



THROUGH THE KEYHOLE



JUNIOR PREP

24 November 2017

Dear Parents,



SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Marimba, Orchestra. Drumline and Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

Tickets can be purchased From Monday, 27 November, every morning before school, outside the Chapel, Boys JP as well as in the Girls JP and SP car parks.

There will be debit/credit card facilities available in the Girls SP car park and Boys JP.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Middle School Carol Service on Monday was closely followed by the JP Nativity on Wednesday evening. This always means that, for me, the Christmas season has begun. Of course, the premier family event during this season is our *Sunset Carols*, which takes place on Saturday, 2 December at 18:00. Please remember that there will be a Christmas Market and food stalls open from 15:00 on the day. Due to the number of people who attend the event the following logistical arrangements have been made:

- Should you have a family member who requires assisted transport to Mvukuzane Field, a shuttle bus will run from the Chapel Lawns to the bottom of the Mvukuzane Pavilion throughout the afternoon. There will also be a shuttle service after the event.
- We will have bakkies to transport heavy cooler boxes, etc. from three points: Chapel Lawns, Keys Pavilion and the Boys JP Parking. There will be a school gazebo erected to demarcate the drop-off zones for this service. You may leave your coolbox at these points and there will be deliveries to the bottom of Mvukuzane Pavilion at regular intervals. Unfortunately, due to safety regulations no children (or adults) may travel on these vehicles.
- In the event of a lightning alert being sounded the boys will be taken to the Dodson Hall and the girls to the Girls JP. You may wait with them in these areas until we receive the all clear or you may find your own points of safety, which include the various corridors around the schools. Should a decision be taken to abandon the event you will be informed using the school PA system.

I am sure that we will all enjoy a magnificent evening of carols that will really set the scene for Christmas.

Teacher Deployment 2018

You will be aware of the promotions of two of our Housemasters to Deputy Head positions as announced last week. I am pleased to be able to announce the appointment of **Craig Taylor** as Mirfield Housemaster and **Craig Jooste** as Dodson Housemaster in 2018.

With **Matt Blom** leaving us for Newton House next year, **Justin Attlee** will be moving into Grade 4 and **Craig Jooste** will take on the role of Grade 6 class teacher. **Shirley Obery** has kindly agreed to stay on for the Easter Term and our new HOD Mathematics, **Cathy Linnell**, will join the Boys Prep School staff in May.

Other new teachers for 2018 include **Erica Faul**, who joins us as a Grade 5 teacher and **Joan Delpont** who will be our new HOD Afrikaans.

We congratulate all these teachers on their new positions.

There certainly are exciting times ahead of us and, while we are looking forward to the holidays, I can already feel a sense of anticipation for 2018!

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Craig Jooste on his appointment as Housemaster for Dodson House, from January 2018. This promotion is a wonderful opportunity for Craig to continue to grow and develop in the education system. I know he will rise to the challenge of teaching Grade 6 boys and the Dodson House boys will be richer for their interactions with Craig. Nevertheless Craig leaving the Junior Prep school is a loss for us. In the six years he has worked with our young boys he has imparted so much emotionally, socially and physically. The JP Sports Department has grown under his care and every boy has developed the sporting skills required for later in life.

We are working on a new structure within the St Peter's Boys Sports Department and, once all developments have been confirmed, you will be informed. I can, however, assure you that the boys JP Sports will continue to meet the needs of every boy from Grade 0-2. The development of physical skills, the ethos of equal participation and the fostering of sportsmanship will continue.

THE NATIVITY

This week our Grade 0 boys and Grade 2 Choir have entertained grannies, granddads, caregivers, extended families, siblings and moms and dads. Using choral verse and music, they not only told the Christmas Story but also shared a typical South African Christmas with their audience.

The boys were delightful and their enthusiasm was palpable. There is nothing a little boy enjoys more than having a noisy musical instrument in his hands!

Thank you to the Grade 0 teachers – Nichola Harmuth, Tracy Backman and Tracey Sparks, as well as the assistants and interns, for the time put into their class items. A special thanks to Sandra van Wyk for the choir pieces and singing. She was assisted by Annette Strouthos. Thanks to Shanaaz Trethewey for sourcing all the delightful head pieces. Congratulations and thank you to Claire Fietze who put the programme together so enthusiastically and even wrote one of the poems.

