



SENIOR PREP

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our year has started with an incredible feeling of positiveness and I would like to thank the parents, boys and teachers for their enthusiasm. As I write this article, we only have one Parent Information Evening left. Thank you to all the parents who have attended these briefings. Hopefully you have a better insight into what your son's school day will entail in 2017 and also better knowledge about our whole-school initiatives.

Sports trials have been taking place over the past week and the first round of cricket and basketball matches take place on Saturday. We really encourage parents to attend these matches and support the boys. Please remember, however, that your role is as supporter and motivator. While you may have some tips for your son regarding his performance, always ensure that the joy of the game and how much you enjoyed being able to watch, is the main focus of the "car chat" on the way home.

This morning Father Richard spoke to the boys about the importance of adopting an attitude of "I can" rather than "I can't." Expanding on this thought, I would like to encourage our entire community to adopt the phrase "Yes we can," which I accredited to the former US president during my talk, but was quickly reminded that it actually originated with "Bob the Builder." Let us support each other, encourage all St Peter's boys and families to achieve their goals and remember that with the combined efforts of every member of our community, our boys will not only enjoy success in their development but, of equal importance, will have fun as they get there.

Have a wonderful week.

Rob Macaulay

WELCOME

We welcome the following new boys and their families to the St Peter's Family.

Grade 3

Maesela Russon
Connor Noakes
Ryan Dent
James Wolpe

Grade 4

Ndivho Phalandwa
Simon Less
Aidan Kloppers

Grade 5

Mahlatse Pela
Percy Hudson

Grade 6

Dimitri Hadjidemetriou

Grade 7Jordan Davidson
Craig Plumb**DIVERSITY: CHINESE NEW YEAR**

The 2017 Chinese New Year begins on 28 January. The celebrations will start on 27 January, New Year's Eve, and continue until 2 February. The global celebrations are an explosion of light and sound involving bell ringing, lighting firecrackers and watching traditional lion dances. Chinese families gather for a reunion dinner on New Year's Eve, clean their houses to sweep away bad fortune on New Year's Day. Traditionally, children would be given red envelopes stuffed with 'lucky money' and positive wishes on New Year's Day. Some teens now have red envelope apps, so their relatives can transfer cash digitally.



This year is the Year of the Rooster. Roosters are known for being trustworthy, punctual and responsible (especially at work). Roosters are also active, amusing, popular, healthy, outspoken, honest, loyal, talkative and charming. Famous faces born in the Year of the Rooster include Prince Philip, Serena Williams, Beyonce and Roger Federer.

St Peter's wishes our Chinese families and friends a blissful New Year.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

CAR SECURITY STICKERS

Thank you to the majority of parents who have placed the new, yellow, 2017 security stickers on their cars. It makes the gate guards jobs so much easier and in turn makes for a safer school campus for the children.

This is a reminder to those parents who have not put the new sticker on their cars to do so please. The stickers were distributed with the December 2016 reports and new parents received theirs in their welcome packs. If however, you still need a sticker, they are available at the reception areas and you will be required to sign for them.

PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the boys. They may be published in the newspaper, in a magazine, on Facebook, on the d6 Communicator Gallery or on our website/on-line. 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@stpeters.co.za

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

LEAVING ST PETER'S?

A reminder that a terms notice is required should you be leaving St Peter's. Kindly send an email to the Head informing him of your notice. This is essential in order to qualify for refunding of your deposit.

Kelly Bongers (Admissions Officer)

CHAPEL COLLECTION – EASTER TERM

Chapel collection this term will be going towards supporting Rainbows and Smiles. Rainbows and Smiles is a community-based, charitable foundation, dedicated to providing emotional, social and financial support to children diagnosed with cancer or a life-threatening illness, their families and caregivers.

Blessings

Kamohelo Kotsi (Chaplain Assistant)

PA NEWS

On behalf of the St Peter's Parents Association, a belated welcome back to school (or to the school if you are a new parent). 2017 will be an exciting and fun year and we look forward to seeing you all at the many events planned for the year. Not least of these is the famed St Peter's Staff Variety Show which takes place in March/April. Make sure you save the date as this is an event not to be missed!

