







JUNIOR PREP

## Dear Parents,

## **FROM THE HEADMASTER**

One of the important aspects of being an Anglican school is that we, as a community, undertake to nurture and develop a sense of community awareness and servant leadership in our pupils. On Saturday morning a very impressive contingent of the community, made up of parents, staff and pupils spent their 67 minutes, and in many cases far more than 67 minutes, for Mandela Day, upgrading the facilities at our Community Partner School; Sefikeng Primary. There was a wonderful sense of partnership as the St Peter's families and the Sefikeng Primary community worked alongside each other in an atmosphere which I can only describe as "the joy of making a difference." I applaud the organisers of the initiative and also thank all those parents, boys, interns and staff who made a difference on the day.

Our Community Partnership Programme, which is run by the schools under the guidance and funding of the St Peter's Foundation, encompasses a number of aspects. While our main partner is Sefikeng Primary, you will note that we do work with a number of different organisations as well. The following initiatives have been identified for 2019:



- 1. A literacy programme, in partnership with Read for Africa, sees our interns, parent volunteers and senior pupils interacting with the children of Sefikeng in order to promote reading and improve literacy skills. Activities include "buddy reading" programmes and small group lessons. In addition, the JP staff conduct weekly training sessions on best practice for reading with the teachers at Sefikeng.
- 2. Pupil initiatives and "acts of kindness" are aimed at promoting both interaction and a sense of servant leadership. In the Junior Prep, there are joint outings to the bird park, theatre and a magic show for the children. Collaborative learning opportunities for small groups also take place.
- 3. Senior Prep children are involved in sandwich making for our outsourced support staff and a "soup kitchen" that produces four big pots of soup which, for the remainder of 2019, will be distributed to our outsourced staff and the Salvation Army CBD initiative in which 200 homeless people are fed daily. The Salvation Army donation is supplemented by the left-over food from our own school kitchen and is collected every Thursday.
- 4. A number of once-off and annual initiatives such as Christmas parties, sporting events and the Mandela Day initiative also take place within the pupil body.
- 5. Our Chapel collection is often stimulated by presentations in the Chapel services. A recent talk in support of our current initiative "Doors of Hope" shared the catch phrase "Do what you can, where you can, with what you have." This is so important for our children. They are able to realise that their contribution, no matter how small, can make a difference. As a result of this catch phrase, we have had reports of boys selling pancakes, washing cars and doing chores to earn "nappy money."

In addition, the increase in Chapel collection last week was evidence of an increased culture of philanthropy within the school.

As part of the broader South African community and within the principles of good citizenship, it is vital that our children learn that they cannot exist as an island. They are also taught that they can make a difference within their circle of influence which, through greater participation in these types of projects, is broadened tangibly.

Have a wonderful week in which you continue to "Do what you can, where you can, with what you have."

Best wishes

**Rob Macaulay** 



## FROM THE JUNIOR PREP THE PAST WEEK

Once again we have experienced a busy week in the JP Boys. I would like to add my thanks to Rob's with regard to St Peter's Mandela Day initiative. It was rewarding to see so many families working together to upgrade facilities at Sefikeng. I was so proud of our little boys and how hard they worked on the day. After an event such as this we can only believe that *Ubuntu* is alive and well in South Africa.

The Grade 1 boys had their Demo morning on Tuesday. Thank you to the many parents who braved the cold to attend. Once again, thank you to the teachers for the dedication they put into every day and the effort they make to ensure school is a happy place for your son.

On Wednesday our boys interacted with their Sefikeng buddies at the Bird Park. All the children enjoyed every minute of this outing and must be complimented on their behaviour.

Tomorrow our boys will attend a production on Gratitude, which is a fitting end to the month of July.

## CHAPS

The Grade 2 choir launched its name change at our Choir Festival last week. Melani Fouché felt that we had Cadet, Chapel and Chamber Choirs, so why were the JP Boys known as the Grade 2 Choir? The name **CHAPS** stands for **C**reating, **Happy And Passionate Singers**.

I would like to wish our CHAPS many musical adventures under the guidance of Melani Fouché. They were amazing at the festival and I look forward to a number of performances next term!

#### **GRADE 2 SPORT**

A reminder that the Grade 2 boys will be playing in a football festival against The Ridge at St Peter's tomorrow, starting at approximately 13:00. Please ensure that your son packs the correct kit, especially his shin pads and St Peter's football socks. I'm looking forward to another exciting afternoon of football, so please come and support the boys.

Details regarding the Internal Football Tournament on Thursday, 08 August, will be sent home next week.

Callan Cronin: Junior Prep Sport.

#### **GRADE 2 DEMO MORNING**

Please find a letter attached to this newsletter explaining the process for the Grade 2 Demo Morning on **Tuesday, 30 July** from **8:00-9:30**.

