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FROM THE RECTOR

You will be aware of the movie *Beyond the River* currently on circuit. Hailed by some critics as “the most spectacular cinematic experience of our time!”. The film follows the story of two men from vastly different backgrounds, as they train to compete together in the Dusi Canoe Marathon.

The movie was produced for HEARTLINES, the award-winning, multi-media NGO, who since its release have been running a campaign called “What’s Your Story?” to get South Africans sharing their stories and overcoming differences and divides, much like we have been doing at St Peter’s.

The film is dedicated to JB Warsop, a very special St Peter’s pupil, who was tragically killed in a car accident during his time at the Prep. **The JB Warsop Award** presented termly to a St Peter’s pupil, is dedicated to the memory of his extraordinary spirit.

Do join us for a special screening of *Beyond the River* for St Peter’s parents and staff on Thursday, 8 June 2017, 20:00 at Ster Kinekor, Cedar Square. The cost is R65 per person and tickets can be booked through Susan Wolfenden (mystory@stpeters.co.za). Please RSVP by 31 May.

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

MY STORY – THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

We invite parents and staff to the cinema to watch *Beyond The River*. This is a truly South African story that taps directly into “My Story”. It is about going “beyond” and really getting to know another person.

To view the Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7eQnJf8VII>

DATE: Thursday, 8 June

TIME: 20:00

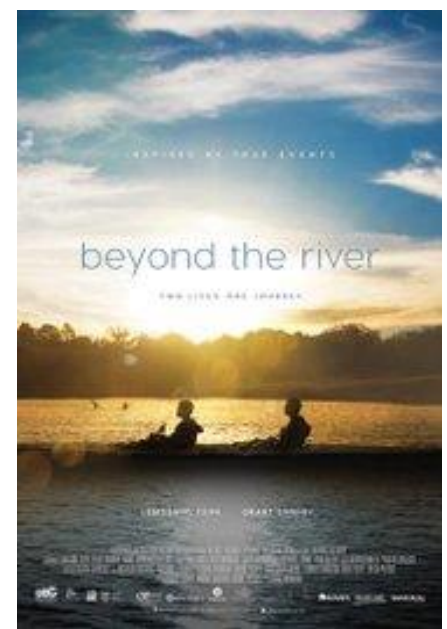
VENUE: Ster Kinekor Cedar Square

COST: R65 per adult

Please email Susan on mystory@stpeters.co.za if you would like to attend and she will give you EFT banking details. **Please RSVP by 31 May.** We have made a block booking and tickets are limited. We would love for you to join us.

Regards

Transformation Committee



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Congratulations to Dave Hala and Cara Eggett for their organisation of the St Peter's Prep Schools' Pastoral Care Conference last week. We had over 95 delegates from around the country who enjoyed presentations and discussions within the theme of preparing our children for a world of uncertainty. It was interesting to note that the concept of self-management, not only to deal with the academic and social demands of modern life, but also to be productive citizens came up in a number of different discussions. Good habits are formed through the deliberate practise of good behaviours. So how do we instil good habits in our children in an often hedonistic and consumer-based world?

Barry Detert told the boys about the All Black rugby team during Chapel this morning. Reading from James Kerr's book "Legacy" he told how, after a 42-7 win over Wales at Dunedin in 2010, the senior players from the team stood up, picked up brooms and swept the change rooms once the post-match get-together had finished. The book quotes Andrew Mehrtens as saying "...it is a matter of personal discipline... a matter of not expecting somebody else to do your job for you." Barry's message was that if the All Blacks, as the best rugby team in the world, can maintain their humility and recognise that no one is above cleaning his own mess, surely we should all be prepared to do the same. This good habit can be created through parental expectation and practice. So where best to consciously address the development of this vital skill?

Once again the answer was suggested by at least two of the Key Speakers at the Conference. Research indicates that a powerful component in this type of education is the traditional family dinner. If the children are expected to help set the table, clear dishes and help with the washing up, then the idea of stewardship is enhanced. Furthermore, by sitting together as a family, without any devices at the table, quality discussions and daily debriefing sessions take place. This is regarded as one of the top four stress relievers and will result in happier, more grounded children who feel valued and facilitates the sharing of strategies to face any challenges they may have.

Isn't it amazing that, despite all the advances of modern teaching methodologies, it is often the simplest and traditional practices that have the greatest effect?

I hope you have a wonderful family dinner this evening.

Rob Macaulay

DIVERSITY

Ascension Day – Thursday, 25 May

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.



Ascension Day celebrations include processions symbolising Christ's entry into heaven. In England, eggs laid on Ascension Day are said to never go bad and will guarantee good luck for a household if placed in the roof. In Portugal, Ascension Day is associated with wishes for peace and prosperity.

Traditionally, in rural communities, people make bouquets from olive branches and sheaves of wheat with poppies and daisies. The olive and wheat are symbolic of abundant harvest; the poppy stands for peace and the daisy for money. Wheat is kept in the house throughout the coming year as a symbol of prosperity.

Annually, St Peter's hosts an Ascension Day Eucharist.

Ramadaan and Eid

Our Muslim pupils, friends and families will be observing Ramadaan, the month-long fast, starting 27 or 28 May (subject to the sighting of the moon). The annual fast is considered one of the five “pillars” of Islam. The fast is from sunrise to sunset; the evenings being spent enjoying family and community meals, engaging in prayer and spiritual reflection, and reading from the Holy Book, the *Quran*. Muslims are encouraged to read verses in the *Quran* and reflect on God’s guidance. At the end of the month of Ramadaan, a 3-day holiday known as Eid al-Fitr is celebrated.

