



Dear Parents,

#### **CELEBRATING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Next week, Wednesday, 05 June is World Environment Day and all Junior Prep boys will be learning about how they can take responsibility for our world.

On Monday morning during Prayers, Lee-Ann Pickering will be discussing the impact man has on our environment. The boys will be taught how to make an **Ecobrick** using a 2ℓ bottle (see below for instructions). They will be given the challenge of making an Ecobrick as a class, as well as at home. This challenge will continue until the end of term.

Later in the day the boys will be attending a puppet show entitled "Our World, Our Responsibility" from which they will learn you are never too young to look after our beautiful world and will be given some ideas on the difference they can make.

Wednesday's classes will take place outdoors, using nature as our teaching tools. Boys will also be exposed to the world of owls and the important role these birds play in our Eco-System. Over time our boys will discover for themselves the impact owls have on ecology.

I have no doubt our boys are going to enjoy the week ahead and come home with many new ideas and an awareness of our environment.

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it"*  
*Robert Swan*

#### **ECOBICKS**

Ecobricks are plastic bottles, packed with non-recyclable plastic to a set density to create a reusable building block. Ecobricks are used to make modular furniture, garden spaces and full-scale buildings such as schools and houses. An Ecobrick is made of a plastic bottle which has non-recyclable plastic waste compressed inside it. Generally, a stick is used to stuff the rinsed and dried bottle densely, layer by layer, with non-biodegradable waste.

Each class will be making an Ecobrick. For the duration of the term, they will be collecting plastic waste from their lunch boxes to help build their class Ecobricks after each break. The boys will also be encouraged to make Ecobricks at home and bring the completed bricks to school, where their name will be entered into a lucky draw. Please note that the Ecobrick is considered full, when it weighs between 400-600g.

Some items that could go into an Ecobrick: cling wrap, straws, chip packets, yoghurt tub lids, cellophane etc.

We are very excited by this project and hope that you will encourage and assist your son with completing an Ecobrick.



#### **STAFF NEWS**

Friday is Tiffany Koch's last day with us for the rest of the year. Her baby boy is due at the end of June and we wish her much joy and happiness as she embarks on the journey of motherhood. I know the boys will miss her.

Debby Jameson, who is becoming a familiar face at St Peter's, will be stepping into Tiffany's shoes. Debby has been a locum Grade 1 teacher at the Girls School since January. She also taught Grade 2 at the Boys JP during the Third Term last year. I am delighted to be welcoming Debby back to the Junior Prep and know that Grade 1K will continue to flourish in her care.

### **GRADE 2 TAG RUGBY**

Tomorrow **Friday, 31 May**, our Grade 2 boys will be playing their first tag rugby matches against St Stithians. They are extremely excited and I am looking forward to watching them play. The Grade 2 parents will be running a "tuck shop" at this event, providing refreshments for the spectators – please do support them.

Good luck to our Grade 2 boys – enjoy the game and embrace the ethos of sportsmanship.

### **Tag Rugby vs The Ridge**

A detailed letter will be sent to all Grade 2 parents tomorrow regarding the tag rugby fixture against The Ridge at The Ridge on **Friday, 07 June**. Grade 2 parents please click on the link in the letter and complete the google form to inform me whether your son will be picked up at The Ridge or will be returning to St Peter's on the school bus. Please ensure that the google form is completed and returned by **Wednesday, 05 June**. Thank you.

**Callan Cronin:** (HOD JP Sport)

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Winter months in Johannesburg means "layering" as we dress for the changing weather. Please could I appeal to all parents to ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly marked. It is essential that both the child's name and surname is visible to assist our ladies who work at returning lost property to its rightful owner. Unfortunately, lost property tends to "pile up" in the winter months.

Please also check your sons' school clothes at least once a week as often boys bring home an item that does not belong to them which subsequently lands up in a cupboard. Please do return these clothes should this happen in your household. Thank you.

### **"BIRDS AND BEES" – 13 JUNE**

Wendy Wentzel, our Educational Psychologist, will be giving a talk to parents on "The Birds and the Bees" on **13 June at 07:30** in the Girls JP Hall. On request of parents, we are repeating this talk – as it is a relevant and applicable topic. Please diarise this date and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

### **INSPIRING PARENTS**

Sally Thorpe is well known in coaching both parents and their children to build confidence, find self-esteem and boost resilience. She is planning and preparing a new model to her existing repertoire called "Inspired Parents." Sally has approached St Peter's Boys JP to offer this course to a few families within our school community at a reduced cost. The course will cost R250 per person to cover material and course costs. There will be 3 x 2 hour sessions on a Tuesday evening from 18:30 to 20:30 at St Peter's Junior Prep.

The outcomes of this interventional approach towards parenting are as follows:

- Helps you live and parent meaningfully.
- Establishes a foundation that sets your child on the path to finding his own life meaning.
- Demonstrates ways to engage with values as a source of parenting.
- Assists in defining your family's meaning and mission statement.

Should you wish to be part of this journey and build your family, please contact me via email to secure your place. This will be on a first come basis: [kmelvillsmith@stpeters.co.za](mailto:kmelvillsmith@stpeters.co.za)

### **GOLDEN MOMENT**

A Grade 1 boy told me that when he puts a gum guard in his mouth, it feels like he has squished a whole orange in!

