



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Christmas season has really begun in earnest. On Thursday last week we were delighted by the Grade 0 production of an “African Christmas” and over the next two weeks we will be able to enjoy the Middle School Christmas Story and the Upper School Nine Lessons and Carols in the Chapel. The St Peter’s Sunset Carols, which will take place on Mvukuzane Field on 30 November, will be a fitting high point in our celebrations. It is at this time of the year that we get the opportunity to reflect on successes past and blessings current and future. It is a time of hope.

I am always astounded when I consider the impact of the birth of a baby in a Middle Eastern stable over 2000 years ago. Perhaps the most important aspect of this birth was the dawn of a new hope for the people who were there. This hope has spread around the globe and, for many people, Christmas has become the most important family celebration in their year. Families come together from all over, people exchange gifts and there is a general feeling of goodwill. In a country that, despite the euphoria of winning the World Cup, is faced with so many divisions and challenges, this Christmas, and the associated hope and joy that it brings, is of great significance.

I believe that there are a few key points of departure that will allow us to make this season particularly special in our St Peter’s Community. Firstly, let us all remember the 5th “G” for our school: Gratitude. As we look back on the year we have so much to be grateful for in our individual lives, but also as a community. We have been able to celebrate wonderful times together in class, on the sports field and in cultural activities. Things that we take for granted such as a roof over our heads and food on the table are regularly mentioned in Chapel when the boys lead our prayers. The professional, loving and positive environment within which we all work and learn in this school is taken as a given; but is not necessarily the norm for the majority of school communities within our country at present. We have much to be grateful for.

Secondly, we are able to approach this Christmas season from the position of givers rather than receivers as we prepare our Christmas boxes for distribution in the community. This change in focus, and the associated joy and hope that we can bring, fits well into our school values, with “Compassion” being shown to be practical and tangible for our boys. Thus, the hope that “I can make a difference...” is reinforced. By focusing on what we can do to bring joy to others we forget, for a time, those challenges such as our economy and politics over which we do not necessarily have much influence. We are able to be agents of hope in our own community.

And so, as we begin our celebration of that miraculous birth that changed the world in so many ways, let us focus on gratitude for what we have and consideration of how we can bring hope to others. Let us be the hope that we wish to see.

Enjoy this very special season with us.

Rob Macaulay

**FROM THE JUNIOR PREP
JUNIOR PREP STAFFING**

There are many changes to the class teachers within the Junior Prep next year:

Grade 0 teachers:

Jaya Govender (T1)/Claire Fietze (T2 &3)

Lee-Ann Pickering

Bonolo Molefe

Lesego Ndlovu (T1 & 3)/Nikki Dickson (T2)

Grade 1 teachers:

Genevieve Ritchie

Charmaine Basel

Debby Jameson

Grade 2 teachers:

Belinda Smit
Trish Scott
Kim Ferreira

Middle Room:

Tracy Backman

Parents please be aware that class lists are drawn up taking a number of factors into account. This is never taken lightly by teachers and hours of work, discussion and debate takes place before all placements are finalised. In every instance the needs of individual boys and the dynamics of the class are considered.

SWIMMING

Detailed letters were sent to all parents last week:

Grade 0:

On **Friday, 22 November** each Grade 0 class will demonstrate the skills they have learnt during the course of 2019. Parents are invited to join us at the Boys School swimming pool should you wish to observe a demonstration by the children in your son's class:

8:00 Grade 0F
8:30 Grade 0H
9:00 Grade 0M
9:30 Grade 0S

Grade 1 & 2

The Grade 1 & 2 Gala will take place on **Saturday, 23 November** at the Boys School swimming pool. The gala will commence at 9:30 and should be finished by 11:00. The Grade 2 farewell event will take place after the gala.

JUNIOR PREP THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Grade 2)

At our Chapel Service on **Wednesday, 27 November**, we will be giving thanks for the year that has passed. It is our opportunity to thank our staff, our boys and their parents. We are able to express our gratitude under the guidance of the Grade 2 classes. All Grade 2 parents are invited to join us at this service, after which tea will be served.

GRADE 2 TO 3 ORIENTATION – Wednesday, 27 November

Our Grade 2 parents will be introduced to the Middle School and meet some of the staff for their Grade 3 year. An overview of expectations for the year will be provided, as well as an explanation of the changes in the boys' Sporting Programme. After the talk your son's Grade 6 buddy will be taking you on a tour of the Senior Primary Department. Should you wish, you may take your son home with you after the tour.

There will be no Grade 2 CHAPS on Wednesday afternoon.

AFTERCARE

Due to a new parents event at the Pre-Prep on Wednesday, 27 November, Aftercare will be at the Boys Junior Prep from **Monday, 25 – Wednesday, 27 November**, as the final touches are added to the building and the venue is set up for the function.

There will be **no** Aftercare service on break up day, Thursday, 05 December, as all staff will be attending our Year End Function.

The Aftercare Schedule is available for 2020 and will be sent early next week. Hot Lunch has been excluded as it will no longer be served at this facility.

