



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Two weeks ago I wrote a piece about the three bells that can be found around our Boys School campus. In keeping with this theme, I would like to share some insights into our other bells, which can be found in the Chapel Bell Tower. Jenny Hugo, our archivist, collated the following extracts from various past publications as well as doing her own research. Thank you, Jenny, for your contribution, which I have edited slightly for Keyhole use.

The Bell Tower

"Church bells summon the faithful to worship. According to World Book, special towers in which to hang church bells were built from the 1200s." The St Peter's Bell Tower was completed in 2008, a mere 800 odd years later." (60th birthday newspaper "The Crossed Keys Chronicle).

The St Peter's bell's story began when the school installed an organ in the chapel. Because the chapel building couldn't accommodate the sound box, a chamber had to be constructed. A bell tower which could accommodate a light ring of 6 bells was also added to ensure that the chamber wasn't a distraction from the aesthetic design of the chapel.

This addition was made possible through many generous donations as well as a contribution by the PA.

The architect was Tessa Makin, a parent, at that time. According to the Council Minutes the bell tower cost R158 153.75. The tower building commenced in August 2008, after various adjustments to the design, to accommodate the bells.



The Chapel Organ

The St Peter's Chapel has had a rather nomadic existence.

The wood for the organ came from a forest which was shelled extensively during the American Civil war. The trees were cut down and the wood, with great foresight, was stored for future use. The organ was constructed during 1936/37 from mahogany made to resemble teak with silvered pipes.

A Pretoria church ordered the organ and it was purchased, at that time, for £740 000, approximately, the price of an American car. It was allowed into South Africa duty free because it was to be used exclusively for church purposes and was assembled in that particular church in 1939.

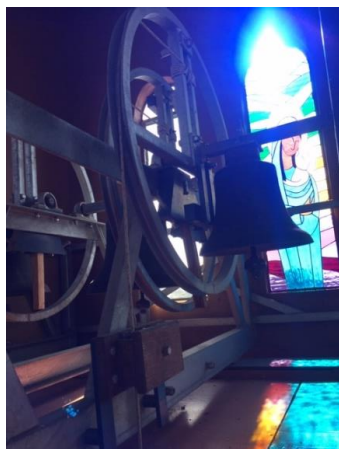
During the 1980s this church had to be demolished to make space for the construction of a freeway. The organ was sold to a church in East London in 1993.

St Peter's was able to obtain the organ because the East London church building was made unstable because of a river which flowed beneath it.

The organ was originally constructed by a very good organ builder, M.H. Moller, and still has the original blower. This well-travelled ecclesiastical organ with certain adjustments was inaugurated into our chapel in 2009. We trust that this special musical instrument has found its final home to be enjoyed by many future generations.

The Bells

The history of the bells is documented in the bell tower. The following is Jenny's summary:



The tenor bell (c1950) originated from the redundant St John's Church, Middle Handly, Derbyshire. It was donated by the Keltek Trust (UK) whose responsibility it was to find suitable homes for "orphaned" bells and was obtained from the Derby Diocese (UK).

The second used bell (c1887) was rumoured to have come from the fire station of Westerham.

The third bell (c1905) came from the Abby Antique shop in West Malling.

The other 3 new bells were purchased from funds raised by the school over a period of two years. All the bells were shipped to South Africa. The complex task of installing the bells and training the pupils and staff to ring them was undertaken by the Transvaal Society of Church Bell ringers.

According to a newspaper clipping in the bell tower St Peter's is the only preparatory school

in South Africa to have their own ring of bells and possibly only one of two schools in the world. (Hilary Nothard as quoted in the Star - 4 June 2012).

As we approach our 70 Year Celebrations in 2020, I hope to share more snippets of our growing history as a school.
Enjoy the week.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

After attending Wendy Wentzel's talk on the Birds & Bees last week, I was reminded of the importance of sharing meals as a family as often as possible. This week I have included an article on both the short and long term benefits of this tradition:

8 REASONS WHY SHARING FAMILY MEALS IS IMPORTANT by Pam Myers, BSEd

You may think that the biggest benefit of eating together as a family is to ensure everyone has food in their stomachs. However, sharing meals does more than feed each person physically; it also feeds them emotionally and draws them together. **Family meals** allow conversations to take place. Simply being together and chatting about the day can be enough to help you stay connected with other family members. No matter which meals you eat together, you'll appreciate having the opportunity to find out what's going on in each person's life.

