

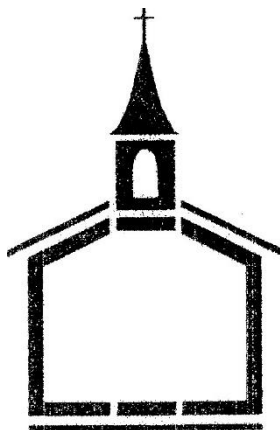


Dear Parents,

#### **FROM THE HEADMASTER**

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Community Eucharist last Sunday. As always, the choir sang beautifully and our celebration of "Pentecost" as a community was well received. While we try to ensure that Sundays are family days with no school activities, this opportunity to worship together, occasionally, provides a great opportunity for community growth.

I often marvel at people who are true entrepreneurs. Not only does it take enormous courage to undertake a challenge that may not pay off, but the ability to see an opportunity where others only see normality or even a problem, is a mind-set I am constantly trying to develop in myself. Often the end result seems so distant from where we start that we are unable to visualise it. The following story tells of an entrepreneur who recognised an opportunity almost three hundred years ago which resulted in a benefit to the generations that followed and is still impacting people today.



**STORY:** *The people in the village of Grosslaswitz in North Germany wanted a new church bell. So everyone in the village gave some money towards it but church bells are very expensive and they did not have enough. One day, as the schoolmaster was going to church, he noticed a strong shoot of corn growing out of a crack in the church wall. A single grain must have blown into the crack between the bricks and there it had taken root. Carefully, the schoolmaster gathered the six well-formed ears of corn and he put them away until the following spring. Then he planted them and gathered the grain from the six shoots. He did this each year until he had no more room in his garden and had to give some of the seed to his friends and neighbours to plant. After eight years, they sold all the corn and had enough money to buy the bell they all wanted so much. If the schoolmaster had not seen the opportunity presented to him by the first, small shoot of corn, the village might never have had a new bell. Today, in the church tower in the village of Grosslaswitz, hangs a bell. On it is inscribed October 15, 1729 and engraved next to the date is a six-eared stalk of corn.*

***Recognise and make the most of your opportunities.***

As teachers and parents, we all have our own opportunities to see the possibility in our children every day. The idea of "He's not there yet, but one day....!" should guide our actions as both parents and teachers. Who knows what impact our positive encouragement of our own shoots of corn will have on the generations to come?

Enjoy the week.

**Rob Macaulay**

#### **ST PETER'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME**

The St Peter's Afterschool programme has been running for nearly 2½ years. It has been most gratifying to see the success of this programme and to observe the benefits as the children involve themselves in work and play.

After Hot Lunch (provided by the school kitchen) and homework is completed, the children immerse themselves in play. The variety of games ingeniously invented by the children, is a delight to watch. Parents might feel that time could be used more constructively with more "hard skill" instruction but when I observe the children absorbed in constructive play, it is rewarding to observe countless learning opportunities. I marvel at the important life skills and character development which takes place daily in our little centre.

- Problem solving and critical thinking develops as children figure out how to respond to challenges, work with

others and overcome fears.

- Social skills progress as they negotiate, compromise and learn to get a better perspective of the feeling of others while they work together to build a fort, a shop or a train set or put on a production. The co-operation, collaboration and teamwork is a delight to see.
- The values which are being taught at school are reinforced and practised during their time with us too.
- Agility, co-ordination, physical strength and balance develops as they move through the obstacle course, climb trees, balance on the log walk or make use of any of our other equipment.
- Imaginative play cultivates the children's creativity, imagination and helps them to practise thinking outside of their own perspective.
- Resilience grows each day and there is very little intervention needed as the children learn to resolve their challenges independently and efficiently. Play is more important to them than altercations and issues are solved promptly so play may continue.
- The responsibility of tidying up after themselves is a life skill which is increasingly improving.

What a rewarding place it is to observe the learning which occurs daily while the children are away from screens and immersed in activities which they love and enjoy!

**Trish Attlee:** Manager of St Peter's Afterschool Programme



### **COPING WITH CHALLENGES – In the Know**

The overriding message from this morning's Parent Coffee Morning is:

“Parents **worry** and **step in** because  
we overestimate the problem and  
underestimate our child's ability  
to deal with it.”

They gave parents seven strategies to deal with this:

1. Expect challenges to turn up (they always will).
2. Listen (hear your child and ask for more information).
3. Tolerate negative feelings (identify these feelings and name them, they are as much part of life as positive feelings).
4. Model calm (even when you don't feel calm).
5. Raise a problem solver (talk about solutions together with your child and choose positive options to try).
6. Foster autonomy (allow your children to be independent and develop self-regulation).
7. Rethink what and how you praise (children are aware of their own limitations).

If we can achieve this, our children will realise their self-worth depends on their ability to cope with challenges. We develop a positive belief in ourselves when we master difficult situations.

[www.intheknow](http://www.intheknow) / [info@intheknow.co.za](mailto:info@intheknow.co.za)

### **LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ST PETER'S VALUES**

Last term we successfully introduced our St Peter's Values, which will guide our boys on their behaviour and character. The boys have embraced the process enthusiastically and have made a visible effort to adopt these dispositions.

We would like to involve you, as parents, in the ongoing dialogue we are having with the boys regarding the values that we hope will become intrinsic in St Peter's boys. From Monday we will place posters in the car parks and driveways and encourage you to engage in conversations with your son, around these questions.