STATIONERY COLLECTION

At the end of each year, the boys and girls are given an opportunity to donate their left-over stationery (or part thereof) to Sefikeng Primary School. We would really appreciate any donations which will be used to the benefit of the children at Sefikeng. If your child wishes to keep his stationery, please let his teacher know. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to donate!

St Peter's Community Partnership

SPEET WEEK

The programme for SPEET week is attached to this week's newsletter. The routine for each day is varied, the aim of the programme is to expose children to different elements of learning, using interesting topics.

Please take note that school for Grade 0-7 will close at **13:00**. There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **14:00** each day and regular Aftercare will continue.

2020 IS AROUND THE CORNER

As we start winding down for 2019, 2020 is on the horizon! Please find the First Term (Easter) calendar and invitations to Information Evenings attached to this newsletter. 2020 is a big year for St Peter's Boys School as we celebrate our 70th Birthday. Please take note when signing up for **Hot Lunch** that the boys will be served during their break time from 12:00 to 12:30. No academic time will be lost and, once finished eating, boys will go out to play.

NATIVITY PHOTOGRAPHS

For anyone who missed the sale of photographs at Nativity, Eprints have loaded them onto their website where you can still view and order copies. www.eprints.co.za click on "All eprints school photographs." Select the Redhill gallery. You will be asked for a passcode, please type in StPGr0! Navigate to the Play sub-gallery, when you click on the photo you like, a price list will come up. For any further queries please contact Eprints on 011 646 4387 or info@eprints.co.za

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy told his class teacher that his dad warned him that if he told lies his pants would suddenly catch fire!

See you at the Gala on Saturday.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 23 November	
9:30	Grade 1 & 2 Gala
11:00	Grade 2 Farewell function
Monday 25 November	
	Water Day – all boys to bring swimming costumes
13:00	School closes
Tuesday 26 November	
	Grade 0 Music Demos
	Grade 0 & 1 Owl Education
13:00	School closes
Wednesday 27 November	
	No Sefikeng
8:00	Thanksgiving Service (no birthdays this week)
9:00	Tea in JP Hall
9:30	Grade 2 to 3 Orientation
10:30	Grade 6/2 Tour of SP Campus
13:00	School closes
	No Grade 2 CHAPS
Thursday 28 November	
	Prehistoric Times of the Dinosaur
	Grade 2 & 3 Sefikeng Christmas party hosted by Grade 7
13:00	School closes
	No Grade 1 CHAPS
Friday 29 November	
8:00	Grade 2 CHAPS Choir practise
	Christmas Puppet Show
Saturday 30 November	
15:00	Christmas Market
18:00	Sunset Carols

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC INSTRUMENT APPLICATION 2020

Boys who are interested in doing individual music lessons must apply now for 2020. Please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/1dzfGw9K85KAgUmn8>

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Christmas is time to celebrate! We remember, however, that it is also a time of giving and it creates the opportunity for us to give to someone who is less fortunate than we are.

In the Christmas boxes that have been sent home, please pack:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R60 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 the box in Christmas wrapping paper or newspaper.

Please help us to build on last year's success by returning your boxes by **Friday, 29 November**.

Collection points for: Senior Prep Girls and Boys: Chapel

Junior Prep Girls and Boys: JP reception areas

Blessings

Father Richard & Mr Kamo Kotsi

HOLIDAY CLUB


FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT CLINIC
Activities to look forward to:

- SWIMMING (WITH A TWIST)
- SOCCER
- TENNIS
- CRICKET
- BASKETBALL
- BIKE RIDING (BRING YOUR OWN)

ALL GRADE 0-2 ST PETER'S BOYS ARE WELCOME.
COST: R200 PER CHILD PER DAY
DATES: 9-13 DECEMBER
TIMES: 08:00 - 12:00 EVERY DAY
The clinic will be run by Callan & Charne Cronin.
Please confirm your spots by emailing us at croninc@stpeters.co.za

Banking details :
FNB
Account nr: 62630219162
Branch : 250655
Use child's name and surname as reference

PLEASE REMEMBER HATS, SUNBLOCK, PACKED LUNCHES, COSTUMES, TOWELS & BIKES.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

As the saying goes, 'Christmas time is family time!' This is so true, however for some; this Christmas will be a difficult time, as they have had to deal with the reality of losing someone special in their lives. Death is not easy to cope with and often a little extra TLC and the openness of a group of people, assists one in coping.

We will be holding our Bereavement group session on **Tuesday, 26 November** from 07:30 to 08:30 in the Council Chamber. This time round we are opening our group up to all children of St Peter's who have experienced loss in their lives and who would benefit from this session. Many children have bounced back, but there are many who will find this time painful. This is for them.

Wendy Wentzel, our school psychologist, and I will run the group at no charge. Should you want your child to attend please notify them of the session and time, as well as their class teacher who would be able to follow up with them that morning.

Blessings

Fr Richard

MOVEMBER – HALF WAY!

