



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I begin this newsletter with some staffing news. Congratulations are in order for two members of the Senior Prep Staff. Firstly, Lauryn Findlay is expecting and will be off on maternity leave from February 2020 until the Advent Term. Claire Anderson, who is one of our seasoned Locum Teachers will be taking Lauryn's class during this time. Kent and Alicia Sheppard are also expecting their baby early next year. Congratulations to the Sheppards as well. In addition to this good news, I need to share news that is bitter-sweet from our side. Spencer Howarth, who started as an intern at St Peter's and has been an integral part of our Sports Department as the HOD Administration, has been offered the post of Director of Sport at Bryanston Primary. While we offer Spencer our heartiest congratulations, he will be sorely missed by us all. I thank Spencer for all that he has done to promote and facilitate sport for so many of the boys over the years. We will be advertising for a replacement for Spencer later in the year. Other staff movement, in the JP, includes us bidding farewell to Tracey Sparks, Nichola Harmuth and Jaya Govender, all of who are migrating; to George, Australia and Canada respectively. We are fortunate that Jaya will still be with us for the first term of 2020. We are very pleased to welcome three new JP teachers; Lesego Kgosi, Trish Scott and Kimberley Ferreira to the team for 2020. Tiffany Koch will also not be returning from maternity leave as she has decided to be more available to her little boy; we are delighted that Debby Jameson will be remaining on in the JP Department.

There will also be a number of staff who will be moving classes in 2020. It is always a good idea to allow teachers to express their creativity in a new environment and, with new teachers coming in, a reshuffle of duties will occur. We are finalising our new appointments at present and will be able to send out a list of 2020 teaching responsibilities after half term.

One of our Foundation initiatives is to provide bursaries for deserving children who would not be able to attend St Peter's for financial reasons. Not only is this of benefit to the recipients, but our own boys' curriculum is enriched and made more representative of real world social interaction through the inclusion of the bursary children and families in our school community. As you can imagine, the programme requires substantial external funding so that it does not impact on our general school fee requirements. Fundraising is, therefore, extremely important. I am fully aware of the numerous requests we all receive for direct financial contributions. In an attempt to create a win-win situation like the "My School" and "Makro" initiatives, our Foundation Office are partnering with Travelstart to create a "[bursary-fund-fly-donate](#)" scheme that will allow you to contribute to the programme at no cost to yourselves. Please follow the link or look out for the flyer in this, and future Keyholes, if you would like to support the project.

Our final half-term is upon us and I wish everyone a time of relaxation and fun over the next five days. I look forward to greeting the boys for the final stretch of our 2019 journey when they return next Wednesday morning.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

Half Term could not have come at a better time after two weeks of intense heat. Please use this time to re-charge batteries and allow our boys time to rest. The second half of this term is always very busy and our boys often get agitated if they are over-tired. November is filled with fun and excitement as the school year winds down, but often the change in routine, both at home and school, can make our little boys teary or overly emotional. Try to build some down time and free play into the afternoon schedule, for the last month of the term.

Please keep close track of the weekly calendar to ensure your son is ready for the day ahead or that you do not miss out on an event.

FIRST KIDS IN SPACE

After watching the dress rehearsal of the Grade 2 production, "First Kids in Space", I can assure you that you are in for a treat this evening. Our boys have worked hard on their performances and will enjoy their time to shine on stage. The performance will be videoed this evening and available for purchase after Half Term.

I would like to thank the Grade 2 teachers and interns, as well as Lindiwe Radebe and Annette Strouthos, for their assistance on this production. Thanks, too, to the moms who have helped with costumes, props and make-up. A very special thank you must be extended to Melani Fouché, who has worked tirelessly on the production - her enthusiasm and passion has rubbed off on the boys! I can see that this is the beginning of many amazing performances under Melani's guidance in the years to come.

I am so excited to watch the production again tonight.

SPORT – SWIMMING

Please see the attached letter regarding swimming.

GRADE 1 EISTEDDFOD – 06 November

On **Wednesday, 06 November** our Grade 1 boys will be participating in an Internal Eisteddfod. The afternoon format will comprise of two sessions and parents are invited to join us in supporting their sons on this afternoon. Please look out for a letter which will be sent home, via the homework folders, informing you of which session your son is participating in, etc. Please don't forget to keep practising for the big day!