1. Assign each person in the family a task to help prepare the meals. There's no reason why you should have to do all of the cooking if others can pitch in. You might also find that some of the best conversations happen as you're **preparing a meal together**. Find tasks for even the youngest of the family.
2. Preparing and serving your meals at roughly the same time each day will encourage a sense of routine in your home. Your family will come to know that if it's close to 17:30 they need to be getting home or risk missing dinner. Having meals around the same time each day also discourages snacking or in-between meal eating.
3. Ask about each person's day. Teach your child that speaking up is important and that you are truly interested in what they have to say. Allow each person time to talk and you'll soon find your children are eagerly waiting for their turn. Encouraging your children to talk during dinner may also help them express opinions and share their experiences.
4. Use the time you spend as a family around the table to talk about what's going on in the news. Find out what each person thinks about a particular topic. Take the time to let everyone have a turn to share their thoughts and you'll learn more about the members of your family.
5. Preparing and sharing meals together is also a good way to influence what your children eat. Talk about why certain foods were served and what better choices could have been made. Talk about how foods provide nourishment and why it is important to refrain from eating too many refined and sweet foods.
6. Children who **share meals** with their family have been shown to do better in school. Part of the reason is because the food they're served is more nutritious than what can be purchased from any fast food drive through. Having parents ask about what's going on at school also encourages them to do better and handle problems that arise at school in an appropriate manner.

7. You may also be surprised to know that sharing meals together can cut down on the chances that your child will become involved with **drugs or alcohol**. When teens get involved in things they shouldn't, it's usually because they're trying to get their parents' attention. Children who eat meals with their family already have the attention they desire.
8. Who knew sharing meals could be so important. By eating together regularly you can help your child excel in school, help keep them off drugs and stay connected with them. You can also encourage them and aid them in making wise food choices.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs K has had her baby! Congratulations to Tiffany and Ben on the arrival of Maximilian James last week Wednesday. I know you will join me in wishing them love, joy and happiness.

TRANSFORMING ANXIETY INTO COURAGE - PARENT WORKSHOPS

After the informative evening talk at St Peter's on "Anxiety" many parents have requested the longer, four sessions, workshops.

In the Know will be presenting these workshops at St Peter's for four weeks in both July and September. If you are interested in attending please respond by emailing: info@intheknow.co.za

These workshops will give parents the tools to allow them to support anxiety in children.

SATURDAY, 22 JUNE

This Saturday is a very busy one on the St Peter's campus. We are hosting our Pre Prep Open Day from 10:00-12:00 at the JP Boys school. The response to this morning has been overwhelming and we look forward to hosting many prospective St Peter's boys and girls. Please take note that the lower car park and Somerset Field will be used for this event. The gate opposite Porsche will only allow access to people attending this event until 12:30 on the day.

The family Winter Warmers is also taking place on Saturday. Our children always look forward to this fun-filled event. Should you arrive before 12:30 please access the school **through the Chapel gates only**.

Please ensure that you do use the correct gates to allow for traffic flow on this busy day!

SICK BAY

There is both a nasty flu and a tummy bug doing the rounds at present. Please do keep your child at home if he is unwell to prevent the spread of infection.

If you are telephoned to collect your child from the sick bay, please do so timeously. This will also allow for a decrease in the spread of germs.

HALF TERM: JUNE/JULY

Friday, 28 June sees the commencement of Half Term. As per tradition the school celebrates St Peter's Day each year on this day.

The first semester reports will be sent home via boy post on Friday, so please do check your son's bag.

We will be closing early on the day:

Grade 0: 10:00

Grade 1: 10:15

Grade 2: 10:30

There will be a supervised Waiting class until **11:00**, after which children may attend Aftercare free of charge until **14:30**. Please send a packed lunch should your child be going to Aftercare as the school kitchen is closed.

GOLDEN MOMENT

During a Sport tennis lesson a Grade 0 boy said: "Mr Cronin I don't have a *rocket* (racquet)!"

I look forward to seeing many of you at Winter Warmers.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 22 June 10:00-12:00 Pre Prep Open Morning 11:00 Winter Warmers
Monday 24 June
Tuesday 25 June
Wednesday 26 June 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 24-30 June) 8:30 No Sefikeng (Government school holidays) 13:00 Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 27 June
Friday 28 June St Peter's Day Reports go home Closing time: Grade 0: 10:00, Grade 1: 10:15, Grade 2: 10:30 Waiting class: 11:00 Aftercare available until 14:30 NB Boys return to school on Monday, 08 July

VEHICLE SECURITY ACCESS

For new parents and parents who don't have a pre-approval (QR Code), please do the following:

STEP 1 – Submit vehicle details online

Click on the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/NX1PEDAYmpKMctxR2> and capture details of all relevant vehicles requiring access to school.