We are sad to say goodbye to our Joint PA Chair, **Cindy Wannell**, who stepped down from the PA at the end of 2016. Cindy served on the PA for many years, being a long standing member of the Girls Prep PA, as the My School representative and later as the Chair. She was instrumental in combining the two parent bodies and served as Joint Chair, originally with Steve du Toit and last year alongside Robyn Doak. The PA would like to thank Cindy for her many years of service - her valuable input will be sorely missed.

The St Peter's Parents Association is proud to announce the appointment of **Malope Mabizela** as Joint Chair. Malope will be working with Robyn Doak and will be the Girls Prep representative on the PA and on Council. Robyn Doak will continue to represent the Boys Prep on both the PA and Council.

Malope has been a parent at the school since 2011 and has been active on a number of levels. She has served as a class mom and as the Girls Prep EC rep for two years. Currently she is a Trustee for the St Peter's Foundation and sits on the Transformation Committee. She is a qualified CA and started her career at KPMG, subsequently worked for ABSA Corporate and Merchant Bank and recently worked at Joe Public as a Financial Manager.

Malope has three children at St Peter's, a son in Grade 6, a daughter in Grade 5 and another son in Grade 2.

REMINDER: TOMORROW IS HOT DOG DAY



THE PRICE HAS INCREASED TO - R25

Comprised of the following:

Hot Dog R10


Drinks R10

Chips R5



CIVVIES DAY ON HOT DOG DAY

For the privilege of wearing civvies, please could each child bring in a bag/tin of pet food for charity.

YEAR OF THE WOMAN – EVENT ON SATURDAY, 4 FEBRUARY


*Invitation to St Peter's
Year of the Woman -
Interactive Sharing Morning*

DATE: Saturday, 4 February
 TIME: 08:30 for 09:00 to 12:00
 VENUE: Royce Hall
 RSVP: yearofwoman@stpeters.co.za
Note: Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

*Come early to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee,
with a light finger brunch later in the morning*

PLEASE RSVP BY LATEST TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY FOR CATERING PURPOSES

If you are experiencing a problem RSVPing to the email address on the invitation, please RSVP using this alternative email address: cduplessis@stpeters.co.za.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	27/01/2017	27/01/2017			HOT DOG AND CIVVIES DAY (R25)
Friday	27/01/2017	27/01/2017	14:00:00		Final Swimming Trials (U9, U10, U11)
Saturday	28/01/2017	28/01/2017	08:30:00		Cricket vs WHPS
Saturday	28/01/2017	28/01/2017	08:30:00		Basketball Matches vs St Stithians
Monday	30/01/2017	30/01/2017	14:00:00		U10 Cricket vs St David's
Monday	30/01/2017	30/01/2017			Final Swimming Trials (U12 and Opens)
Tuesday	31/01/2017	31/01/2017	14:00:00		St Andrew's presentation to Grade 6
Tuesday	31/01/2017	31/01/2017	14:00:00		U11 Cricket vs St David's
Wednesday	01/02/2017	01/02/2017	08:00:00	10:00:00	Grade 7 Study Skills Course
Wednesday	01/02/2017	01/02/2017			Week 2 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	01/02/2017	01/02/2017	14:00:00		Open Cricket vs St David's
Wednesday	01/02/2017	01/02/2017	18:30:00		PA Meeting
Thursday	02/02/2017	02/02/2017	07:30:00		General Assembly
Thursday	02/02/2017	02/02/2017			Grade 3SC Sandwich Making
Thursday	02/02/2017	02/02/2017			Water polo vs St David's and The Ridge
Friday	03/02/2017	03/02/2017	14:00:00		DPHS - Golf, Cricket, Water polo Festival
Friday	03/02/2017	03/02/2017	14:00:00		Swimming Gala
Saturday	04/02/2017	04/02/2017	08:30:00	12:00:00	YEAR OF THE WOMAN EVENT
Saturday	04/02/2017	04/02/2017	08:30:00		Cricket vs St David's
Saturday	04/02/2017	04/02/2017	08:30:00		Basketball Matches vs St John's
Saturday	04/02/2017	04/02/2017			U11 AISJ Basketball Tournament

**PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY SPORTS NOTICE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND NEWS ON SPORTS
FIXTURES AND VENUES**

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS IS WEDNESDAY, 17:00