



Dear Parents,

Yesterday our Grade 2 boys hosted the Thanksgiving Service. The focus this year was on gratitude.

THANK YOU!

When one looks back at a year that has passed one has to express gratitude for all the people who have touched our lives, appreciate the little moments that have made a difference and recall the lessons we have learnt. For this we give special thanks to teachers, parents and children:

Every parent plays a vital role in the education of their child, it is you who taught first, who creates a partnership with the school and who holds your son in your heart every day as you wave him off to another day in this world.

Today we have some very special parents that we need to thank for always going the extra mile:

- I would like to acknowledge all the moms and dads, who do homework, drive these boys to school, go the extra mile and are their greatest cheerleaders! Thank you!
- The Hot Dog Days have been run effortlessly with the support of *Carolyn Linnell, Paula Norton, Desiree Neil, Sheryn Royce* and *Jayne Napier*, thank you for your efforts and that of your team. PS: We loved dads at Hot Dog Days too!
- No item of clothing would ever find its rightful owner if *Ashleigh Parry, Zuzi Roy, Jo du Toit* and *Nishani Sudhoowa* had not sorted, cleaned out and returned our lost property! Every child owes you.
- To the Grade 2 parents who raised funds for the Leavers Gift, thank you! The funds raised in 2017 and 2018 have been used to create a Games Room for our Junior Prep boys. Under the leadership of *Jayne Napier* I would like to thank this team – *Jacqui Wilson, Michelle Bernhardt, Belinda Gilbert, Lindsay McMurray, Penny Marriott* and *Lindsay Faircliff*.
- The Outreach team has worked tirelessly throughout the year, thank you – especially *Belinda Gilbert, Phetsile Dlamini* and *Deanne Dittberner*.
- This year we formed our own social cohesion team and the first Heritage Day Harvest Table embodied the spirit of this team which strived to create an inclusive and sharing culture – thank you *Busi Mathe, Chetna Daya, Lindsay Anderson, Phetsile Dlamini, Mandy Hugo* and *Nokuthula Dube*.
- I must thank all the class moms who have worked so hard to ensure the school's every need has been met and I have to say you have been an amazing group of moms and we can't do our jobs without you!

In Grade 0:

Paula Norton, Tanya Ingham-Brown, Jessica Barrow, Lindsay McMurray, Joanne Zambelli, Tanya Watson, Dipti Marrie, Mandy Hugo

In Grade 1:

Fiona Lamberti, Jacqui Corbett, Carolyn Linnell, Simone Buckley, Michelle Cameron and Claire Taylor.

In Grade 2:

Natasha Stone, Phetsile Dlamini, Reshni Singh, Nadine Bodley, Linda Aitken and Xaviera Koeberg.

- I would like to thank *Jacqui Wilson* and *Carolyn Linnell* for running the JP CC so efficiently this year. You are incredibly organised, kind and efficient individuals who have made my life so much easier – thank you. *Zoe Van Onselen* and *Angela Richardson*, I look forward to working with you next year.
- All the moms who have come to listen to reading in the morning.
- For all the time and energy offered by PA moms and parents who support the school with functions and fundraising!

Last, but not least, we need to thank our St Peter's boys, they have embraced the ethos of the values and worked hard every day to show respect, behave honourably, demonstrate compassion, work collaboratively, bounce back with

resilience and develop responsibility. I want each and every one of these boys to remember every year:

*Oh, the places you will go St Peter's Boys
Congratulations!
Today is your day,
You're off to great places
You're off and away!
Kid, you will move mountains!
(Dr. Seuss)*

FAREWELL

On Thursday we will be saying farewell to Sandra van Wyk. After five years at St Peter's she will be leaving us to establish the music department at a new school – Curro: Vanderbijl Park. Sandra will be missed by our boys and especially the Grade 2 Choir. During her time at St Peter's Sandra has been involved in many choir performances, school productions and Nativities.

I would like to thank Sandra for her contribution over the years, her determination to continue growing as a music teacher and her joy of music. Sandra will be missed, but I can only wish her success and happiness in her new role.

SPEET WEEK

Today SPEET week commences in the Junior Prep. It is a week of fun and relaxation which gives our boys the opportunity to learn new skills as the school year comes to an end.

Please take note of the following:

- The boys must bring their costumes to school every day.
- All readers and outstanding library books must be returned to school by **Monday, 03 December**.
- School closes at **13:00** daily for boys in Grade 0-2, with the regular waiting class until **14:00**.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: STATIONERY COLLECTION

At the end of each year we ask parents to consider donating stationery their sons have not used to the school. The stationery is sorted and packed for our partner school in 2019. If you are able to assist with this process, please do come in on **Tuesday, 04 December** between **7:30** and **9:00**.