St Peter’s wishes all Muslim families well over Ramadaan and extends its best wishes for the joyous celebration of Eid.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**Hlengani Mabasa**

Mabasa, as he is known, joined Springbok Patrols in 1997 before it merged with Fidelity Security group where he performed guard duties at Beeld. In 1998 he was promoted to work at Head Office as an Armed Escort for the Blue Ribbon Company. In 1999 he worked at PwC as a guard.

In 2002, he was moved to St Peter’s Square, where he served for 10 years. He joined St Peter’s Prep in 2012 as a relief guard where he performed night duties for one year and thereafter was moved to day guarding. His sunny nature is a lovely welcome to the school in the mornings.

**INVITATION TO SCREENING OF MOVIE: SCREENAGERS, GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE - 1 JUNE 2017**

‘Screenagers’ is an excellent movie that gives parents an insight into the dangers of screen time and helps them to manage the use of digital media.

You can use the following link to buy tickets and get information about the event:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/28205-educinema-club-launch-screenagers/#/>

Scott Hauptfleisch (Director of IT)

ST PETER'S COLLEGE - GRADE 8 APPLICATIONS 2018

St Peter's College has reached full capacity for Grade 8 next year and any further applications will be placed on the waiting list. Admissions are open for Grade 8 2019 and 2020, kindly submit your applications as soon as possible if you would like to enrol your son at the College.

The enrolment application form can be downloaded here: <http://www.stpeters.co.za/college/content/page/college-admissions-apply-for-a-place>.

Please diarise the next College Open Day happening on Saturday morning, 30 September 2017. A reminder and full details will be published closer to the time.

Contact **Theresa Monoyoudis** at the College on 087 00 00 319 or marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za if you have any questions.

PA NEWS

ST PETER'S AUTUMN Carnival 2017

THIS SATURDAY, 27 MAY 12:00 to 17:00

Enjoy sitting in the autumn sun, listening to live music while your children enjoy the many fun carnival activities and inflatables including the rocket and bungees.



What to Bring: coolerbox, picnic, and your friends & family

Tickets will also be sold on the day: R50 adult, R100 child, R50 toddler, under 2yrs free

Food stalls: Mzansi Meals, Cajun Joe's, Pizza, Longtom, Chip & Dip, Deliteful Donuts, Cupcake Boutique, Ice Bombs, Go Coffee & Cleansui Water

Carnival Stalls: stalls work on a ticket system, R5 per ticket. Ticket books available for R50 for 10 tickets. Stalls include Sponge a Teacher, Soccer Strikers, Nerf Challenge, The Hairy Tattoo, Lawn Darts, Potty Toss, Fountain of Chocolate and lots lots more.

Lucky Draw: buy a ticket to be in the draw! Awesome prizes including weekend at The Cavern for a family of 4, bungee jump vouchers, 2 nights at the Fire&Ice Hotel in Cape Town, and a Bush Wacker. You can buy 1 ticket for R20 or 3 for R50

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY!

FORTHCOMING WEEK**PROACTIVE EDUCATION TALK**

Erica Strydom from the Proactive Education group will be addressing our parents on Wednesday, 31 May at 18:00, in the Royce Hall.

The topic 'Parents as role models' covers the following:

- Why children need rules
- Set the example
- Modelling appropriate behaviours
- Honesty is the best policy... being an honest parent

I encourage parents to attend this informative presentation.

Catherine Steenhoff (Director: Academics)

Friday	26/05/2017	26/05/2017			Cross Country
Friday	26/05/2017	26/05/2017			St Peter's College Hockey Festival (Gr 7)
Saturday	27/05/2017	27/05/2017			Rugby vs St Benedict's
Saturday	27/05/2017	27/05/2017	12:00:00	17:00:00	Autumn Carnival
Sunday	28/05/2017	28/05/2017			Community Eucharist at St Mark (Chapel Choir)
Monday	29/05/2017	29/05/2017			Inter-School General Knowledge Quiz
Monday	29/05/2017	29/05/2017			A Team Chess Matches vs St Stithians Girls
Monday	29/05/2017	29/05/2017			B Team Chess Matches vs St Stithians Boys
Monday	29/05/2017	29/05/2017	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday	30/05/2017	30/05/2017			Squash Matches
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Tuesday	30/05/2017	30/05/2017	18:30:00	21:00:00	PA Meeting
Wednesday	31/05/2017	31/05/2017			Week 15 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	31/05/2017	31/05/2017	08:00:00		Sexuality Workshop (Gr 7)
Wednesday	31/05/2017	31/05/2017	18:00:00		Proactive Education Talk for Parents – Royce Hall
Wednesday	31/05/2017	31/05/2017	18:30:00		Donor Recognition Evensong (Chamber Choir)
Thursday	01/06/2017	01/06/2017	07:30:00		House Assembly (Gr 3 - 5)
Thursday	01/06/2017	01/06/2017	07:30:00		Headmaster Assembly (Gr 6 and 7)
Thursday	01/06/2017	01/06/2017	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Friday	02/06/2017	02/06/2017	09:00:00	11:30:00	Grade 6 Study Skills Programme
Friday	02/06/2017	02/06/2017			Cross Country at St Peter's
Saturday	03/06/2017	03/06/2017			Rugby vs St David's
Saturday	03/06/2017	03/06/2017			Tennis Festival
Sunday	04/06/2017	04/06/2017			Tennis Festival
Sunday	04/06/2017	04/06/2017			All Saints Community Eucharist

**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