Stay warm this weekend and enjoy time together as a family.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Friday 31 May</b>	
11:30	Grade 2 Coffee with Head (JP staffroom)
13:00	Grade 2 Tag Rugby vs St Stithians at St Peter's
<b>Monday 03 June</b>	
7:30	Eco Prayers
8:30	Puppet Show "Our World, Our Responsibility"
<b>Tuesday 04 June</b>	
18:30	My Story – JP Girls Hall
<b>Wednesday 05 June</b>	
<b>World Environment Day &amp; Grade 0 Pirate Day</b>	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays 03-09 June)
8:30	Sefikeng Community Partnership Outdoor Classroom Owl Demonstration
13:00	Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
<b>Thursday 06 June</b>	
	IQAA visit to school
<b>Friday 07 June</b>	
13:00	Grade 2 Tag Rugby vs The Ridge at The Ridge

**CHAPEL COLLECTION**

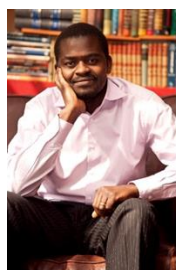
The Chapel collection for the first term has gone to an organisation called the Door of Hope. This is a faith-based ministry established in 1999 and is a home for abandoned and unwanted babies. This organisation has a 'baby box' built into a church wall, where mothers can safely place their babies, if they are unable to keep them. The Door of Hope are also sent babies from the police, hospitals and Child protection agencies. Since it started, the Door of Hope have saved close to 1700 babies. The babies are able to stay there until they are adopted, reunited or placed into long term foster care.

Blessings

**Kamohelo Kotsi** (Chaplain Assistant)

**PA NEWS****MY STORY – 4 JUNE**

We invite all parents to attend the MY STORY evening, to hear Frank's Story.



In 1992, Frank was homeless, broke, unemployed and separated from his family, trying to get a job and earn a living in Johannesburg coming from Port Elizabeth. His is a remarkable story of how, through the social activism, in particular two women who supported him, he was able to live up to his personal goals and vision.

His first breakthrough was selling fruit and vegetables in downtown Johannesburg, Frank "beat the odds" and "escaped" homelessness. Then he embarked on studying (BSc, BSc Hons and MSc degrees) and this paved the way for his illustrious corporate career in the financial services sector in SA that included various Executive positions. One of his greatest highlights was in 2013 attending and completing the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School. Today he is recognised as an entrepreneur, financial wellness expert, philanthropist and business speaker. He is also reading for his doctorate in financial planning at Kansas State University.

Frank's story is about overcoming obstacles, the power of choices, and the power of purpose in life.

All parents are invited, please join us:

**Date: Tuesday, 4 June**

**Time: 18:30 – 20:00**

**Venue: St Peter's Girls Junior Prep**

**WINTER WARMERS**

ST PETER'S  
PREP SCHOOLS

# 2019 Winter Warmers

## Family Fun Day

Live music & a warm winter afternoon together  
featuring  
**SIMPLY FOR**  
and various musical talents  
from our very own St Peter's community

## Inflatables Play Area

Date: Sat 22 June 11:00 to 17:00  
Venue: Mvukuzane Field, St Peter's Prep  
Look out for the TIXSA booking link to follow

**Exciting News!**

Makro has launched a new programme and is inviting our parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning **mRewards** on your Makro purchases - **at any Makro store!**

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 [annedp@live.com](mailto:annedp@live.com)



Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use the **mCard App**. You are also able to track your **mRewards** on the **mCard App**.



## MAKRO IS LAUNCHING A NEW AND EXCITING EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN 2019.

Our promise of saving customers time and money is made real with **m=Educ8**. And, our goal is to make a difference in helping people fulfill their potential and realise their aspirations.

**We are calling this programme:** **m=Educ8**


### How it works

Each parent simply needs to download the Makro mCard app on their mobile phones, and then, in an instant, sign up to the **m=Educ8** programme. Once they sign up, parents are ready to earn rewards for their school, while also earning all their usual mRewards.

For every R1000 spent by the parents, the educational institution will earn R5 (earnings applicable from R1).


This means that in a school with say, 1 500 pupils, and a spend of R1 000 per parent per month (assuming only one of the parents spends per family), the school can earn a very healthy R90 000 per annum.

*Ts and Cs apply.*




### STEP 1

Open the mCard app (Download it here if you don't already have it)




### STEP 2

Click the **m=Educ8** banner on the home screen to link to your school.



### STEP 3


Select your school's region and then type in the first few letters of the school name in the search bar. Once you've found your school, link it.



**ST PETERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL**


### STEP 4

The Home screen will show you are linked. Start supporting your school with your Makro shopping. You can update your preferences in "MORE".



### STEP 5

You can delink from a school and/or change schools at any time



- On the 31st of December of every year all the school/parent links will be removed and parents will need to sign up again in the new school year.
- Important note:** When linked to a school, users can still earn mRewards as normal
- Problems linking to your school?** Parents who already receive preferential prices will not be able to link to a school. If you're not sure if this applies to you, give us a call on 0860 300 999.
- Can't find your school?** They may not be signed up yet. Please encourage your school head to sign up to the programme by completing the authorization form on our website. <https://www.makro.co.za/makstorefront/m-educ8>
- Terms and conditions apply. Visit [www.makro.co.za](http://www.makro.co.za)