Nativity photographs: For those who missed the sale of photographs at Nativity, Eprints have loaded them onto their website where you can still view and order copies. Details: www.eprints.co.za click on start here, the access code is stpeters. Select the Grade 0 nativity sub-gallery. For any further queries in this regard, please contact Eprints on 011 646 4387 or info@eprints.co.za

PINOCCHIO – THE PANTOMIME

Parents are reminded that their boys are at the Panto at the Johannesburg Theatre today. They are watching Pinocchio and will come home filled with stories of the magic they witness. Please do not forget that they will only return to school by **14:00**.

JP GALAS – Saturday, 25 November

Grade 0 Water Waves

Water Waves will start at **9:30**, when it is slightly warmer. Grade 0 boys will swim across the width of the swimming pool, demonstrating the water safety skills they have learnt this year.

Grade 1 & 2 Gala

Boys must meet their teachers in the swimming pool area at **10:00** for a prompt **10:15** start. Lengths will be covered using different equipment and skills.

Grade 2 Farewell

The Grade 2 Farewell will take place straight after the gala in the swimming pool area.

Please ensure all boys have sunblock on and a T-shirt and hat for protection.

Should we experience inclement weather the class moms will inform you by 8:00 via the WhatsApp Group.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Grade 1 & 2

Grade 1 and 2 parents are reminded of the annual Thanksgiving Service on **Wednesday, 29 November** at **8:00** in the Chapel. Our Grade 0 boys do not attend and no birthday cards will be handed out this week. All December cards will be given at the final Chapel Service on **6 December**.

Teachers will award boys their certificates in the classroom. Tea will be served, after which Grade 1 boys may go home with their parents, should you so wish.

Grade 2 parents will attend the Grade 3 Orientation in our JP Hall from 9:30, after which your son's Grade 6 Buddy will give you and your son a tour of the Senior Prep. Once this is completed you are welcome to take your son home.

SCHOOL FINISHING TIMES

From **Wednesday, 29 November** until **Wednesday, 06 December** closing times will be aligned with the Senior Prep and with SPEET Week activities:

Grade 0 will finish at 12:45

Grade 1 & 2 will finish at 13:00

LOST PROPERTY

Tables displaying all uncollected items of lost property will be in the JP foyer on Thursday, 30 November, Friday, 01 December and Monday 04 December. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity in Lesotho.

STATIONERY 2017

Each year we collect stationery from Grade 1 and 2 classes for Diepsloot Combined School. We are fully aware that some families want to support their own caregiver's children and wish to keep their stationery. The stationery collected is used by our Diepsloot Combined School Outreach programme to complete their Tuesday arts and crafts activities. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter, if you do not want to donate your son's stationery. Collection of stationery will take place on **Monday, 04 December**.

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

The final lesson takes place on **Tuesday, 28 November**. The Grade 1 children will have Christmas art activities while the Grade 0 children will enjoy a party. Please do volunteer to assist if you can.

LIBRARY

A reminder that all library books must be returned next week. A huge thank you to all who have donated books to the library. We have such a wonderful, varied selection. These donations are so much appreciated and enjoyed by all the boys.

Annette Strouthos – Librarian

MUSIC

Choirs

The last practice for Grade 1 Choir will be **Monday, 27 November**. Grade 2 Choir afternoon practice has ended.

Grade 2 Choir

The boys will practise with the Cadet Choir (to prepare for Sunset Carols) again on **Tuesday, 28 November** at **7:10** in Dodson Hall. Please drop your sons at Dodson Hall or I will take them there from the Boys JP and return at 8:00.

Sunset Carols

Our Grade 2 Choir will sing at Sunset Carols on **Saturday, 02 December**. There will be a rehearsal that morning from 8:45 to 10:00 on Mvukuzane field, boys must wear civvies and a hat. Please pack a snack with a drink as it is a long session. For the performance boys must wear blue jeans, white takkies and the school red sports shirt. Boys must arrive on the side of the stage at 17:30. The performance is from 18:00 to 20:30. We look forward to an amazing event and hope to see you there.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS: APPLICATION 2018

All boys who are interested in doing individual music lessons and those who are continuing their lessons (piano, recorder, drums, violin, singing or guitar) must please apply now for 2018. Applications must be done every year.

There are two forms, one for JP boys and one for SP boys. Current Grade 2 boys must apply on the SP application form. Music lessons are R185 for 30 minutes.

Here is the link to follow for the application form for Grades 0-2

<https://goo.gl/forms/FgwK1jastLKinPcE3>

From Grade 3, the music application form is on the SP school website/school communicator.

Follow these steps: Resources; All channels (top right hand corner); Boys music, then click on the sentence and the form will appear.