Grade 1 teachers

HALF TERM

We close for Half Term tomorrow **Thursday, 24 October** and return to school on **Wednesday, 30 October**. Please take note of closing times:

10:30 - Grade 0

10:45 - Grade 1 & 2

11:15 - Waiting Class ends

11:15-14:30 Aftercare is available to all children at no extra cost at the Aftercare facility. Children must bring a packed lunch.

Please note that **Tuesday, 29 October** is a Bishop's Holiday for the St Peter's community.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A young man made a mistake at school and one of the consequences was to write a letter of apology. I have permission to share this with you, as it really touched my heart:

"Dear Mrs Melvill-Smith and my fellow St Peter's Friends. I am sorry that I drew on the stage with a rock and that I damaged school property. I will never do it again and promise to repair what I have damaged. I am so proud to be a St Peter's boy and will behave accordingly in future."

Enjoy the extra long weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

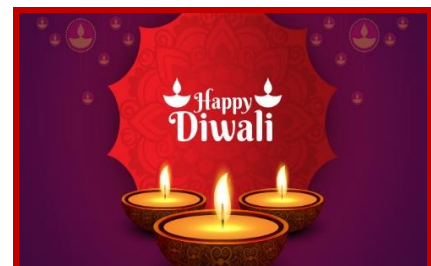
Wednesday 30 October	
7:30	Boys return to school
7:15	Grade 2S Senior Prep Chapel experience
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 28 October-03 November)
8:00	Sefikeng – outreach programme
13:00	Grade 2 CHAPS (Dodson Hall)
18:30	PA meeting
Thursday 31 October	
12:00	Grade 2 Hot Lunch experience (Dining Hall)
13:00	Grade 1 CHAPS (Middle Room)
Friday 01 November	
Monday 04 November	
18:30	New 2020 parents Evensong/Cocktail Party
Tuesday 05 November	
Wednesday 06 November	
7:15	Grade 2P Senior Prep Chapel experience
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 04-10 November)
8:00	Sefikeng – outreach programme
13:00	Grade 2 CHAPS (Dodson Hall)
13:00	Grade 1 Eisteddfod
Thursday 07 November	
13:00	Grade 1 CHAPS (Middle Room)
Friday 08 November	
HOT DOG DAY & cartridge collection	
Saturday 09 November	
9:00	2020 New Boys & Parents Information Morning

DIVERSITY: DIWALI – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

St Peter's wishes all Hindu staff, pupils and families a joyous Diwali. The festival of lights is celebrated over five days with the main celebrations being held on 27 and 28 October.

28 October marks the New Year for Gujarati-speaking Hindus.

May good triumph over evil, knowledge replace ignorance and all mankind be blessed with health, happiness and prosperity.

**FLY AND RAISE R75 FOR OUR BURSARY STUDENTS EVERY TIME!**

We are very excited to announce a fundraising campaign that allows all our parents and supporters to donate to the Bursary Fund without spending an extra cent!

If you visit the fundraising page on our website ([bursary-fund-fly-donate](#)) and book your flights through Travelstart the Bursary Fund receives R75 for every transaction. You get to compare the best prices, times and routes across all airlines! You can make an immediate booking within a safe payment system; and you have the backing of Travelstart South Africa if you have any queries or need to make any changes.

This fundraising initiative is hosted by *WeBenefit Schools* in collaboration with Travelstart. WeBenefit exists to help schools and NPO save money and raise money. Learn more here www.webenefit.co.za.

Please support the school by booking your flights on our fundraising page([bursary-fund-fly-donate](#)) and encourage your friends and family to do the same!

Thank you for your support!

The St Peter's Foundation



OLD BOYS NEWS

ST PETER'S IS TURNING 70 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR AND WE ARE TRACKING DOWN ALL OLD BOYS

If you, as a dad, grandfather, uncle, brother etc. went to St Peter's Boys Prep, please complete this short google form: <https://forms.gle/o25tdakrZQCLMoUt7>

SUNSET CAROLS – CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL REGISTRATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Planning is now well underway for our wonderful 2019 St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols Christmas Market

Date: Saturday 30 November
Set up time: 12:00 - 16:00
Selling time: 15:00 - 19:00

Should you be interested in a stall at our market, please submit your registration application using the google link below:

Sunset Carols Market Application Form <https://bit.ly/2ost9tQ>