## GALLERY AT SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY

On Wednesday evening our JP Boys School Social Cohesion team will be hosting a Gallery at School. Every child will have art work representing our South African cultures on display.

An up and coming artist, Themba Shabalala, will be displaying his work on the evening and sharing his story.

Parents are requested to RSVP to the invitation, sent by class parents, for catering purposes. Please bring your own drinks to the event. We are in for an evening of art and socialising!

#### **CAR PARK**

Once again parents have drawn my attention to reckless driving on the school property. We need to be aware, at all times, that a school has to put the safety of our children first. Please:

- drive safely
- no cell phones
- keep a safe travelling distance
- display tolerance and patience

Remember "THINK before you DRIVE – you could endanger a child's life!"

#### **GOLDEN MOMENT**

A Grade 0 teacher and her intern were both wearing their Ugg boots. A boy asked: "Why are the two of you wearing your slippers to school?"

Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith** 

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Monday 29 July	
Tuesday 30 July	
8:00-9:30	O Grade 2 Demo Day
Wednesday 31 July	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays from 29 July – 04 August)
8:00	Community Partnership Sefikeng
13:00	CHAPS practise (Dodson Hall)
18:30	Gallery at School – JP Boys Hall
Thursday 01 August	
Friday 02 August	
7:30	Grade 2 – Viva Voce Dress Rehearsal
18:30	Viva Voce Performance

#### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

# We are looking forward to having you at ADVENTURE CLUB!

Please remember to pack a snack, sun hat, bicycle and helmet. We can store your son's bicycle in a locked classroom for the week.

Only St Peter's pupils are allowed to attend from Gr0 to Gr3.

Cost: R200 per day Times: 08:00 to 12:00

Venue: Boys JP - Nichola Harmuth's class

Dates: 12 - 16 August

Please use the following banking details to make payment to secure your son's place. Please email proof of payment to <a href="mailto:nharmuth@stpeters.co.za">nharmuth@stpeters.co.za</a>

N Harmuth

Nedbank Cheque Account

Acc: 1684130603 Branch: 198765





#### **DIVERSITY: MANDELA DAY**

St Peter's held a special Mandela Day service on the chapel lawn. **Darien Naidoo** (Grade 7) addressed the boys. Excerpts of his talk follow:

Today I want to talk about Nelson Mandela and how he was the embodiment of servant leadership.

The main principle of servant leadership is that leaders are attentive to the concerns of their followers and empathise with them, including those with little power in systems.



Despite the harm and discrimination that he was subjected to, he put the country and its people above himself. He cast his own emotions aside; setting an example to us.

He fought for freedom and dignity; believing in equality for all people irrespective of colour, age or talent.

He was incarcerated for 27 years but chose the path of reconciliation so that we as South Africans were allowed to exercise our democratic rights.

How can we emulate Tata Madiba?

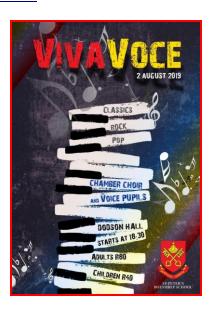
- 1. We can start listening more, rather than talking. Listen to our peers and help them become better instead of focusing only on our well-being.
- 2. Make sure our loved ones and friends know that we care.
- 3. Have empathy. Put yourself in other people's positions, even if you have never experienced it yourself. A good leader has empathy so that you are able to see the struggle, pain and suffering of others.
- 4. Be self-aware. This is the ability to look at yourself, think deeply about your emotions and behaviour and consider how they affect the people around you and if they align with your values.

A quote from Nelson Mandela that has always resonated with me is: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

We in this assembly have been awarded the opportunity to attend a prestigious school like St Peter's. Let us follow Nelson Mandela's footsteps and use our knowledge to empower those around us who are not as fortunate.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

VIVA VOCE
FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 18:30 Dodson Hall
https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/viva-voce



#### PA NEWS

PAVER PLAQUE ORDERS - https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2



## PA GOLF DAY

The PA's annual Golf Day will take place at the Kyalami Country Club on Friday, 27 September. The cost is R4000 per Fourball and includes Green fees, Halfway House, complimentary drinks on arrival and at certain holes, dinner and mulligans. There will be a shotgun start at 12 noon.

Bookings for the Fourballs are now open using this link - Golf Day 2019 Bookings



#### MAKRO REWARDS PROGRAMME - NEW!

## **Exciting news!**

Makro have launched a new programme and is inviting parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning **mRewards** on their Makro purchases - <u>at any Makro store!</u>

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 <a href="mailto:anneed@live.com">anned@@live.com</a>

Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use their mCard App. You are





## **CHARITY EVENT – GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION**



