



SENIOR PREP

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## Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

As you are aware, our St Peter's community has undertaken to be at the forefront of a South African initiative to understand our diversity, not only as a school community, but also as citizens of our country. To this end, the "Year of the Woman" initiatives continue, as do our "My Story" evenings. I thought that I would use this edition of the Keyhole to share another initiative that is taking place within our staffroom.

At the end of 2016, members of staff were given a book by Stanley Bongwe entitled "100 lessons in DIVERSITY." (2010. Johannesburg: *The Diversity Institute*). As part of our staff development, we have selected chapters of the book, which will be read and then discussed in terms of their impact on our classroom and the broader school environment. Each chapter of the book is only about two pages in length and the topics that are dealt with range from "A Few Tons of Baggage" to "Linguistic Diversity and Language Wars." The philosophy behind the development sessions is that practical examples are often the best way to stimulate open discussion and provide a context for creative thinking. In this, it is not unlike the "My Story" initiative, which has proved to be very effective for those who have attended the evenings.

St Peter's Boys Prep School sees the development of character as being as important as academics, sport and cultural activities. The boys are growing up in an uncertain world, with very few of the clearly demarcated boundaries to guide their choices which we took for granted in the past. Thus, the intentional development of an intrinsic set of values and morals has become an essential task of both the parent and the school. You may find it valuable to get hold of a copy of Stanley Bongwe's book or a similar resource and use it to intentionally create conversation within your home. The need for specific and targeted parenting in terms of character development is possibly more important nowadays than ever before due to the demise of the extended family and the culture of individuality and consumerism. I encourage all members of our community to take up the challenge.

As the well-known slogan says: "Life's a journey," enjoy traveling with your children. Enjoy the long weekend.

**Rob Macaulay**

### DIVERSITY - YEAR OF THE WOMAN



During our chapel service we commemorated **International Women's Day**, 8 March 2017.

There were *two* facts that we focused on which I found interesting and relevant. The *first* is that it will still take 176 years for there to be no discrimination against women in the workplace. The *second* is that 130 million girls are denied an education because of their gender. These facts are disturbing, but also remind us that we need to appreciate women more for who they are in society and, more especially, the roles they play in our lives. Our challenge is for the boys and girls to show their gratitude to at least two women in their lives and for them to understand their worth or value in their lives.

May God bless all the women who enrich our lives.

**Father Richard** (Chaplain)

## YOGURT AND ICE-CREAM TUBS FOR THE ART ROOM

Please send empty 1L ice-cream and yogurt tubs to school for the ART ROOM.

Thank you

**Louise Twiggs** (Art Teacher)

## CHAPEL COLLECTION

Our Chapel collection this term supports the Friends of Free Wildlife. Their vision is to rehabilitate and release indigenous wildlife back into their natural habitat, whilst maintaining the highest ethical standards and furthering conservation by playing a role in the education of wildlife professionals, volunteers, school pupils and members of the public.

## PALM SUNDAY INVITATION

Palm Sunday is the day on which we commemorate and celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, prior to His crucifixion. Crowds of people welcomed Him by waving palm fronds and laying them on the ground before Him, in His honour. In the Anglican Church, we distribute palm crosses on Palm Sunday, to celebrate the day. We, as St Peter's Prep Schools, will be celebrating Palm Sunday and teaching the children the significance of the palm crosses.

We invite anyone who would like to learn how to make palm crosses, and those who already know how to make them, to help us make them on Friday, 31 March from 11:00.

**Kamohelo Kotsi** (Assistant Chaplain)



## STAFF VARIETY SHOW



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**25 MARCH**

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**2017 STAFF VARIETY SHOW**

## WORLD WATER DAY – 22 MARCH 2017

As all of you will remember from last year, the Eco Committee's focus for 2016 was 'Water'. World Water Day was a highlight on our calendar in the first term, following with the *Grey Water Drive* in the final term. Not only do we feel that it is our responsibility to educate the boys about all environmental matters, but we aim to create changes, shifts in their behaviours and habits to promote a brighter future for them and generations to follow.



Next Wednesday is 2017 World Water Day – an event on the global environmental calendar. Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. Under the theme 'Water and Wastewater', the year 2017 provides an important opportunity to consolidate and build upon previous World Water Days in order to highlight the symbiosis between water and wastewater in the quest for sustainable development.

St Peter's has an Eco/Science Committee, comprising a group of dedicated Grade 6 boys. Next week, they will be inserting plastic, 1-litre cold drink bottles of water into each toilet (which has a cistern) around the school. With each flush, St Peter's will waste 1 litre less water. Their challenge will be to do an audit of the toilet usage and estimate how many litres of water will be saved from this small change. Here is your challenge . . . Can you do the same in your own home?

### The Eco Committee

### FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	17/03/2017	17/03/2017	13:00:00		Normal Closing Time
Friday	17/03/2017	17/03/2017	14:00:00		KEPS Water polo Festival
Monday	20/03/2017				School Holiday
Tuesday	21/03/2017				Human Rights Day
Wednesday	22/03/2017	22/03/2017			Week 9 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	22/03/2017	22/03/2017	14:00:00		Inter School Athletics Meeting
Thursday	23/03/2017	23/03/2017	07:30:00		House Meetings for Grade 6 and 7
Thursday	23/03/2017	23/03/2017	07:30:00		Assembly for Grade 3 - 5
Friday	24/03/2017	24/03/2017	19:00:00		Staff Variety Show
Saturday	25/03/2017	25/03/2017	08:30:00		Inter School Athletics Meeting
Saturday	25/03/2017	25/03/2017	19:00:00		Staff Variety Show

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