The men at St Peter's have been growing their "Mo-staches" for Movember in support of CANSA and Miguel Morais, a St Peter's Old Boy. If you would like to donate, please click on this link: : <https://za.movember.com/mospace/14147748>



AQUAPONICS – HELP NEEDED




**St Peter's Boys Prep
Building an Aquaponics system!**

Our planet faces the reality of global warming and the greenhouse effect which are accelerating climate change. This obviously has huge implications for our planet and our very existence! Technology can help us to overcome most hurdles. By building an aquaponics system, the boys will be exposed to one of the technologies that can make a difference – please help us if you can! Click on the link below if you are interested in learning more about Aquaponics and how it works? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3KMLZIWYns>

We need your help in acquiring the necessary equipment. We are looking for:



A compressor, a pump, plastic drums that are big enough to play home to plants and fish. We also need some pvc piping, plants, fish, glues, shade cloth, and about 15 wooden poles to be used in fencing.

Our intention is to build this self-sustaining system and the boys manage and run the project.

Please contact Andrew Bench if you can help: abench@stpeters.co.za

INTERN ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A few of the interns are desperately looking for accommodation nearer the school. Please consider this request if you have a room/cottage/flatlet, available to rent. Occupation would be from January 2020.

Please contact June Tromp - Head Mentor (Interns) at jtromp@stpeters.co.za or 082 573 1030.

SUNSET CAROLS - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2019>

CHRISTMAS MARKET GOODIES!

With all of these amazing Sunset Carols Food Stalls, why bother with a picnic?

	Andiccio24	Pizza & Salads
	Ice Bombs	Real fruit sorbet ice lollies
	Deliteful Donuts	Mini Doughnuts
	Happy Me	Fruit-flavoured bubble teas
	ShePriRa	Soft drinks, Water, Sweets, Crisps
	Willy Waffles	Sweet and savory waffles.
	Chip n dip	Fried potato chips in a cone with a dip
	Cleansui/Halo Water	Halo BPA free bottles with free water refill
	Sumting Fresh	Gujon Chicken ,Italian Stallion, Winging It, Gua Bao
	State 5 Mobile Coffee	Coffee's, Hot Chocolate, Chai Latte, Freezo's, Cold Brew Coffee, Iced Chocolate
	Swirl Rolled Ice Cream	Freshly homemade ice cream smashed with chosen ingredients & rolled to perfection
	Blessed and Delicious Catering	Homemade Samosas, Lamb Curry and Braised Rice, Mutton Bunny Chows, Chicken Breyani.
	Sarah Polla	3 Flavours Mocktails - Non alcoholic jam jar cocktails
	Dolphin	Popcorn and Slushes
	Contessa La Cucina	Mediterranean, vegetarian, vegan, halaal, antipasti - farmers table served by weight
	St Peters Foundation Grill	Chicken Pregos & Boerwors Rolls with meat from Berliner

The Festive season shopping at the Market is going to be fabulous!

INTERESTING GIFTING
 Fenwicks Ales
 Ifitshipitshere
 The Luxury Box
 Swirl SA
 Tash's Treats
 Microfiber Towels - Swim Dry
 EcoNation car bins

OTHER
 Constance picnic blankets
 PoolPillow
 African Beauty Domestic Work Wear
 LLYLA Swimwear and Sportswear
 BDM Cricket and Solar/Battery backups

HOMECRAFT
 Stitches
 Nikiya's Collection

CLOTHING
 Meraki Lifestyle Brand
 Bella Rosa
 BoTlotlo
 Made by leon & Ethnic Clothing
 Pink Flamingo Clothing
 Saffron Rose

FOOD/ CONFECTIONARY
 Candy Land
 Chabs House of Cakes
 Cutting Cake
 Finchly Bespoke Bakes
 Wendys Lemonade
 Chocs 'n Things

EDUCATIONAL
 Bala Books
 Learning Mates
 Think Trivia
 Edge Toys (educational toys)
 Puzzle Time - RGS Group

BAGS
 JackalBerry
 MIRACLECYNTHIACREATIONS
 White Stone Trading
 Yammie Collectionz

SHOES
 Pessio

ACTIVITIES
 Henna Tattoos
 Sand Art

HOME DECOR
 DC's Gifts
 Fly-Bee-Gone
 Handpainted Fabrics
 The Baked Bean
 KTB Artworks

BEAUTY/HEALTH/FRAGRANCES
 EarthSALTS
 Pamper Me Pretty
 Everything Sunshine
 KITA Fragrances

TOYS
 Balloony Toons
 Fantasyfinz
 Michelle - Toys
 Squishies Galore
 The Toy Company
 Waterfall Toys
 Kul Kids
 Toys with Roots
 Amazeballs

JEWELLERY
 BelleLana Collection
 Gregio
 Jewelry & more
 Kreate-It - Lisa Huet
 M.E Lifestyle Jewellery

LUCKY DRAW

This year's lucky draw prizes are better than ever! 6 hampers of goodies from our generous stall holders, each valued at over R4000!

Buy your tickets on Tixsa or on the day - only R25 each