



Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to welcome Aiden Michael O'Brien to the world. Congratulations to Tracey and Chris; we know that he is proving to be a bundle of joy.

ROAD SAFETY

It has been noted that many of our children are not strapped into the car when travelling to or from school. This is an extremely dangerous practise, especially if you are transporting children from other families, as well as being against the law. We need to teach our children about road safety from a young age, as they model all they see.

On another note, parents who use transport companies for their children need to ensure these companies are not only reputable but uphold the highest safety standards. Any Grade 0-2 child who has not been collected by **14:00** or after an extra cost activity is sent to our Afterschool Programme. It is imperative that our children are supervised at all times whilst on the school property. Should the transport company be running late, children will be taken to the Afterschool facility and parents billed accordingly.

ILLNESS

Parents are requested to please keep ill children at home. This allows for speedier recovery and ensures that germs are not spread in the classroom. The sickroom allows children to wait comfortably for parents to collect them, but we are not able to keep them for a long time period. We request that every effort is made to collect your child as speedily as possible should the school call you.

HERITAGE DAY 2018

Tonight our parents will be sharing their cultures around a Harvest Table. We are looking forward to this event and know it will be another evening that will grow our St Peter's community.

Tomorrow our Interns will be sharing their culture with the boys in their class – this will include sharing food, traditions and history, as well as some songs from their own childhood. Boys are encouraged to wear something from their own heritage to school tomorrow.

NEXT WEEK: 24-29 SEPTEMBER

Next week is a busy one in the Junior Prep:

- **Grade 2 DCS Lego Morning**

The Grade 2 boys will be hosting the Grade 2 children from Diepsloot at St Peter's on **Tuesday, 25 September**. The morning will include building a variety of Lego projects together, sporting activities and the sharing of lunch and our playgrounds. These outings always prove to be both valuable and fun for all children involved.

The DCS community programme will continue as usual for Grade 0 and 1 at Diepsloot on this morning.

- **Thinking Maps – Coffee Morning**

St Peter's will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Thursday, 27 September** from **7:30-8:30** in the Royce Hall. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Thinking Skills programme and the benefits of our children using Thinking Maps, especially as a study tool.

- **JP Sports Day – Newlands Field**

Friday, 28 September is our JP Sports Day and a detailed letter will be attached to this newsletter. This event allows for maximum participation, while the boys demonstrate the skills they are learning in preparation for sports in their older years. The emphasis is on fun and sportsmanship.

Our Grade 2 Leavers Committee will be selling refreshments and we ask that you support them in this initiative.

- **JP Camp Out – Feathers & Mvukuzane Fields**

Unfortunately our Camp Out was postponed in the first term due to inclement weather. Our boys are most excited that this anticipated event will take place on **Saturday, 29 September** (even the weather looks like it will be playing along!) Please keep an eye on your class WhatsApp group for information and updates around this event.

MARBLE SEASON RULES

- Marble season is a time of fun and learning new games
- Marbles must come to school in a clearly marked **plastic** container with a lid eg: an ice-cream tub
- The boys may play with marbles before and after school and during break
- When it is class time the marbles must be in their school bag in the locker
- Rules of the game need to be established before it commences and may not change during the course of the game
- Boys must negotiate with each other, without adult intervention
- Good sportsmanship and respect needs to be demonstrated
- Marbles can be confiscated by a teacher should the rules not be applied correctly at all times

There are so many life skills our boys can learn from these games, they may need our support at times but the aim is to allow these skills to develop with very little adult intervention.

GOLDEN MOMENT

During a Zulu lesson the teacher asked a Grade 0 class what Heritage Day means. One boy answered: “It is a day that is for people that are very hairy!”

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events throughout the week.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24 September		
Public Holiday – Heritage Day		
Tuesday 25 September		
8:30	DCS Grade 0 & 1 lessons	
9:00	Grade 2 DCS Lego morning	
18:30	PA meeting	
Wednesday 26 September		
8:00	Chapel (birthdays from 24 to 30 September)	
13:00-13:30	Grade 2 Choir	
Thursday 27 September		
7:30-8:30	Coffee Morning – Thinking Skills, Royce Hall (Girls SP)	
13:00-13:00	Grade 1 Choir	
Friday 28 September		
12:30	Grade 0 Sports Day	Newlands Field
13:30	Grade 1 & 2 Sports Day	“ ”
Saturday 29 September		
16:00	JP Camp Out – Feathers & Mvukuzane Fields	

DIVERSITY

HERITAGE MONTH:

September is Heritage Month and this is a time to celebrate our heritage as a rainbow nation. The focus should be on our commonalities rather than our differences, and to have an understanding and acceptance of the different cultures, traditions and religions. Boys and Girls are invited to wear cultural attire and share cultural food and stories on Friday, 21 September.

FESTIVALS:

Hindus celebrate **Purtassi** and **Pitra Paksh** during September and October.

PURTASSI is an annual festival in the Tamil Calendar which occurs from mid-September to mid-October and is dedicated to the worship of Maha Vishnu (the Preserver). During this period, devotees undertake a fast, devote time saying regular prayers to the Gods, seeking forgiveness for all their sins and offering thanks for the life on earth and its preservation.

PITRA PAKSH is a period of 15 days during which Hindus or followers of Sanathan Dharma observe a memorial and thanksgiving to the departed souls. It is a special time when they acknowledge their indebtedness to their ancestors who made a valuable contribution to the world and specifically to their well-being. Hindus express their thanks to their ancestors and pray for their well-being by offering oblations of water.

The Islamic New Year is on the first day of **MUHARRAM**, the first month in the lunar Islamic calendar. Muslims set spiritual and social goals and strengthen their relationship with Allah through prayer and good deeds. Deeds may be small in your eyes but it might inspire someone else to do a good deed, thereby creating a ripple effect of goodness.

YOM KIPPUR, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in service at synagogues.

St Peter's wishes all pupils, parents and staff members an enjoyable period of festivities.

Vijay Maharaj (Director – Diversity)

INDIGENOUS PLANT APPEAL

We would like to upgrade the Boys Prep gardens. Many of you are busy in your gardens at the moment splitting plants and preparing for spring and summer. If you can spare a few we would really appreciate them. They can be dropped off at the cross in the Chapel car park or in the JP car park. Security will help you.

We are looking for any indigenous:

- succulents
- grasses
- mother-in-law tongue
- gazanias
- wild irises
- normal irises
- strelitza
- aloes
- groundcovers

If anyone has an "aloe tree" (not large) that they can spare, that would be wonderful.



PAVER PLAQUES

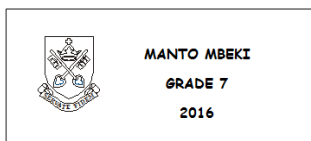
A **PAVER PLAQUE** is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

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Examples of the plaques available to are order:

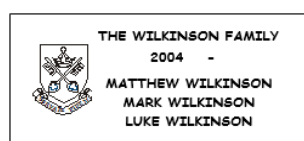
CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



Orders for 2018 will close on 30 September 2018

GOLF DAY


RAFFLE 2018
R200 per ticket

ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS

Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your *school term fees*.

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available
Purchase your tickets on TIXSA
On sale from Wednesday, 19 September 08:00

Draw: 5 October 2018
Time: Approx. 19:00
Venue: Kyalami Country Club
Event: St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

SUNSET CAROLS – CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL INVITATION

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2018 Sunset Carols Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 1 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. The market is held prior to the St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people.

To apply for a stall click on the following link: bit.ly/CarolsApI