



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

One of the greatest strengths of the St Peter's model is that families are able to enjoy the benefits of a monastic education within the convenience of a co-educational campus. Thus, while children are on the same school campus, the particular educational needs of the boys can be addressed. By taking these strengths and developmental differences into account, we are able to adapt the curriculum to accommodate the term "Boys Best Practice." I am sure that many in our community have heard this term without really knowing what it means. This article aims to shed some light on the subject.

The points below have been lifted from various studies and, while generalised, we believe that they can be attributed to primary school boys:

1. Cognitive maturity develops at a slower rate during the early primary years and then accelerates during the upper school phase.
2. Young boys have more acute vision for distance and moving objects than do their female siblings. This means that active and very busy collaboration within groups is a favourite learning environment for the majority.
3. While boundaries are seen as something to be challenged, boys actually thrive in a clearly structured and demarcated environment.
4. Challenge and competition play an important role in motivation, both in the classroom and on the sports field.
5. Boys are "pack animals" and much of their behaviour occurs within this context.
6. Monastic education offers a safe place for boys to take risks, express their emotions and explore subjects such as art, drama, music and D&T.
7. The internalisation of concepts, particularly when emotional components are at play, tends to be slower in prep school boys. They need a longer period to get a good grasp of these concepts, but are then able to expand on them with alacrity.
8. A boys-only environment can be adapted to accommodate the different rate of verbal development that boys experience.

Enjoy the week.

Rob Macaulay

SCHOOL SHOP

Winter Uniform

Please start thinking of coming in to buy the winter uniform as there are very few shop days left before the end of term.

SALE:

Navy fleece inners (limited sizes left) selling at cost.
Tracksuits (old material only) selling at a 10% discount.

Lanyards:

We now stock school branded lanyards for your locker keys – R20 each

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

MY STORY AND YEAR OF THE WOMAN



In recognition of St Peter's "Year of the Woman", our next "My Story" will focus on women's experiences and stories. Please join us as we expand on many of the themes that were highlighted at the "Year of the Woman" launch event in February:

- The roles we play – mother, wife, partner, daughter, career woman...
- The example we role model for our daughters and sons
- The unintended messages we send our daughters and other women

Please join us as we continue the St Peter's Year of the Woman journey:

Tuesday, 4 April

18:30 to 20:30

Girls JP Hall

Dads are most welcome to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Phetsile Dlamini (Year of the Woman Committee)

Susan Wolfenden (Transformation Committee)

STAFF VARIETY SHOW 2017

Two down, two to go! What a fabulous weekend of fun was had by all - and a big thank you from the PA not only to the staff for putting on a fabulous show, and the kitchen crew for the awesome food, but to all our FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS who turned up on Friday and Saturday to help with the decor, setting up and serving food and drinks each night. As you can see - they did an amazing job and had loads of fun doing it!



If you have not already put your name down to help out this weekend, we would love to have you. Please email svs@stpeters.co.za and let us know which night works for you.

AWSUM ARTICLE

The latest edition of AWSUM is out and we can be found on page 5:

https://issuu.com/tiemedial/docs/johannesburg_march_primary_high

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder to all Grade 4, 5 and 6 parents, that we will have a baptism service on 17 May which will be followed by admission to First Holy communion on Sunday, 21 May, both in the Chapel. Should you wish to have your child baptised and admitted to First Holy communion, please click on the link and fill in the online form:

[Application for First Communion and Baptism](#)

The application deadline is 4 May 2017.

Kamohelo Kotsi (Assistant Chaplain)

CARTRIDGE COLLECTION ON HOT DOG DAY - R25 FRIDAY, 7 APRIL

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)

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Joseph Malanga joined Fidelity in June 2001 and was assigned as a patrol guard at Lonehill Shopping Centre where his hard work and willingness to help won the hearts of many tenants.

His performance and passion for the job was noticed by Fidelity management and in 2002 he was promoted to the position of armed guard at a complex. In 2004 he was transferred to St Peter's Prep Schools as a Junior Guard and progressed to the role of senior guard.

Joseph's willingness to help his team members, sunny nature, passion and vigilance in what he does is phenomenal and we are so fortunate to have him at our school.

It is reassuring to have such a vigilant guard looking after our children (and he seems to know every child by name!).



OLD BOYS NEWS

St John's

Miguel Morais and **Julian Hamer** have been elected Prefects for 2017.

Miguel also won a gold medal at the Senior South African Waterpolo nationals (Currie Cup). He was the only school boy playing in the senior men's section in this year's tournament.

Miguel is a member of the Old Johannian Eagles water polo club that went undefeated throughout the tournament, beating Kwa-Zulu Natal in the semi finals (13-2) on their way to the finals.

The final was a hotly contested affair against the SACS Old Boys (Cape Town), OJ Eagles managing a wonderful comeback to win the final 7-6.



