



Dear Parents,

**FROM THE RECTOR**

**ST PETER'S DAY**

St Peter's Prep commenced celebrating its patronal feast day approximately 20 years ago. Although the Feast, commemorating the martyrdom of St Peter, is celebrated on 29 June, the school has traditionally done so on the Friday preceding the winter half-term.

Each school celebrates with a Eucharist service, usually conducted by the Bishop or Dean of the Cathedral. Thereafter, the children are allowed to go home early after a more modern equivalent of the traditional 'bun and Coke'. The entire staff, over 200 persons, then gathers for a modest celebration of their own. We love the fact that Peter is our patron saint, because he was human with so many of the characteristics that we share.

Peter was a rough oke! He was a fisherman, in partnership with his brother. Later, he whinged to Jesus that the disciples had given up everything to follow him and wanted to know what he was going to get in return. There's not a great deal of information about him, but we do know that he vacillated between opinions and that he was subject to irritability and even anger. I imagine that he would be a beer, rather than wine drinker. We know that he struggled to learn and would probably have benefited from remedial support. The fact that he experienced fear, as do we, is sharply exposed in his denial of Jesus. That being said, we know that he had the courage to confess and was deeply remorseful.

In his time as an apostle, he was unflinchingly courageous and inspirationally loyal. I can hardly think of a better role model for our children.

**US SCHOOL VISIT**

Last week, Rob and Darrel hosted a party of pupils, staff and parents from Meadowbrook School in the United States.

Meadowbrook is a prestigious elementary school (Gr 0 – 8) in the suburbs of Boston. It feeds a number of prestigious senior schools including Phillips Andover, Phillips Exeter, Rocksbury Latin School and the Concord School. It has a rigorous academic programme and attracts high quality staff.

The visitors were pleasantly surprised to note that many St Peter's Prep methodologies were based on current international research by leading educationalists. Please see the letter from Pete Johannsen, Tour Leader, below:

*Dear Greg, Rob, Darrel, Paula, and Jenny,*

*I want to express our gratitude for the exceptional hospitality you showed our Meadowbrook group today. We were all really inspired by what we experienced at St Peter's. The students, parents and teachers debriefed after dinner tonight, and they mentioned many things they were taking away from the visit. Certainly, your incredible campus with its many child-centered innovations was a big highlight. Your teachers really impressed us with their passion for their programs. And, most important, your students, both those who gave our students such thoughtful tours, to every child we passed who greeted us in such a welcoming way, made a big impression on all of us. We loved your philosophy and approach, and we all came away with such a positive feeling having been with you. And we were humbled by your great hospitality - we are so grateful for all the time you spent with us, the lunch was delicious, and we can't wait to taste that bottle of wine once we're back in the states! You're doing wonderful things at St Peter's, and your families are very lucky to have you helping to raise their children. We hope that we will have the opportunity to welcome you to Meadowbrook soon!*

*With warm regards,*

*Pete Johannsen*

**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](mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za) or [dradloff@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dradloff@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce

**FROM THE JUNIOR PREP****KEYS PROMISE**

With St Peter's Day on Friday, 28 June we have focused on the Keys Promise this week at school. The Keys Promise is a reminder to our St Peter's children to uphold and practise our values at all times. Grade 0 boys were given their fridge magnet in their starter packs last year, Grade 1 and 2 boys will bring their magnets home with their reports after Half Term. Please reinforce these values at home as it is one way we can align as a community and ensure all our families are on the same page.

*Keys Promise**I am respectful of others and my world**I am responsible in all that I do**I am honourable in my actions**And collaborative in my interactions**I show compassion towards my community**I demonstrate resilience in**the face of challenge**At all times I will remain loyal**to the values of**St Peter's Prep Schools***REPORTS**

Please see general memorandum from our Headmaster (on the communicator). Accordingly reports will be distributed on **Friday, 12 July**.

**HALF TERM: JUNE/JULY**

Tomorrow, **Friday, 28 June** sees the commencement of Half Term. As per tradition the school celebrates St Peter's Day each year on this day.

We will be closing early tomorrow:

**Grade 0: 10:00**

**Grade 1: 10:15**

**Grade 2: 10:30**

There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **11:00**, after which children may attend Aftercare free of charge until **14:30**. Please send a packed lunch should your child be going to Aftercare as the school kitchen is closed.

**TRANSFORMING ANXIETY INTO COURAGE – PARENT WORKSHOPS**

After the informative evening talk at St Peter's on "Anxiety" many parents have requested the longer, four sessions, workshops.

In the Know will be presenting these workshops at St Peter's for four weeks in both July and September. If you are interested in attending please respond by emailing: [info@intheknow.co.za](mailto:info@intheknow.co.za)

These workshops will give parents the tools to allow them to support anxiety in children.

**GRADE 1 & 2 FOOTBALL**

It has come to my attention that a number of boys are wearing Northern Stars soccer socks to practice sessions. While this is acceptable for their weekly practices, it will not be allowed for matches (Grade 1 internal football festival and Grade 2 fixtures). Please ensure that you purchase the St Peter's soccer socks before matches/fixtures begin after Half

Term (these are available from the School Shop). In addition, a number of boys are still without shin pads and unfortunately they will not be allowed to participate in any matches or practice sessions involving tackling. It is a vital piece of safety equipment which prevents injury as a result of bad tackles or accidental kicking.

Have a great Half Term!

