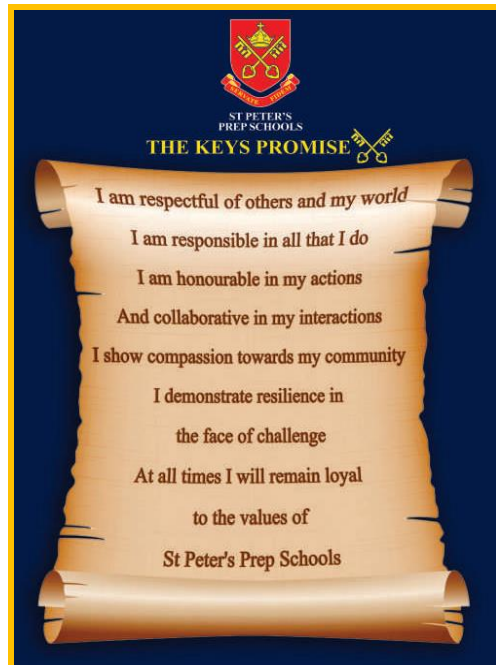




Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am sure that the long weekend attached to Human Rights Day was welcomed by almost everyone and it gave us the opportunity to prepare for the final three weeks of term. As we launch into this busy time that includes the Staff Variety Show, Inter-House Cross-Country and Athletics meetings, Grade 5 – 7 Camps and our Student-Led Conferences, we will all need to take a deep breath and stop to consider how our actions impact the emotions of those around us. A strong theme of both our Assistant Chaplain’s sermon and the messages shared by the boys at the Human Rights Service last week was that we have to remember that attached to rights, is a responsibility to act in such a way as to bring light to the lives of those we encounter. Our ongoing intentional character development programme has sought to expand on these thoughts with the launch of the “Keys Promise” earlier in the week. The promise, which is based on our School Values, appears below. It has been printed on fridge magnets and will be given to parents at the Pupil-Led Conferences or parent-teacher consultations for display in your homes.



As is always the case in values education, the actions of our children are most affected by observation of how the significant adults in their lives behave in various situations. Please may I ask all the adults in the community to look at the Keys Promise, to identify the values and discuss and model how this promise can be lived out in daily life; be it in a school environment such as the carpark, sporting field or social events or as we take our lives out onto the streets, load-shedding and our broader communities. Thank you for your help in bringing both light and salt into our children’s lives.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Have a gloriously salty and sunny week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

THANK YOU

We have had a very busy few weeks and there are a number of people I need to thank:

Dads & Lads Cricket

Thank you to Callan Cronin who co-ordinated this event. Thanks to Stephen Malema and the coaches for assisting, as well as class teachers and Grade 2 parents, who kept us fed on the day. This was a lovely morning of fun and light hearted competition.

Camp Out

This is an event our boys look forward to for weeks before it occurs. Thank you to our CC, volunteers and guards who make every effort to ensure the evening is a success and our children are kept safe.

Grade 0 Grandparents Tea

This really is such a special morning in the JP calendar. From the Chapel Service to the tea and Grade 0 performance, to the time spent in the classroom, our special people are exposed to all their little boys have learnt in their new school environment. I would like to thank the Grade 0 staff and Daniël Rossouw for a lovely morning. Special thanks must be extended to Angela Richardson, Zoe van Onselen and their team for the beautiful hall set up and most enjoyable tea. A morning that will be remembered for years to come.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME

As you are aware, I will be taking leave from the Afterschool Programme during the Trinity and Advent Terms, while I take up the position of Acting Head of the Girls Junior Prep. During this time, Barbie Millar, will take over the management of the Afterschool Programme. She will be assisted by Alicia Shepherd, who is currently doing her Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Mercy Shereni will be taking maternity leave during July and August and the teacher assistants from both the Girls and Boys Junior Prep will assist in the afternoons on a rotational basis. Maggie Molefe and Dorcus Mokgade will be assisting with this transition and I am confident that the children will be in very good hands during my absence. I look forward to being back in January 2020.