STEP 2 – Download and register in Charlie.

1. Download and install the Charlie app from your respective app store (click either of the following links: [Android](#) or [iOS](#))
2. Sign in with either email or cell phone number (if you use your cell phone number you will receive a 6 digit pin).
3. Once in the app select the blue block to update your profile details.

STEP 3 – Request QR codes

Please send an email to stpeters@appcharlie.com requesting QR codes. Please include details used to update your Charlie profile. Once you receive your QR code via email, place the QR code on the same side as your vehicle registration (on the left side of the windscreen, when seated in the vehicle).

Lance Camphor (Security Manager)

MY STORY, YOUR STORY, OUR STORY

For the past two years, Nicole Richardson and Catherine Steenhoff have been involved in the International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) Action Research Programme. In October 2018, together with Housemasters, Grade 6 teachers and Grade 2 teachers, they implemented a seven-week story sharing programme with the Grade 6 boys and their Grade 2 buddies. The action research project sought to establish whether an intentional story sharing programme would strengthen relational skills in Grade 6 boys.

Next week Thursday, 27 June 2019, they will be presenting their findings at the IBSC Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada.

Please click on the link below to view video highlights of the programme:

<http://bit.ly/IBSCstorysharing>



BOYS AND THE ARTS
GREAT MINDS, BIG HEARTS

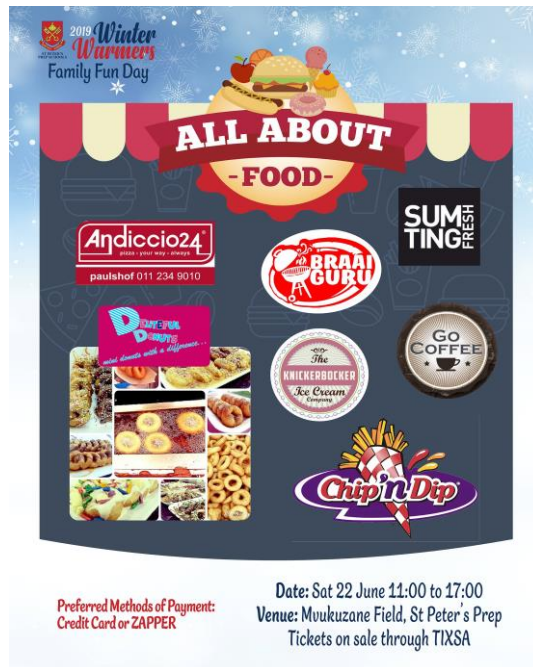
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PA NEWS**WINTER WARMERS –SATURDAY, 22 JUNE - REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!**

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/winter-warmers-2019>



2019 Winter Warmers Family Fun Day

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SUM TING FRESH

GO COFFEE

WIKERBROEKER Ice Creams

Crip'n Dip

Preferred Methods of Payment:
Credit Card or ZAPPER

Date: Sat 22 June 11:00 to 17:00
Venue: Mankuzane Field, St Peter's Prep
Tickets on sale through TIXSA



Lucky Draw
Stand a Chance to Win

TALON TOUGH TOOLS
2 x Talon electric chain saws
2 x Talon petrol string trimmers

PROTEA HOTEL FIRE & ICE!
Cape Town

Two nights in Standard Accommodation for two adults sharing. Full board in low season. Value R5 600.

INANDA CLUB
Dinner for 2

Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS
12 original glazed donuts
Once a month, for 6 months

THE BARNYARD THEATRE
10 Tickets to Barnyard Rivonia

LAND-ROVER
Land Rover Driving Experience for 2

S.W.A. LASER TAG
Laser Tag Party for 12 children

Buy your Tickets
4 for R100
1 for R25

Terms and Conditions Apply

Draw to be held at approximately 16:00 on 22 June 2019. You don't need to attend the draw to stand a chance of winning.

Winners will be notified via telephone or email ♦ Direct any queries to winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za



2019 Winter Warmers Family Fun Day

Lucky Draw
Stand a Chance to Win

1 of These Fantastic Prizes:

- ♦ Makalali Private Game Reserve holiday
- ♦ The Cavern holiday
- ♦ Protea Fire & Ice holiday
- ♦ Laser Tag Party for 12 children
- ♦ And many more

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