### **THE DANCE MOUSE syllabus at St Peter's Boys School is aimed at boys from GRADE 0-GRADE 2**

#### **Focus on Developing Physical Literacy**

- Break Dancing Basics & Hip Hop
- Gymnastics Basics
- Jazz (fun pirate and animal themed dances)
- Rock 'n Roll & Cowboy Dancing
- Latin American Basics (SADTA)
- Fun Co-ordination and Rhythm Routines
- Poi and Aerial /Silk training & Proprioception

We develop proprioception skills with a strong focus on Body Conditioning and Pilates techniques in order to strengthen, stretch and mobilize the body through exercise and dance. •The primary aim of DANCE MOUSE™ is to encourage children to enjoy dance expression and to increase the passion and love of dance in South Africa while developing the dancer's physical literacy. • Dance Mouse allows the child technical training and spatial awareness, as well as fun, rhythm and exercise. Building their self-confidence, balance and weight transfer (essential for any sporting activity). Please see a short video clip about physical Literacy

<https://youtu.be/fyCm6ZLRCbQ>

#### **Lessons Commence on 13 July in JP Boys Hall**

Friday Grade 0 – 13:00-13:30

Friday Grade 1 + 2 – 13:30-14:00

Limited space available – enrol on line at [www.dmbryanston.com](http://www.dmbryanston.com)

### **CIVVIES DAY COLLECTION**

At St Peter's we believe that, as Christians, we should act on the principle that, *as we are blessed, let us bless others*. With this in mind, we would like to start a collection of clothing that is no longer worn, in order to share with those who are less fortunate than us.

For our Civvies Day (Friday, 15 June), we will be collecting clothes for the HLALISEKANI PLAYGROUP (based in Kya Sands). This playgroup is a small crèche in a community where the parents leave home very early in the morning and return in the late afternoon. Many of the young children in this area were being left without adult supervision. A few women saw the need for a safe environment for these children and so Hlalisekani Playgroup was started. There is an urgent need for clothing for these little children.

**We will begin collecting items of clothing at school immediately and continue until Civvies Day, 15 June. Please drop donations in the Vestry of the Chapel. All sizes of clothing will be gratefully received. St Mark's Anglican Church will distribute the adult clothing.**

Your support for this initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings

**Kamohelo Kotsi** (Assistant Chaplain)

### **ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS BUS SERVICE SURVEY**

As part of our strategic intent to alleviate traffic congestion both on campus and en route to school, St Peter's Prep is considering offering a bus service that would depart from the pickup zone around 06:25 to arrive at school around 07:05. Please answer the survey on the following link, to help us gauge if this service would be viable.

<https://goo.gl/forms/jAf8wXKRAa0MMFBa2>

### **GOLDEN MOMENT**

A Grade 0 teacher was teaching her class about the Values. At the end of the lesson she asked one of the boys "How do you show respect?" His response: "I don't know, my brain's not working!"

Enjoy your weekend.

Warm regards,  
**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Monday 28 May</b>	
12:00	Grade 2 Choir practise during break
<b>Tuesday 29 May</b>	
8:30	DCS
18:30	PA meeting (Council Chamber)
<b>Wednesday 30 May</b>	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 28 May -03 June)
13:00-13:30	Grade 2 Choir
<b>Thursday 31 May</b>	
7:30	Grade 2 Choir
<b>Friday 01 June</b>	
<b>Saturday 02 June</b>	
19:00	CHOC Fundraising night, Rivonia recreation club



Click on this LINK to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/QKJpQ9xaDPsGg5uY2>



### Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

R250 per Bunch

Please support by ordering your bunch  
of beautiful flowers by Tuesday  
afternoon via email [nicky@ntce.co.za](mailto:nicky@ntce.co.za).

Collection of flowers on Friday from  
12:00 at

**ALL Receptions where relevant,  
i.e.: Girls SP and JP, Boys SP and JP.**

Many thanx  
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee





### CHARITY EVENT



*The St Peter's Community has been getting into the spirit to support this wonderful initiative!*

*Book your tickets now!*

**HIGH ROLLER RODEO  
CHARITY FUND RAISING NIGHT**

**WHEN**  
Saturday 2nd June 2018. From 7pm onwards. Tables open at 8pm.

**WHERE**  
Rivonia Recreation Club, Achter Road, Paulshof, Johannesburg.

**DRESS CODE**  
Black, White and Red. Rodeo and Cow dress up optional.

**CHARITIES**  
Our chosen beneficiary is THE COWS who raise funds for CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation SA.  
[www.thecows.co.za](http://www.thecows.co.za) and [www.choc.org.za](http://www.choc.org.za)

**TICKET PRICE**  
Includes fabulous food throughout the evening, welcome cocktail, a bottle of wine and gaming vouchers for black jack and roulette. Amazing entertainment with Vegas Royale, DJ, photo booth and the hilarious Dave Levinsohn as the host.  
R600 with all proceeds going to The Cows for CHOC.

**STAY IN THE GAME**  
Buy some shooters or charity merchandise to earn more gaming vouchers.

**AMAZING PRIZES ON THE NIGHT**  
For best cowboy, best cowgirl, most awesome cow, most creative interpretation of the theme, highest roller, most enthusiastic player and many more...

So book now and come and be part of this fantastic initiative and support these incredible charities.

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**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE COWS FOR CHOC**