Trish Attlee

JP LIBRARY

At no stage can we allow children to be left unsupervised in the JP building. As a result siblings should wait quietly in the library with a responsible adult or in the hall where an afternoon activity is taking place. If older children are waiting for a late class to start they must wait in the designated area at the Senior School before their activity commences.

The reason for this is two-fold, the furniture in the library is very heavy and the children often get over excited which could result in an accident. The other is to protect our large collection of books and ensure they are kept in a good condition. I appeal to our parent body to assist with this policy.

EARLY ARRIVALS

I have noticed a trend of our boys arriving earlier and earlier at school and I do understand that the Fourways traffic is the cause. Please take note, however, that teaching staff are only officially on duty from **7:00**. Teachers who arrive earlier are there to prepare their class for the day and complete admin.

GRADE 0 MOBILE INCUBATOR

On Tuesday the incubator will be placed in our Grade 0 entrance. This leads to much discussion as to which egg will hatch first. At the end of the process our Grade 0 boys get to interact with the baby chicks and learn about their life cycle.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: 03 April 13:00-18:00

Next week our first term parent consultations take place. Please ensure you have booked a time slot with your classroom teacher. These consultations are a brief roundup of your son's first term in his grade. Should you require a longer time to meet his teacher please arrange with her.

HOT DOG DAY

The cost of the Hot Dog Day package is R25-00 which includes a hot dog, crisps and a juice. Boys are entitled to one of each and if they do not want to eat it at school they may take it home. No change is given on the morning so please ensure the correct amount of money is sent to school. The money is used for a variety of PA projects around the school, which benefits your family.

Should your son not want to participate in our monthly Hot Dog Day, please send a packed lunch to school instead.

LOOKING AHEAD

Book Week: a detailed letter is attached to this newsletter.

Grade 2 music demonstrations: a letter will be sent via Grade 2 boy post next week.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 1 teacher asked her boys how to pronounce their names and surnames and then asked what they would like to be called at school by teachers and peers. One of the boys said that he would like to be called "Michael Jackson" at school.

I look forward to seeing you at the Staff Variety Show this weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 29 March 19:00 Staff Variety Show
Saturday 30 March 19:00 Staff Variety Show
Monday 01 April
Tuesday 02 April Grade 0 Mobile Incubator
Wednesday 03 April 8:00 Community Partnership - Sefikeng 8:00 Chapel Service (birthdays 01-07 April) 13:00 Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall) 13:00 Parent Consultation Afternoon
Thursday 04 April
Friday 05 April HOT DOG DAY (R25) 19:00 Staff Variety Show
Saturday 06 April 19:00 Staff Variety Show

SECURITY QR CODES

Should you have not received a QR code via your son (to be cut out) for one of your vehicles and have not filled in the google form yet, please use this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/NX1PEDAYmpKMctxR2> to complete your details and we will issue a disc electronically, using your captured email address, once we have updated the database.

Most parents would have received 2 x branded disc holders. Please note that we have allocated 2 x complimentary disc holders per family. If more are required, please obtain holders or stickers (as you would for a car licence disc) from alternative sources. If you have not received a disc holder, please contact Diane Fraser at dfraser@stpeters.co.za.

Thank you for assisting us in making the St Peter's Campus a safer place for your children.

Lance Camphor (Security Manager)

Vijay Maharaj (Campus Deputy Head: Compliance)

SCHOOL SHOP**Winter Uniform**

- We recommend that all new St Peter's pupils start coming in to get their winter uniform requirements for next term.
- All existing pupils must try on their winter uniform and update any items that no longer fit.
- We have scarves and beanies in stock which can be embroidered with your child's full name - R40, as these items often get left lying around.
- We have not been able to get gloves this year so should you see navy gloves whilst out and about, we recommend that you get them.

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

PA NEWS



Nespresso Coffee Machines at Mvukuzane and Gunn Pavilions

Just a reminder that Nespresso coffee machines are available in the Mvukuzane and Gunn Pavilions for parents who would like to enjoy a cup. The cost of the coffee remains at R15 a cup. Please note that this is based on an [honesty](#) system, and payment is via SNAPSCAN ONLY. Instructions are provided next to the Nespresso machines.

Complimentary tea and instant coffee is also available, for your convenience.

Enjoy your coffee!

