



SENIOR PREP

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Academic success

Our 2011 leaver group did us proud in the matriculation exams, garnering a total of 125 distinctions. In the following configuration:

- 1 distinction – 17 boys
- 2 distinctions – 2 boys
- 3 distinctions – 5 boys
- 4 distinctions – 3 boys
- 5 distinctions – 7 boys
- 6 distinctions – 2 boys
- 7 distinctions – 2 boys
- 8 distinctions – 2 boys

We are especially delighted with their results given that it has never been school policy to select boys only on academic ability at entry. We do not need for our Old Boys and Girls to become famous public figures. Our only hope for each child that passes through our school is that, as adults, they are contributing citizens, wonderful parents and the best that they can be in any career they choose, hopefully bettering the lives of those around them.

Our first crop of girl leavers matriculates this year. I have no doubt they will do us equally proud!

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at (dradloff@stpeters.co.za)

Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent in the Anglican Church Year. Lent lasts for 46 days in the lead up to Easter Day, when we celebrate the rising of Jesus Christ from the tomb after His crucifixion. During Lent we typically try to give up something we enjoy doing and/or take up a practice that will help us to reflect on our Christian life. Sundays during Lent are regarded as "mini-Easters" and we are free from these undertakings on these days. Thus, the actual number of Lenten days is 40. Father Richard's sermon yesterday reflected on the similarity of the ashes after a fynbos fire, which is essential for some of the plant seeds to germinate and begin new life, and the Lenten ashes. During this time we are prepared for a fresh, new Christian life after the festival of Easter. Please discuss this concept with your sons if they mention yesterday's service. I am sure that Father Richard will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the Easter Season.

He can be contacted on fatherrichard@stpeters.co.za.

This has been a busy week for the school and we have been happy to welcome visitors from the International School of Lusaka, who came to observe our educational practices and share their knowledge with our staff. In

In addition, we are hosting the Anglican Board of Education of Southern African Schools conference on Thursday and Friday. These links with other African schools form an important aspect of the St Peter's growth mindset strategic imperative and we find that we always come away richer from our interaction.

I wish the St Peter's community a meaningful time of Lent and a happy week ahead.

Rob Macaulay



INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP GALAS

The Intermediate and Senior Inter-House championship galas will take place on Friday, 10 March.

Boys are to wear: house shirt, blue shorts and slops or white socks and white takkies to school.

Grade 3s and 4s will have a normal academic day until 10:00.

Intermediate Gala (U9's and U10's) 11:00 to 12:30 – boys may then go home.

Grades 5, 6 and 7 will have a normal academic day until 12:30.

Senior Gala (U11's, U12's and Opens) 13:30 to 15:30 – boys may then go home.

Pupils may not leave until the end of the prize giving for their gala.

Pupils are required to wear either a plain black speedo costume or the school team costume. Please ensure that your son has the correct costume.

Requests for permission to be excused from swimming in and/or attending the gala should have been received by the relevant Housemaster by Friday, 17 February.

Mike Mitchley (MIC Swimming)

YEAR OR THE WOMAN

Prof. Carol-Ann Benn addressed the parents on breast cancer in the Royce Hall last week. This was an informative talk focusing on screening, early detection, treatment and living with cancer. She encouraged conversation with our girls, family members, nannies, domestics and work mates. Mammograms and regular checks are important. Medical aid members should make their annual visits to hospitals of their choice. Helen Joseph Hospital does not turn away non-medical aid members.



The Year of the Woman (YOW) steering committee thanks Colleen Hayward-Butt for arranging the talk that left us positive and hopeful!

**MAKE-UP REQUIRED**

It is Staff Variety Show time and we want to look fabulous for you! If any parents have make-up that they do not use or have a connection to a make-up house for discounted goods, please could you donate or contact Sister Gail Brent. Boys can deliver any donations to her.

LATEST EDITION OF AWSUM NEWSPAPER

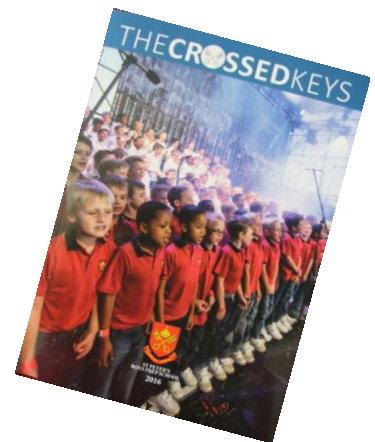
We are on page 6: https://issuu.com/tiemedi/docs/johannesburg_february_primary_hi

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Your son should have brought home a School Magazine. The cost is R165 and will be debited to your account.

If you do not want the magazine, please return it to either Boys SP or JP Reception areas by tomorrow – Friday 03 March, together with a slip of paper with your son's full name and class.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)



REMINDER: SHOE DRIVE FOR DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

When interacting with the children from DCS, we often notice the poor condition of their school shoes. For this cause, please consider donating your son's outgrown school shoes or takkies. We have placed permanent collection boxes in the Junior Prep and Senior Prep reception areas as this will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION

"Give a gift, change the future"

Adopt a School: Diepsloot Combined

What a wonderful start to the year with many new enthusiastic volunteers - our literacy programme continues to strengthen! A huge thank you to the families who also contribute financially, all initiatives need time and money, and we are grateful to you for both.

