



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Pre-Prep Head

We have been extremely fortunate in being able to appoint Angi Buys as the Head of the new Pre-Prep. Angi was formerly Principal of Cleverdon (previously known as Bryanston Pre-Primary) and has 16 years of experience in the field of Early Childhood Development. She has developed a curriculum and produced papers on learning in this age group. St Peter's is adamant about the application of research-proven teaching methodologies to ensure that our children are as successful as they can possibly be. Angi's experience and educational philosophy aligned perfectly with our requirements. Moreover, parents whose children have been in her hands have experienced her as highly competent, caring and empathetic. The Pre-Prep is very definitely part of the foundation of all future learning and for us, it is critical that this phase is handled to the same high standards which we expect in all areas of teaching.

Invitations to apply for places in the Pre-Prep are being staggered to ensure that siblings of current pupils and thereafter those on the waiting list have the first option.



However, should you wish to apply, please feel free to contact Nonhlanhla Majokane on admissions@stpeters.co.za or 011 705 3423

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

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Parents are reminded that our boys need to bring healthy lunches to school. Munch and crunch should include crunchy fruit, salads or vegetables and/or chewy biltong. The aim of this snack is to assist our boys to maintain focus in the classroom.

Lunch boxes need to contain healthy food with a sandwich and some protein highly recommended. Boys may bring fruit juice to school, but water is essential and all boys are expected to have a water bottle at school daily.

The boys know that their mid-morning snack is like stopping at the petrol station to fill their tanks so that their brains can work well all day.

I request that parents support our healthy eating approach at school as it is most unfair on other children when a boy brings a sweet treat or junk food to school. The treats our boys get are the many eats that are sent to school to celebrate birthdays or special occasions, as well as the monthly Hot Dog Day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The winter uniform for Junior Prep boys is the school tracksuit worn with the red PE shirt. Please could parents refrain from allowing their sons to wear a long sleeved shirt or vest under their T-shirts as this looks most untidy when tops are removed as the day warms up. If your son is cold he can wear the school jersey under his tracksuit top. Boys are to wear

white takkies and white short socks with the winter uniform.

While it is still so warm at midday I would recommend boys either wear their shorts under the tracksuit pants, or bring them to put on later in the day. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly marked.

I have noticed that a number of boys need haircuts – hair needs to be above the collar, not touching the ears and fringes are to be kept short.

One of our 5 “Gs” is **grooming** and our boys are encouraged to look smart and take pride in their uniform at all times.

PARKING – LOWER CAR PARK

To ensure smooth traffic flow within the lower car park, Senior Prep boys with younger siblings are encouraged to use this section of the car park. It would be appreciated if other Senior Prep boys are dropped off in the Chapel car park.

Drop and Go should be just that – boys need to leave the car promptly with no delayed farewells or prolonged removing of items from the boot. A drop and go should last approximately 30 seconds. If you require a longer period of time please use a parking bay.

We are in the process of reviewing pointsmen times at this exit and further parent parking. Please watch the newsletters to assist with flow.

ST PETER'S ED TECH CONFERENCE

This week a number of the JP teachers will be attending the Ed Tech Conference hosted at St Peter's Girls School. We have the services of Rebecca Govender (who used to teach at St Peter's) as a locum and our intern body to support classes of absent teachers.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP - SEFIKENG

The parent volunteers, teachers and interns are creating a huge impact on the development of literacy skills at Sefikeng in the Grade 0-3 classes. The morning is both rewarding and filled with heartfelt moments. Please do consider offering your services, even if it is only once this year. The bus leaves St Peter's just after 8:00 on a Wednesday morning (from outside the Girls JP) and returns by 10:00. No teaching experience is required and expectations are carefully explained.

GRADE COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to the Grade 0 parents who attended last Friday's meeting. It was lovely to spend time with you and receive feedback on your experiences at St Peter's to date.

This **Friday, 24 May**, I will be meeting with the Grade 1 parents from 11:30 in the JP staffroom.

Unfortunately I will have to reschedule the Grade 2 Coffee Morning as IQAA will be visiting St Peter's on Thursday, 06 June and I may not be available. I believe that **Friday, 31 May**, will be the best alternative as the Grade 2 boys play Tag Rugby at St Peter's that afternoon. I apologise for the inconvenience but, if you are able, please join me for a cup of coffee and a chat in the JP staffroom on that date.

