



Dear Parents,



FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is a pleasure to welcome you back to a new school year. I trust that your boys have enjoyed the first two days of the term. We are happy to welcome a number of new boys to St Peter's for 2019. Their names appear below this article. I am sure that their classmates and parents will give these boys and their families a true St Peter's welcome to the community. We also welcome **Janine Futselaar** to our Senior Prep Staff. Janine will be teaching Mathematics to the Senior boys. In addition, **Bonolo Molefe**, who completed her Internship at the school last year has started in the JP as a Grade 0 teacher. You may be aware that Mrs Sandra van Wyk left us at the end of last year and we are delighted to announce that **Melanie Fouché** will be joining our Music Department in May to take on JP Music and Drama.

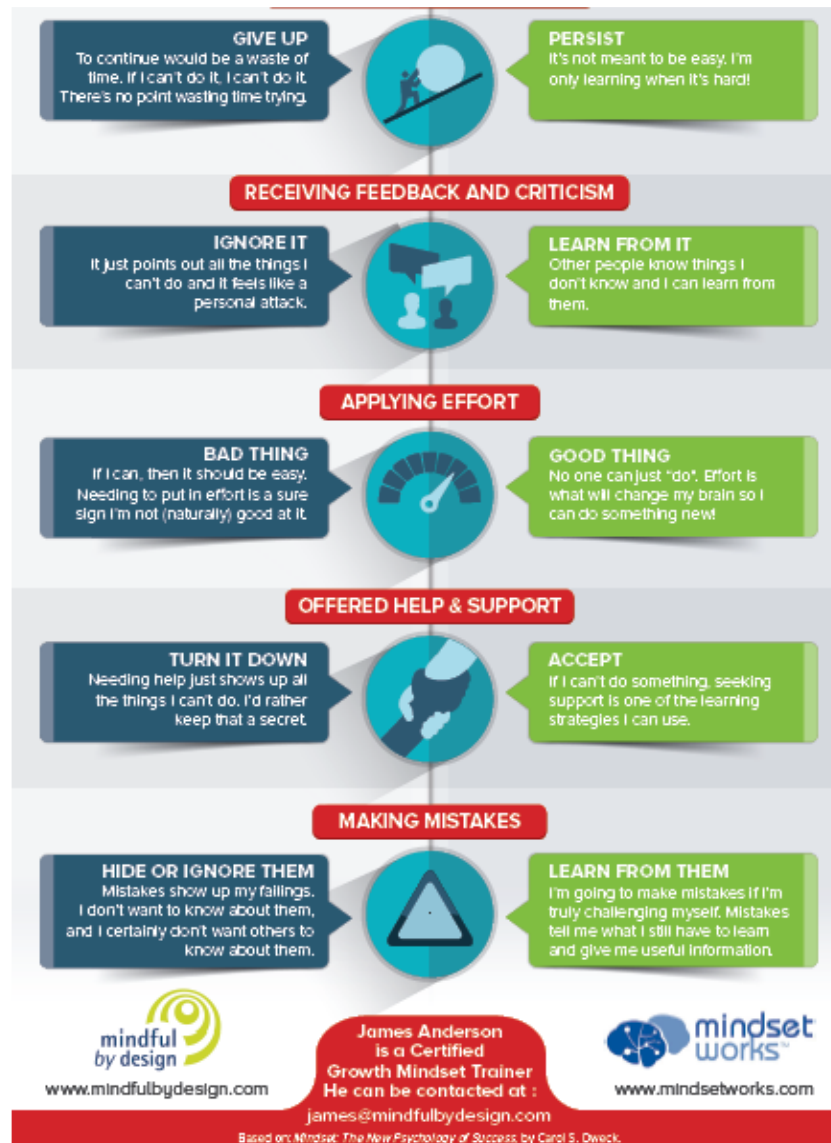


Bonolo Molefe

Janine Futselaar



As you prepare your boys for the year ahead, I would like to remind you of our belief in a "Growth Mindset" at St Peter's. Mrs Katy Mtethwa conducted Staff Development on the latest thinking regarding growth mindsets by James Anderson (www.mindfulbydesign.com) on Tuesday. As you start the term, it will be useful to discuss the differences between fixed and growth mindset responses with your boys.



