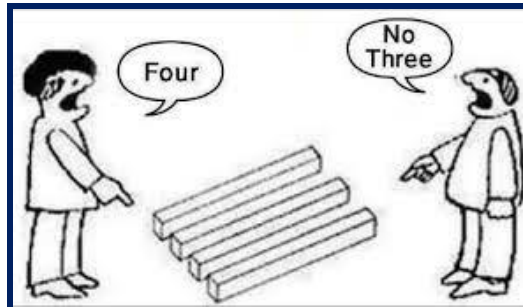




Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Perspective can change everything. I am sure that you have seen pictures like the one below and have experienced how different people see different things, based on how they focus on various colour and pattern combinations and their point of departure.



Social circumstances in which we are required to stop and consider another person's point of view, occur regularly in our society. In South Africa, these different points of departure and focus are particularly prevalent as we negotiate our growth from a society in which segregation was litigated to one that is crying out for greater inclusivity. At the beginning of the term, the staff enjoyed a wonderful Professional Development session with Roy Gluckman, a qualified attorney of the High Court of South Africa and the CEO of *Cohesion Collect*. Darrel Webb, the Girls Prep Headmaster, highlighted a number of pertinent issues in the Girls Newsletter last week. With Darrel's permission, I have attached a link for you should you like to read the article. https://www.stpeters.co.za/uploads/girls_files/24_January_2019_Newsletter.pdf

Of particular interest to me, however, was how Roy stressed the need for us to be prepared to both express our views and to listen to the views of others if we are to journey successfully together. As part of our thinking skills programme, the boys are introduced to the De Bono CoRT thinking tools. These tools, and particularly the OPV (Other People's Views), are very useful in making one pause and to think intentionally about something before reacting. The key to this type of thinking is that, while my beliefs are mine and may seem perfectly legitimate from my point of view, yours are equally important and must be considered when we make decisions together. In this way we may, at best, achieve a better solution to the challenge derived from a combination of ideas, or, at worst, promote (albeit a grudging) understanding of why our peers see things differently.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

JP PICNIC

Thank you to the many families who attended our JP Picnic on Friday. It was sad the weather did not play along, but a number of families spent time together in Keys Pavilion or on the JP Girls School corridors.

SEFIKENG – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

This morning we hosted a coffee morning for volunteers to assist with our reading programme at Sefikeng. Anyone can, however, volunteer their time or expertise to this initiative. As a community St Peter's has committed to changing lives at this school in an integrated and deliberate approach, which will include our pupils, interns, staff and parents. Please read the attached letter to see how you can make a difference.

JUNIOR PREP PARKING

Parking in the early morning and pick up time is no longer available on Somerset Field. The field will only be open for parking at special events going forward. Parents are asked to please park in the designated areas ie along the Somerset

fence or on the outside area of the shaded parking; as well as the bays outside the JP building.

Parents of older boys are encouraged to use the drop and go facility at the front door.

To ensure ease of traffic flow we ask that parents do not take up a parking bay for any length of time at drop off and pick up time. Our boys are encouraged to enter the building as follows:

- Grade 0 – through the door on Somerset Field.
- Grade 1 – down the external stairs and enter classrooms from their outside door.
- Grade 2 – down the ramp and enter the school through the Library door.

EXTRA COST ACTIVITIES

All communication regarding extra cost activities needs to be directed through the relevant coach. St Peter's hosts the extra cost extra murals by providing a venue for these activities.

The various coaches know to fetch boys from Waiting Class at the start time of each activity. It is their responsibility to ensure boys attend their sessions. At the end of a session they are required to wait until all boys have been collected and walk the Aftercare boys to the venue.

Teachers will ensure boys have changed for the various extra cost extra murals before they leave for Waiting Class each day.

Parents please use your morning travel time to reassure your sons of the after school arrangements as this will help them to feel secure.