FORTHCOMING WEEK**REMINDER: PALM SUNDAY INVITATION TO MAKE PALM CROSSES
FRIDAY, 31 MARCH**

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 outside the Chapel. PLEASE BRING SCISSORS.



Kamohelo Kotsi (Assistant Chaplain)


GRADE 7 BOYS FUND RAISING

There will be delicious bacon rolls for sale on Saturday during the Inter-House Athletics. Please support them.

Friday	31/03/2017	31/03/2017	14:00:00		Inter house Athletics Meeting (Field Events)
Friday	31/03/2017	31/03/2017	19:00:00		Staff Variety Show
Saturday	01/04/2017	01/04/2017	08:00:00	13:00:00	Inter house Athletics Meeting (Track Events)
Saturday	01/04/2017	01/04/2017	19:00:00		Staff Variety Show
Monday	03/04/2017	03/04/2017	06:00:00		Grade 5 Camp Departs to Kamoka Bush School
Monday	03/04/2017	03/04/2017			Rugby Season Commences
Tuesday	04/04/2017	04/04/2017	18:30:00	20:00:00	My SA Story
Wednesday	05/04/2017	05/04/2017			Week 11 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	05/04/2017	05/04/2017	17:30:00		Grade 5 Camp Returns
Wednesday	05/04/2017	05/04/2017	18:30:00		PA Meeting
Thursday	06/04/2017	06/04/2017	07:30:00		General Assembly
Thursday	06/04/2017	06/04/2017			Grade 3SCA Sandwich Making
Thursday	06/04/2017	06/04/2017			St Stithians Easter Sports Festival
Friday	07/04/2017	07/04/2017			HOT DOG DAY
Friday	07/04/2017	07/04/2017			St Stithians Easter Sports Festival
Friday	07/04/2017	07/04/2017			Reports go Home
Saturday	08/04/2017	08/04/2017			St Stithians Easter Sports Festival
Sunday	09/04/2016	09/04/2016			St Andrew's Experience
Sunday	09/04/2016	09/04/2016			Palm Sunday

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



****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!!

ST PETER'S AUTUMN CARNIVAL!

ST PETER'S
AUTUMN

Carnival 27 May
2017

RUN A STALL...

Here's what you need to know

- ❖ Stalls are on a ticket system, so no need to handle the cash
- ❖ Prizes will be collected centrally, so you won't be responsible for sourcing your own prizes
- ❖ If your stall incurs any costs, these can be claimed back from Carnival expenses, not your own pockets
- ❖ Carnival bunting and tablecloths will be provided
- ❖ Call on your friends to help with setting up and running the stall!

Booked Stalls:

Tombola
Nail 'Salon'
Cupcake Decorating
Potty Toss
Nerf Gun Shooting
Lawn Darts
High Striker Strongman Hammer
Guess the Weight of the cake
.... and of course... the ever popular Inflatable Rockets, Rides and Slides

Ideas for Stalls:

Pin The Donkey
Wet Sponge Throwing
Toss The Hoop
Face Painting
Go Fishing
Boat Races
Shoot the Hoop
Sandpit Treasure Dig
Get those creative ideas flowing!!

Details:

Date: Sat, 27 May
Setup: 10:00 – 12:00
Carnival Time: 12:00 – 17:00
Cleanup: 17:00 – 18:00

Provided:

Tables and chairs
Some décor

WORK AT A STALL...

We will need plenty of hands on deck to help on the day. Offer to help at a stall on a shift basis of an hour or more. Or gather some friends together and work the shift as a group of 2-4 people. It will be great fun, and your kids will love it!

HELP OUT WITH PRIZES...

- ❖ Have a look around your home for something new to donate ... small or large
- ❖ Chat to your employer to see if they have any corporate goodies to donate
- ❖ Ask companies to sponsor a prize

Sponsored Prizes:

Dinner voucher
Salon voucher
Electronics
Weekend Away
Bounce Voucher
Laser Tag Voucher

Corporate Prizes:

Company cap
Branded stationery
Branded t-shirts
Branded mug

Something Small

Sweets
Mini Plastic animals
Marbles/Lego pieces
Hair clips & scrunchies
Cookie ingredients and recipe
Slime/ Playdough
Stationery/Stickers
Temporary tattoo



If you would like to join in on the carnival fun,
please email the committee on
stpeterscarnival@webmail.co.za



CHARITY EVENTS

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Calling all Super Dogs!




The only dog walk of its kind - where your dog is the hero of the hour and every hero will be presented with a cape!

Event: Dogs Unite Park Walk
Date: 23 April 2017
Venue: Delta Park, Johannesburg
Time: Registration from 07h30
Walk starts at 09h00

Keep a look out on our website for further information:
www.guidedog.org.za

If you would like to be a hero and get involved in this event, please contact **Juliette Powell:**
JulietteP@guidedog.org.za or 011 705 3512



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