December. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity in Lesotho.

MUSIC

Nativity: Grade 2 choir boys to meet me in my music room on Wednesday, 22 November at **18:00**, barefoot and wearing their khaki uniforms.

Grade 2 Choir: will practise with the Cadet choir (to prepare for Sunset Carols) on Tuesday, 21 November at 7:10 in Dodson Hall. Please drop your sons at Dodson Hall or I will take them there from the Boys JP at 7:05 and return them at 8:00.

Sunset Carols: Our Grade 2 choir will sing at Sunset Carols on Saturday, 2 December; there will be a rehearsal that morning from 8:45 to 10:00 on Mvukuzane Field and boys should wear civvies and a hat. Please pack a snack and drink as it is a long session. For the performance boys must wear blue jeans, white takkies and the school red sports shirt. They must arrive on the side of the stage at 17:30. The performance is from 18:00-20:30. We look forward to an amazing event and hope to see you there.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS: APPLICATION 2018

All boys who are interested in doing individual music lessons (piano, recorder, drums, violin, singing or guitar) must please apply now for 2018. We have a link that you can use for JP Boys, Grades 0-2. From Grade 3 the application form is on the SP school website/school communicator under culture. There are two forms, one for JP boys and one for SP boys.

Current Grade 2 boys must apply on the SP application form. Music lessons are R185 for 30 minutes. The pathway to the form is Resources/All channels/Boys Music for the SP form and Boys Junior Prep general and Boys Music for JP form.

Follow link

<https://goo.gl/forms/FgwK1jastLKinPcE3>

Sandra van Wyk: Music

GOLDEN MOMENT

Grade 0 and Grade 1 brothers were talking with excitement about their aunt who is expecting a baby next year. Part of the discussion was around names. Suddenly one of the boys said: "We can't choose a name yet as we are not sure if it will be a peach or brown skinned baby!"

Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 November 13:30-14:00 Grade 1 Choir
Tuesday 21 November 8:30 DCS outreach 11:00 Grade 0 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 22 November 8:00 Chapel Service (birthdays 20 - 30 November) 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir OR 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir 18:30 Grade 0 Nativity performance
Thursday 23 November 11:00 Grade 2 boys meet their Grade 6 Buddy
Friday 24 November 8:30-14:00 Pinocchio The Pantomime
Saturday 25 November 9:30 Grade 0 Gala 10:15 Grade 1 & 2 Gala 11:30 Grade 2 Farewell

STATIONERY COLLECTION – TEAR OFF SLIP

NAME:..... CLASS:.....

I do not wish to donate my son's stationery

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

CATHERINE SENYAKANYAKA

Catherine was born in Tembisa in 1990 and she is 27 years old.

Both Catherine's parents were supportive of her though her formative years although, unfortunately, her father died when she was in Grade 10.

After this, her family fell on difficult times and struggled financially. The family was devastated. Catherine continued studying however and her mom worked in the uniform shop at the school.

Catherine was awarded a bursary at school. In Grade 12, she took on a part-time job at Pick 'n Pay and managed to support her studies through Unisa.

Catherine's boyfriend is very supportive and assists financially with their two children.

Catherine says: 'The Intern Programme has enabled me to grow. My thinking ability has matured. I now realise that teaching is what I love to do – I enjoy every minute of it. I feel like I've been here forever, everyone is so nurturing and supportive. Feels like I'm home!'



CHRISTMAS BOXES – REMINDER
BOXES TO BE RETURNED - 17 NOVEMBER

Please include:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R50 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of Sweets
- Crayons and blank book

If there is space, please fill the box up with: tinned fish, tinned beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits. Please be so kind as to wrap them in Christmas or newspaper.

Collection points: Boys SP reception; Boys JP reception; Girls SP reception and Girls JP reception

Please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za for any further info.

Father Richard (Chaplain)



HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come join us for fun in the sun at
Sports and Adventure Club
This Holiday!

Date: Monday, 11 December – Friday, 15 December
Venue: Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys JP
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome
Bring: Packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby, swimming and climbing wall fun
- Nature walks
- *Minute-to-win-it* games

RSVP: By Monday, 4 December
 Craig Jooste 071 864 1883 cjooste@stpeters.co.za
 Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748 dvandermerwe@stpeters.co.za

Banking Details:

Name: D van der Merwe
 Bank: FNB Cheque Account
 Account number: 62364829667
 Branch: 250655

Come join us at **Adventure Club** in January, before the school rush!

Date: Monday, 8 January 2018 – Friday, 12 January 2018

Venue: Mrs Ritchie's classroom and Boys JP

Time: 08:00 – 12:00

Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome

Bring: packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby and swimming
- Nature walks
- *Minute-To-Win-It* games

RSVP: By Thursday, 7 December

Gen Ritchie 083 304 8884 or Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748

gritchie@stpeters.co.za and dvandermerwe@stpeters.co.za

Name: D van der Merwe

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WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

Don't forget to drop your slips, with your name and number on the back, in the entry boxes at all receptions in order to stand a chance to win the Nespresso Coffee Machine. Draw will take place on 2 December at Sunset Carols

NESPRESSO ZENIUS  

SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER

AVOID THE QUEUES - TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE ELECTRONICALLY!

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Marimba, Orchestra and Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

EFT details:

St Peter's Foundation

Standard Bank

Acc No. 422 057 533

Branch: Rivonia

Reference: Surname

Send proof of payment with ticket requirements to: tickets@stpeters.co.za



SUNSET CAROLS 2017

Online tickets sales are open

R120 per adult and R60 per child

Christmas Market opens at 15:00
Sunset Carols start at 18:00