JP LIBRARY

We are extremely proud of our Library in the JP Boys School, but often need to remind boys that this is not a play area. In the morning, before school, boys are encouraged to go outside and play – getting rid of energy before the school day commences. Similarly, after school, our boys must be in the Waiting Class to ensure they are collected for extra murals, aftercare, by transport companies or yourselves.

We have parents and homework facilitators who use our Library in the afternoon to complete homework while waiting for older siblings. Often this is disrupted by boys waiting for an extra mural, which is not conducive to studies. If you do make use of this facility please ensure that it is treated with respect.

ACCESS DISCS

Please could I ask all families to ensure that they have sent the licence plate numbers of anyone who collects their child to their class teachers by **Monday, 04 February**. It is imperative that we receive this information so that the process of generating an access code for each family can be completed.

MEDICAL versus NON MEDICAL TREATMENT OF ADD

Professor André Venter will present his annual evening talk at Bellavista School on **Wednesday, 27 February** from **18:30-20:00**. The cost is R150 per person. I would recommend that any parent with a child who has been diagnosed with ADD, or thinks their child has ADD, attend a talk presented by Professor Venter. Booking is essential, so if you are interested please book: www.bellavistashare.org.za/book.

TIME2READ COFFEE MORNING

Parents are invited to attend our Time2Read Coffee Morning on **Thursday, 07 February** from **7:30-8:30**. Due to a clash on the calendar this event has been moved to the **Junior Prep Girls Hall**.

This talk explains our reading and phonics approach at St Peter's Prep School. It is beneficial to new parents as well as any parent who would like a refresher.

Coffee mornings are scheduled for early morning at drop off to assist parents who work and want to attend, so please do join us if you can.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The annual individual and class photographs will take place next week. Please could all boys wear their summer khaki uniform with the correct shoes for these photographs. It is essential that our boys are well groomed for these photographs, as they are used in the school magazine as well as providing you with a yearly update through your sons' years of schooling.

The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, 07 February: Grades 0F, 0S and Grade 1 boys**
- **Friday, 08 February: Grades 0M, 0H and Grade 2 boys**

GOLDEN MOMENT

The Grade 0F Intern, Chenepe Thage, has asked the boys to call him Mr T. They so enjoy their interactions with him that they have taken to calling Mrs Fietze, Mr F!

I will be away on Strat Planning from 04-06 February.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 04 February	
Tuesday 05 February	
Wednesday 06 February	
8:00	Chapel (birthdays from 04-10 February)
13:00	Grade 2 Choir (Dodson Hall)
Thursday 07 February	
7:30	Coffee Morning: Time2Read (JP Girls Hall) Grades 0F, 0S and Grade 1 photographs
Friday 08 February	
Grades 0M, 0H and Grade 2 photographs	

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT—GIRLS JUNIOR PREP

As you will know, Heather Kissack (Head of Girls JP) leaves us at the end of this term to take up her new position as Head of Redhill Prep School.

We have been working on finding the correct person, as a temporary replacement for her, until the end of this year. This will afford us the time to perform a thorough process of interviewing for a new Head of the Girls Junior Prep.

I am delighted to inform you that Trish Attlee, the founding Head of the Girls Prep School, has agreed to take on this temporary position from May until the end of 2019!

We will be announcing a replacement for Trish (for this limited period), in the Afterschool Programme facility, shortly.

Darrel Webb (Headmaster: Girls Prep)

PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the boys on various platforms. They may be published in the newspaper, in a school magazine, on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, on the Communicator St Peter's Gallery or on our website/online.

If you **DO NOT** wish to allow us to use photos of you or your son in the media, please inform Diane Fraser, in writing, at

dfraser@gmail.com

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

OLD BOYS NEWS

St Stithians

Cameron Robertson - 1st in Grade 9 2018

St John's

Konke Kubheka - 8 Distinction for Matric 2018



Cameron Robertson



Konke Kubheka
8 DISTINCTIONS

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