**Tax-year end**

A huge thank you to those who heeded our call to donate any unspent CSI funding, we appreciate your contribution!

Monica Sloane (Foundation Manager)

OLD BOYS NEWS**Michaelhouse**

Ben Lister took the U14 age group gold medal at the recent Inter-House gala. He also won the Junior Individual Medley trophy.

REMINDER: ST PETER'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, 11 MARCH 08:30

Click here to RSVP and book your seat online:

<http://www.stpeters.co.za/college/content/page/college-open-day>

STAFF VARIETY SHOW!

It's the greatest show of the year

Let's 'bout it

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Price: R300 per head
down by R50 
(Incl dinner & show)

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2017 STAFF VARIETY SHOW

Get your table of 10 together or we will find you a spot

Show dates: 24 or 25 MARCH /
31 MARCH or 1 APRIL

Booking procedure:
Send a booking request to
svs@stpeters.co.za on
Friday, 3 March at 08:00.
Tickets will be allocated on a 'first
come, first served' basis.

Email your name, the names of those on
your table, preferred date and second
choice date to the email address
provided.

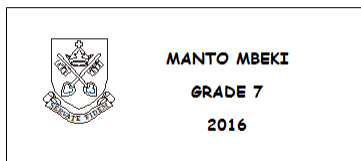
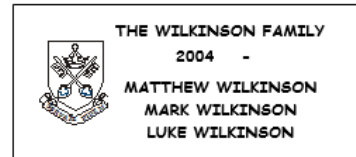
You will be notified by Monday, 6 March if
your booking has been successful.
Payment in full will be required by
Tuesday, 7 March to secure, else the
table will be reallocated to the next
person on the waiting list.

PA NEWS**PAVER PLAQUES**

A PAVER PLAQUE is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please contact Leonia West-Russell on Leonia@imagnet.co.za or download the order form from the Communicator under Resources/GIRLS/BOYS PA information.

Plaque designs available to are order:

CURRENT PUPIL:**LEAVERS' 2015:****FAMILY PLAQUES:****PA AGM – WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH**

Please note that Notice of PA AGM and Proxy Forms have been emailed to all parents. They can also be found on the Communicator St Peter's under Resources/BOYS/GIRLS PA.



****SUPPORT GR 7 GIRLS FUNDRAISING****

Moms and Dads can order flowers from the Gr7 Committee for **FREE** delivery to the Girls Senior Prep Reception.

- Place your order by Tuesday for delivery by Friday.
- A bunch of flowers will cost only **R200**.
- Please email naomibrett20@gmail.com for orders.

We Thank You for your Support!!

FORTHCOMING WEEK**TOMORROW: CARTRIDGE COLLECTION ON HOT DOG DAY - R25**

Please remember to bring in your ink cartridges. There will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) in the Chapel car park throughout the day for empty ink cartridges. There are permanent collection points at both the Girls Senior and Junior Prep, and Boys Junior Prep reception areas.



Thank you for your continuing support this year!

Monica Sloane (Community Partnership and Foundation Manager)

GRADE 7 BOYS FUND RAISING

There will be delicious bacon rolls for sale on Saturday during the cricket and basket ball matches. Please support them.

Friday	03/03/2017	03/03/2017			HOT DOG DAY
Friday	03/03/2017	03/03/2017	14:00:00		Swimming Gala
Saturday	04/03/2017	04/03/2017	08:30:00		Cricket vs CBC Boksburg
Saturday	04/03/2017	04/03/2017	08:30:00		Basketball Matches vs Dominican Convent and AISJ
Monday	06/03/2017	06/03/2017	14:00:00		U10 Cricket vs The Ridge
Tuesday	07/03/2017	07/03/2017	14:00:00		U11 Cricket vs The Ridge
Wednesday	08/03/2017	08/03/2017			Week 7 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	08/03/2017	08/03/2017	14:00:00		Open Cricket vs The Ridge
Thursday	09/03/2017	09/03/2017	07:30:00		Full House Meetings Grade 3 - 7
Thursday	09/03/2017	09/03/2017			Grade 4GW Sandwich Making
Thursday	09/03/2017	09/03/2017			U9 Cricket Matches vs The Ridge
Thursday	09/03/2017	09/03/2017			St Alban's Experience
Thursday	09/03/2017	09/03/2017			Water polo vs The Ridge and KEPS
Friday	10/03/2017	10/03/2017	11:00:00	12:30:00	Inter-house Individual Gala for Grade 3 and 4
Friday	10/03/2017	10/03/2017	13:30:00	15:30:00	Inter-house Individual Gala for Grade 5 - 7
Friday	10/03/2017	10/03/2017			St Alban's Experience
Saturday	11/03/2017	11/03/2017	08:30:00		Cricket vs The Ridge
Saturday	11/03/2017	11/03/2017	08:30:00		Basketball Matches vs AISJ
Sunday	12/03/2016	12/03/2016	08:00:00	09:00:00	Morning Prayer (Chapel Choir)

**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