



SENIOR PREP

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Traffic Congestion

It will be of scant comfort to you to hear that this is a gripe on many school campuses. We are aware of the frustrations that parents are experiencing and the problem has enjoyed a great deal of attention, even at Board level. You may have noticed the changes we have made over the last few years in an attempt to alleviate this.

A second traffic flow study on the campus has now been commissioned and we await the results, having plotted two additional new roadways in the hope that at least one of these may provide a partial solution.

The real problem is, of course, the high traffic levels on Witkoppen Road which strangle the traffic flow in and out of the campus. This is something over which we have no control other than to provide pointsmen. This is not a cheap solution, costing R28 000 per month.

Our hope is that the K60, a new road running from the intersection of Witkoppen and Main through the infamous Club (Domain, Cats Whiskers, Cheerleaders) and ending at the Kingfisher Lane, Pick n Pay Shopping Centre will be constructed. We understand that this project has been approved by the Province and are doing what we can to accelerate commencement.

In the meantime, please try to either arrive earlier or accept the circumstance as a fact of life. Don't abandon civility or consideration of others.

Some tips (which you have all heard before):

- please don't pause in a lane to freshen your make-up;
- please occupy a parking space at drop-off time as briefly as possible – your children should be encouraged to take themselves to school with their bags. You will look strange carrying their briefcases when they run their own companies;
- if you wish to avoid being summoned to the Head's study to discuss your child's language, restrain yourself while they are with you in the car. Parents are a child's most influential role models and they will quickly adopt your profanity, misogyny or racist views;
- we don't punish children who arrive late as it is almost never their fault. We do try to teach them how to cope in such situations. In my second year at St Peter's, I stopped a small boy who was strolling down the road towards the Junior Prep at 08:30. "Aren't you late?" I enquired. "No," he said "my school is open all day."

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

“My responsibility is to make them grow! That is, to flourish as human beings, physically, mentally, educationally, spiritually and every other ‘...ally’ that I can think of.” (Theological Education by Extension College Workbook 67006: 2008 pg 12.4)

As we come to the end of the term and as many of us ponder over the leadership needs within our country, I thought that it would be appropriate to acknowledge the work done by our parents, teachers and coaching staff on a daily basis. As you read various commentaries on leadership at this time, the term “servant leadership” seems to be one that is brought up regularly. Servant leadership is a selfless form of leadership in which the leader undertakes to create the environment for those whom he or she leads, to succeed in their endeavours. This includes setting expectations, boundaries and learning opportunities, but also talks to the creation of the positive space and security within which the individuals are most likely to succeed. At St Peter’s we are guided by various principles that we refer to as “Best Practice.” It is within this culture of being cared for and feeling that exploration can be launched from a secure base, that true creativity, courage and the development of new skills are nurtured.

The Easter term has been a particularly busy one with our normal programme of academics, culture and sport being complemented by the Staff Variety Show and the “Year of the Woman” initiatives. Nonetheless, as our senior boys and their parents engage in *Pupil Led Conferences* next week, I believe that the overwhelming majority of boys will be able to reflect on how they have grown in many areas. This can only be achieved through the servant leadership of their parents and teachers. Thank you all for modelling successful and caring stewardship and for playing such an important role in contributing to the future of our country.

Enjoy a blessed Easter and a well-deserved holiday.

Best wishes

Rob Macaulay

SCHOOL SHOP HOURS FOR NEXT WEEK AND BEFORE TRINITY TERM COMMENCES

Monday 10 April and Tuesday 11 April	06:30 to 09:00
Wednesday 12 April	06:30 to 14:00

Shop Hours before Trinity Term starts:

The shop will be open the day before school starts on Tuesday, 2 May 08:00 to 11:00

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

KIKUYU GRASS AT ST PETER’S

The school is about to start construction of the multipurpose surface on Brecknock Field and all the grass is available. If you would like to collect some, please sms **Mugochi on 083 381 0809**. Please send details – name, quantity and time of collection. It will be available on Monday and Tuesday next week (10 and 11 April).

We would appreciate a donation which will go towards our *Isematholeni* Intern Programme.

Banking details:

St Peter’s Foundation
Standard Bank
Branch: Rivonia: 001 255
Acno: 422 057 533

Monica Sloane (Foundation Manager)

STAFF VARIETY SHOW 2017 THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and spouses involved in making this year's Staff Variety Show (SVS) so successful. It was a huge team effort which resulted in a show that everyone seemed to enjoy. I would also like to give a special thanks to the following people:



- Sharon and her kitchen team for the amazing food, cold drinks, working the late hours and always being there to accommodate everyone.
- Isaac and his team for being there over the whole weekend. The hall was always spotless and ready for the next show.
- All the people who volunteered as waiters/waitresses, bar staff and helping set up the hall. We couldn't have done it without you guys giving up your time.
- Finally the St Peter's staff. For the endless hours of practising, many late nights away from your families and all you did to make the show a success.

I always find that the SVS really shows the true essence of what St Peter's Schools Community is all about. It is a community that comes together, always ready for a good time and to support one another.

Thanks again and have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Here are a few memories!



There is a small box of lost property items that were left after the shows. Please come to Boys Senior Prep Reception to Caron du Plessis to claim them.

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Ntsikelelo Matanga

Joined Fidelity in 2001 and worked as an Access Control Guard in various complexes in Lonehill.

Having established the good manner in which Ntsekilelo dealt with people, Fidelity promoted him to the role of Junior Guard at St Peter's Prep Schools in 2003. In 2006 he was promoted to Relieving Senior Guard at the Prep Schools and St Peter's College.

Ntsekilelo plays a vital communication role between the Prep Schools and the College and keeps Fidelity informed on school events. He is a good team member and the schools are fortunate and appreciative of his vigilance at the entrances to the schools.



FORTHCOMING WEEK

HOT DOG DAY - FRIDAY, 7 APRIL – HAS BEEN POSTPONED

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
Monday	10/04/2017	10/04/2017	07:30:00		Palm Sunday Service
Monday	10/04/2017	10/04/2017	14:00:00		Parent Consultation Afternoon
Wednesday	12/04/2014	12/04/2014	07:30:00		General Assembly
Wednesday	12/04/2014	12/04/2014	10:00:00		Eucharist
Wednesday	12/04/2014	12/04/2014	10:00:00		Grade 3 Boys Go Home
Wednesday	12/04/2014	12/04/2014	11:00:00		End of Term

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

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