Should you not want to donate your son's stationery please let your Grade 1 and 2 class teacher know by **Friday, 30 November**, via email or a note. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE

On Wednesday, 05 December, at 8:00 we will have our Christmas Chapel Service. Please do join us if you can. At this service we will celebrate all the December birthdays and say farewell to Sandra van Wyk, some interns and the boys who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

END OF TERM: THURSDAY, 06 DECEMBER

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another academic year! Even some of the boys are saying they can't believe it is nearly Christmas.

The second semester reports will go home today. Signing these reports has once again brought to my attention just how far our boys have come in the past twelve months. I want to congratulate every one of them on their character development and for embracing our values of **respect, honourability, collaboration, resilience, compassion** and **responsibility**. The effort they put into their school day and the enjoyment many of them have developed for learning are commendable.

As always school will close early on Thursday; there will be a waiting class available until **11:00**. Please take note of the closing times:

Grade 0: 10:00
Grade 1: 10:15
Grade 2: 10:30

GOLDEN MOMENT

When asked about his year, a Grade 0 boy said: "I have learnt a lot in Grade 0 this year, but next year in Grade 1 I need to get ready for university!"

I look forward to our Grade 2 choir performing at the Sunset Carols on Saturday.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 01 December	
14:00	Christmas Market
18:00	Sunset Carols
Monday 03 December	
SPEET Week	
Tuesday 04 December	
7:30	Community Partnership stationery collection
SPEET Week	
Wednesday 05 December	
8:00	Christmas Chapel Service (all December birthdays)
8:30	Boys meet their 2019 teacher
SPEET Week	
No Choir	
Thursday 06 December	
Reports go home	
End of term:	
10:00	Grade 0
10:15	Grade 1
10:30	Grade 2

SUNSET CAROLS – THIS SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2018>



The stage is up, the choirs are ready and the market vendors are preparing their fabulous goods and food - Sunset Carols 2018 is nearly here!

Tickets are available on Tixsa (bit.ly/SunsetCarols) or at the event from 15:00 when the market opens right up until the start of the Carols at 18:00. The ticket sales are cashless, we will only be accepting SnapScan and credit card payments.

You can collect your wristbands in the schools' parking lots again on Friday from 07:00-08:00, or at the entrances on Saturday. (You need your Tixsa QR code to collect them.) Remember to put your armbands on before you come to speed up your entrance into the event.



SECOND HAND SHOP

The Second Hand Shop will be open 08:00 to 12:00 on Monday, 14 January.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Our world is not really different to the world 2000 years ago. When Jesus came to earth there was corruption, extreme poverty, segregation, economic disparity and a disregard for human life. Well you see, not much has changed. The important thing for us to remember is this: Christ came into a broken world for broken people so that we can experience healing. Our lives might be broken and filled with hurt, but Christ enters this hurt to heal us. The name used for Jesus was Emmanuel, which means, God with us. Christ came as the light, that in our deepest darkness He will be with us. If you only do one thing this Christmas let it be this, remember that Christmas is about Hope. We never have to despair with Jesus in our world.

So may Santa be nice to you and the elves spoil you, and may you all have a Merry Little Christmas.
All my love and blessings.

Fr Richard



ALL THE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BOXES UNDER THE TREES!
THANK YOU ST PETER'S FAMILY

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS for 2019

To sign up for individual music instrumental lessons, please click on the link below. This will take you to the St Peter's Website which will give you more information as to what is on offer. You will be able to click on the Google form link which will take you to the Music Application form.

The Music application forms for Boy JP and Boys SP can also be found on the **Communicator St Peter's** under **Resources/ BOYS MUSIC**.

BOYS JUNIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-jp-cultural?prep_type=jp

BOYS SENIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-sp-cultural?prep_type=sp

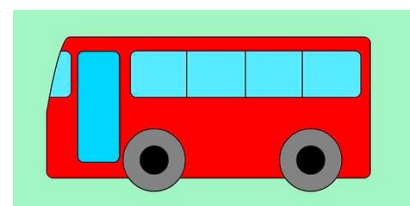
MORNING BUSES – Updated Information and Route Change

Until the end of the year, students may use the bus service on a pay per ride basis.

The Bus Route in the Lonehill area has changed.

Take note of the details below.

First pick up is from Fourways Gardens in the Spar parking lot on Uranium. Time: 6:20 to leave at 6:30. The bus will continue to the Lonehill Fire station, arrive 6:35 to leave at 6:40.



The Kyalami Bus runs from the Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre, next to the KFC. Time: 6:25 to leave at 6:30.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus route, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found on the Communicator and return this to the school.

Reception@stpeters.co.za.

PA NEWS

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP IN 2019?

St Peter's is proud to have a thriving Parents Association and parent body who are always willing to assist in organising and participating in the various PA and school events.

Should you wish to volunteer for a school or PA initiative next year please click on the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qxKDr35N8hpGNuRp1>

We look forward to hearing from you.

St Peter's Prep Schools PA