GRADE 2 TAG RUGBY

Our Grade 2 boys will be playing in the inaugural tag rugby games on **Friday, 31 May**. All Grade 2 boys are involved and detailed letters will be sent home next week.

GOOD LUCK

I am sure you will join me in wishing Christopher Grota the best of luck for next week. He will be playing golf in the Euro Champs Tournament hosted in Scotland.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 boy returned to school after he had been off ill. His teacher welcomed him back and asked what had been wrong with him. His reply: "I was so sick that I was vomiting up flu!"

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 May 11:30 Grade 1 Coffee with Head (JP staffroom)
Monday 27 May
Tuesday 28 May 18:30 PA meeting (Council Chamber)
Wednesday 29 May 8:00 Chapel (birthdays 27 May-02 June) 8:30 Sefikeng Community Partnership 13:00 Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 30 May ASCENSION DAY
Friday 31 May 11:30 Grade 2 Coffee with Head (JP staffroom) 13:00 Grade 2 Tag Rugby vs St Stithians at St Peter's

UBER

We would like to remind parents about the law against underage use of Uber. The following confirmation has been received from ISASA:

ISASA has always referred schools to **Uber's own Terms and Conditions, which stipulate that the service is not available to persons under the age of 18 years unless they are accompanied by an adult.** Furthermore, schools are advised to bring this to the attention of parents.

What does ISASA recommend?

- That schools warn parents against the use of Uber by children, owing to its age restrictions, as set out in its Terms and Conditions: 18 years.
- Schools should also inform parents that the school will not be liable for any incidents resulting from the use of Ubers by pupils.

Please take heed of this communication and avoid using Uber unless the child is accompanied by an adult.

ST PETER'S PREP PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to all the parents who have logged into the Parent Portal and given us feedback. Based on the information received, we have decided to put the Parent Portal on hold and work with the developers to overcome some of the "glitches." We will update all received changes of Parent Information.

This means that we will not be placing the first Semester reports onto the Parent Portal. Further details will be communicated to you with regards to these shortly. Please continue to use the School Communicator as the official app for school communications.

PA NEWS**WINTER WARMERS**

Exciting News!

Makro has launched a new programme and is inviting our parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning **mRewards** on your Makro purchases - **at any Makro store!**

This programme replaces the existing Makro rebate programme which was only linked to the Makro Woodmead store.

See below for more details but if you need any assistance with joining, please contact Anne on annedp@live.com

Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use the **mCard App**. You are also able to track your **mRewards** on the **mCard App**.

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MAKRO IS LAUNCHING A NEW AND EXCITING EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN 2019.

Our promise of saving customers time and money is made real with **m=Educ8**. And, our goal is to make a difference in helping people fulfill their potential and realise their aspirations.

We are calling this programme: **m=Educ8**

How it works

Each parent simply needs to download the Makro mCard app on their mobile phones, and then, in an instant, sign up to the **m=Educ8** programme. Once they sign up, parents are ready to earn rewards for their school, while also earning all their usual mRewards.

For every R1000 spent by the parents, the educational institution will earn R5 (earnings applicable from R1).

This means that in a school with say, 1 500 pupils, and a spend of R1 000 per parent per month (assuming only one of the parents spends per family), the school can earn a very healthy R90 000 per annum.

Ts and Cs apply.

STEP 1
Scan to download
Open the mCard app (Download it here if you don't already have it)

STEP 2
Click the **m=Educ8** banner on the home screen to link to your school.

STEP 3
Select your school's region and then type in the first few letters of the school name in the search bar. Once you've found your school, link it.

STEP 4
The Home screen will show you are linked. Start supporting your school with your Makro shopping. You can update your preferences in "MORE".

STEP 5
You can delink from a school and/or change schools at any time.

ST PETERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

- On the 31st of December of every year all the school/parent links will be removed and parents will need to sign up again in the new school year.
- Important note:** When linked to a school, users can still earn mRewards as normal
- Problems linking to your school?** Parents who already receive preferential prices will not be able to link to a school. If you're not sure if this applies to you, give us a call on 0860 300 999.
- Can't find your school?** They may not be signed up yet. Please encourage your school head to sign up to the programme by completing the authorization form on our website. <https://www.makro.co.za/makrostorefront/m-educ8>
- Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.makro.co.za