The teachers will reinforce these responses throughout the year and I am sure that you will be able to celebrate the real progress that your boy makes across all areas of the curriculum as a result of a positive and resilient disposition.

I wish you a 2019 full of growth and fun.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP WELCOME

We would like to welcome our new Grade 0 boys and their families to St Peter's, we hope your time at the school will be happy and fulfilling.

In Grade 1 our new boys are Gabriel Jacobs and Bayanda Saliwa (Grade 1B); Themba Mdlalose and Charlie White (Grade 1R). We are delighted that these boys have joined our school and hope they have enjoyed their first few days.

The following boys have started in Grade 2: Thabang Malema, Cameron Pluke and Fezile Zwane (Grade 2G); Atrayu Singh (Grade 2S). We hope that they will enjoy the learning that takes place this year and have fun.

Apart from Bonolo Molefe, who we are delighted to have as a staff member, I would like to welcome two other staff members: Jaya Govender who has re-joined our St Peter's staff as a Grade 2 teacher. Jaya was at St Peter's for nine years and has spent the past two years teaching in the UAE. It is wonderful to have Jaya back at our school.

Callan Cronin has also officially joined the Junior Prep team. Callan has been our residential Biokinetics and Sports coach. He is also a St Peter's old boy. Callan has taken up the role of Head of JP Sport. He will be assisted by Stephen Malema. I know he will grow our boys' sporting skills in the years to come.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year the entire school will be focusing on Sefikeng Primary School as our outreach programme. We would really like to make a big difference in this school and create 'BIG FUTURES.' Please see the attached invitation and join us if you can.

I would like to thank Jo du Toit, Belinda Gilbert and Jaya Govender who will be our liaison team for this amazing initiative. I hope you will consider supporting this project, even assisting for only one morning on a Wednesday will make a difference.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FOR 2019

A new security measure is being implemented for entrance and egress for parents, staff and visitors. The old sticker security system is being replaced by a QR code that will be scanned on entry and exit.

Information regarding each vehicle will be gathered at the various Information evenings held in the next few days.

Once this information has been processed, each person will receive a QR code, which must be printed and displayed on windscreens. When scanned by the security guards, this QR code will give information about the vehicle owner and identify the St Peter's community.

Families will be issued with two St Peter's branded windscreen discs in which the code can be displayed. If you have more than one child please only complete the form once.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS for 2019

To sign up for individual music instrumental lessons, please click on the link below. This will take you to the St Peter's Website which will give you more information as to what is on offer. You will be able to click on the Google form link which will take you to the Music Application form.

The Music application forms for Boy JP and Boys SP can also be found on the **Communicator St Peter's under Resources/ BOYS MUSIC.**

BOYS JUNIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-jp-cultural?prep_type=jp

BOYS SENIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-sp-cultural?prep_type=sp

GRADE 2 CHOIR

Choir for Grade 2 boys commences on **Wednesday, 23 January** at **13:00**. All Grade 2 boys are welcome to join the choir. They will be tutored by Daniël Rossouw from the St Peter's Boys Music Department.

JUNIOR PREP PICNIC

Our annual Junior Prep picnic will take place next Friday evening, **25 January**, on Newlands Field. This event is open to all families in Grade 0-2 from both the Boys and Girls Schools.

Please bring a picnic, fires will be available should you wish to braai, and join us for a relaxing evening.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy returned to the classroom after his first Library lesson and excitedly said to his teacher: "You know what, our library teacher is crazy!!!"

I hope the first term is a fun and happy time for our boys and their families.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 21 January 18:30 Grade 2 Information Evening and Social
Tuesday 22 January
Wednesday 23 January 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 01 to 27 January) 13:00 Grade 2 Choir starts
Thursday 24 January
Friday 25 January 17:00 JP Picnic on Newlands Field