**Callan Cronin:** HOD JP Sport

### DATE REMINDERS

- 8 July - return to school.
- 12 July - Grade 1 Internal Mini Football tournament
- 18 July - JP Choir Festival
- 20 July - St Peter's Mandela Day: Acts of Service – Sefikeng
- 31 July - Gallery at School

### WELL DONE!

Congratulations to all our boys who have worked on filling Ecobricks, please do continue to do so over the break. We are building a wall in the foyer.

### GOLDEN MOMENT

A boy in Grade 0M told a Grade 1 teacher he likes his teacher very much because she is beautiful, dresses cool and is young like us!

Enjoy the Half Term break – rest and stay warm. Hopefully we can get rid of the flu that has been doing the rounds.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Friday 28 June – 08 July</b>	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 08 July</b>	
7.30	Boys return to school
<b>Tuesday 09 July</b>	
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays from 01 – 14 July)
11:30	JP boys attend SP School production "Madagascar"
13:00	Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
<b>Thursday 11 July</b>	
10:45	Grade 1 & 2 boys Afrikaans show
<b>Friday 12 July</b>	
13:00	Grade 1 Internal Mini Football Festival
Reports go home	

### ST PETER'S PRE-PREP

St Peter's Prep launched the 'little sibling' to our family of schools, on Saturday, 22 June!

We are delighted to announce that St Peter's Pre-Prep is full for 2020!

It was with great excitement that a fun-filled day was hosted where parents, and their children, got a feel for this wonderful new facility.

The philosophy, on which the curriculum for the school is based, is grounded on the fundamental principle of making childhood a positively memorable experience. We strive to inspire imagination and wonder in children, while motivating their desire to learn.

A play-based approach, inspired by Reggio Emilia, Montessori and Nature-centred education, is being offered in order to achieve these objectives. The importance of facilitating learning through play and allowing children to be more connected to the outdoors and the magic of learning is recognised and embraced.

We aim to give children *sparkling eyes and busy minds* every day!



**PA NEWS  
PA GOLF DAY**

**ST PETER'S PREP  
SCHOOLS  
ANNUAL  
GOLF DAY  
2019**

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS**

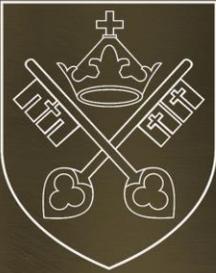
**Kyalami Country Club**  
Friday, 27 September 2019

- R1000 per player – includes green fees, halfway house, 2 drinks, watering holes, casual dinner and mulligans
- Shotgun start at 12noon
- Prize giving
- Raffle (no fundraising auction)
- Fourball bookings open 10 July

Sponsorship opportunities available!  
For any further information please contact the committee at [golfday@stpeters.co.za](mailto:golfday@stpeters.co.za)

**PAVER PLAQUES**

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*"May you never forget what is worth remembering."*

This is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep. A brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the Old Boys Quad outside Dodson Hall.

Should you wish to order, and see the various options, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

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**WINTER WARMERS***Thank You:*

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in making the 2019 Winter Warmers a success!

A special thanks to:

- Laura Brodsky and the amazing team (Julie-Anne Hegarty, Svieta Ngcaba, Sally Diack, Carike Laroque, Boipelo Nkadameng, Julie Rostron, Semole Mooka and Colleen Hayward-Butt) for organising such a lovely event.
- MC Robbie Grota for his enthusiasm and for the splendid and entertaining show at the end.
- Our Ground Staff - Ntjilo's Cleaning Services, Muchachari Garden Service, Security and Maintenance for being available whenever necessary.
- The St Peter's Prep Schools Music Departments, for giving everyone the opportunity to be entertained by Legacy and FJC.
- Our Headmasters, Darrel Webb and Rob Macaulay for their assistance.
- All the parents who volunteered and helped make this an awesome day.

We really appreciate and value your time, hard work, efforts and dedication.

Congratulations to everyone for making it such a fabulous and successful event.

**The St Peter's Parents Association Committee**



**WINTER WARMERS – LUCKY DRAW WINNERS!**



**2019 Winter Warmers**  
Family Fun Day



**Lucky Draw**  
Congratulations

WINNERS

<p><b>10 Tickets to the Barnyard in Rivonia</b> <i>Bonita De Chasteauneuf</i></p> <p><b>Protea Fire &amp; Ice Cape Town R 5 000 - 2 nights stay for 2</b> <i>Lee-Anne Yaman</i></p> <p><b>Land Rover Driving Experience, Talon Chain Saw &amp; a Talon Trimmer</b> <i>Molise Moloi</i></p> <p><b>Spur Mall of Africa R 2 000 Dinner Voucher &amp; Krispy Kreme Treat - 12 original glazed donuts / month for 6 months</b> <i>Carey MacColl</i></p> <p><b>Werner Knuppe Tennis Academy R 1 950 - 1 term's group lesson</b> <i>Terri Barrow</i></p> <p><b>The Garden shop R300 Voucher &amp; Dinner for 2 at Inanda Country Club</b> <i>Hayley Adams</i></p> <p><b>Hajime Judo Academy R 4 000 - judo lessons for a year</b> <i>Elizabeth Mdlalose</i></p> <p><b>SWAT Lasertag Party - for 12 children</b> <i>Sheryn Royce</i></p> <p><b>Land Rover Driving Experience, Talon Chain Saw &amp; a Talon Trimmer</b> <i>Grant Noakes</i></p> <p><b>The Cavern R 5 600 - 2 nights stay for 3</b> <i>Vulani Mabunda</i></p> <p><b>Makalali Private Game Reserve R 17 600 - 2 nights stay for 2</b> <i>Michelle McCullagh</i></p>	           
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