Sandra van Wyk Music

GOLDEN MOMENT

Sandra van Wyk was running a little late for Chapel on Wednesday and was walking behind the last Grade 0 class. One little boy blurted out: "The Music teacher is over Chapel, she needs a holiday!"

See you at the Galas.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 27 November	
13:30-14:00	Last Grade 1 Choir practice
Tuesday 28 November	
8:30	DCS Grade 0 Christmas party
Wednesday 29 November	
8:00	Grade 1 & 2 Thanksgiving Service (no birthday cards this week)
9:00	Tea in JP Hall
9:30	Grade 2 to 3 Orientation
10:30	Grade 2/6 Tour of Senior Prep
Grade 1 and 2 boys may go home when finished	
12:45	Grade 0 finish
No Grade 2 Choir	
Thursday 30 November	
Meet the teacher	
Closing times: Grade 0 12:45; Grade 1 & 2 13:00	
Friday 01 December	
Moms & Lads Craft Morning (as per arrangements with your class teacher)	
Saturday 02 December	
15:00	Christmas Market
18:00	Sunset Carols

TRINITY TERM 2018

Please note that school will be starting on Thursday, 3 May 2018 for the Trinity Term. This will allow for Staff Development to take place on Wednesday, 2 May, in the knowledge that 1 May is a Public Holiday.

STATIONERY COLLECTION – TEAR OFF SLIP

NAME:..... CLASS:.....

I do not wish to donate my son's stationery

PRAYERS

There are people in our school and community who need our prayers and petitions. This is part of what it means to be a Christian; we have the privilege of carrying these people to God in our prayer.

Our newsletter, from time to time, will therefore have the names of those who need our prayers and have agreed to be on our prayer list.

Please remember the following three people in your prayers: Georgia Bain, Lebone Tshetlo and Jenny Hugo.

Fr Richard (Chaplain)

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**Tshepo Kekana**

Tshepo joined St Peter's in 2004 as an intern in the Finance Department.

While at St Peter's Tshepo completed a BCom through UNISA and assumed the role of Accountant from January 2015.

Tshepo juggles many balls assuming responsibility for the accounting of six legal entities:- St Peter's College, Hillsun Development NPC, St Peter's Prep, Foundation Trust, St Peter's College Trust and iDWALA.

In his free time Tshepo enjoys cooking, health & fitness and is always highly fashionable.



Come shop at the St Peter's Christmas Market!

Saturday, 2 December 2017, some of the stalls include:

Indian Cotton Company / Granadilla / Saffron Rose / Lavish by Lara / Sticki Brix / Jackalberry / Pesso / Brass Swim Dry / Exotic Kashmir / Capsule Clothing / Tasha's Treats / Lula Fox / Rare Bear Project / Hello Shongololo / Pure Imports / Hot Melon / Meringue Jewellery / Wild Threads / Amazeballz / Pool Pillows / So Shutterly Fabulous / Penyesa Accessories / Balloony Toons / Yummy Mummy

Delicious food & beverages on offer too:

Sumting Fresh / Pizzapp / Traditional & Fusion / From the Grill / Chip 'n Dip / House of Crepes / Deliteful Donuts / Coffee Café / Happy Me / Willy Waffles / Ice Bombs / Wendy's Lemonade / Frosty Melts

Join in the Fun & Christmas Cheer!



WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

Don't forget to drop your slips, with your name and number on the back, in the entry boxes at all receptions in order to stand a chance to win the Nespresso Coffee Machine. Draw will take place on 2 December at Sunset Carols





HOLIDAY CLUBS

**Come join us for fun in the sun at
Sports and Adventure Club
This Holiday!**

Date: Monday, 11 December – Friday, 15 December
Venue: Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys JP
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome
Bring: Packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby, swimming and climbing wall fun
- Nature walks
- *Minute-to-win-it* games

RSVP: By Monday, 4 December
 Craig Jooste 071 864 1883 cjooste@stpeters.co.za
 Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748 dvandermerwe@stpeters.co.za

Banking Details:

Name: D van der Merwe
 Bank: FNB Cheque Account
 Account number: 62364829667
 Branch: 250655

**Come join us at Adventure Club
in January, before the school
rush!**

Date: Monday, 8 January 2018 – Friday, 12 January 2018
Venue: Mrs Ritchie's classroom and Boys JP
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome
Bring: packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- *Bear Grylls* challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby and swimming
- Nature walks
- *Minute-To-Win-It* games

RSVP: By Thursday, 7 December
 Gen Ritchie 083 304 8884 or Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748
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