



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

1 November fell on Wednesday this week. The date is remarkable for a number of reasons, not least of which is the first exhibition of Michelangelo's masterpiece on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Somewhat earlier however, are two events of far more chilling import.

On this day in 1210, King John of England, brother of Richard the Lionheart, began imprisoning Jews. He had levied a substantial tax on Jews and those who were unable to pay were imprisoned and many tortured. Nearly 150 years later on the same day, the Belgian Duke of Brabant ordered the execution of all Jews in Brussels. The horrific deaths of the Black Plague had been attributed to the water which the populace drank, and Jews were accused of poisoning the wells.

These events are but two of a long history of persecution of the Jewish nation. Over time, their business acumen and tight-knit culture and identity had evoked the awful spectre of envy in the communities within which they lived. Parallels can be drawn in our own country with the wave of xenophobia directed against new, hard-working immigrants. It is exactly this type of awful stereotyping which gave rise to *apartheid*.

The same convention exists amongst our children today, with boys using homophobic slights to denigrate peers different from them. This is often a consequence of their own low self-esteem and results in them referring to peers who are different as 'gay'. Modern sub-culture, so evident in rap music, sees girls referred to as 'bitches', amongst others. As adults involved in the lives of our children, as parents or teachers, we need to be especially careful about the language we use. Over decades we have been socialised to see these as acceptable. They are often used in a humorous context.

One doesn't want to take political correctness to ridiculous lengths, but we need to be aware of our own role in socialising children: we can so easily, unconsciously, create attitudes that will only impede their progress and happiness in life. We need to teach them to judge others for their deeds and not through the lens of any other stereotypes e.g. age, gender, race.

It is ironic that the very qualities which aroused envy of the Jewish nation are those which our youth so desperately need now: hard work, astuteness, respect for age and wisdom and adherence to good values.

Questions for the Rector:

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

Greg Royce

2017 MAGAZINE

The 2017 Magazine is being compiled and designed. The price is R180. The Grade 7 parents have been notified that they will be billed this year and will need to collect their copy next year once it has been published. I will notify everyone when it is ready in the first term of 2017. Should the Grade 7 parents decide not to receive the 2017 School Magazine, please let me know on dfraser@stpeters.co.za. The deadline for this notification is Thursday, 09 November 2017.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**Maureen Phungo**

Maureen joined St Peter's in 2010 as an intern in education. During this period she was studying towards a BCom Economics Degree with the aim of completing a PGCE on completion of the BCom.

Maureen joined the Finance team as a Creditors Clerk in 2013 and has since completed the BCom. Prior to St Peter's she worked for Cindy Steenberg at Kumon. Maureen is passionate about education. She is married to Ndweleni and they have a busy little boy, Mulweli, in Grade 1 at St Peter's Boys Junior Prep.

Since joining she hasn't looked back and is happy to be part of the St Peter's family.

A promotional poster for 'Sunset Carols 2017'. The background is a warm sunset scene with silhouettes of acacia trees and a reindeer pulling a sleigh. Musical notes are scattered across the sky. The St Peter's Foundation crest is in the top right corner. The text 'Sunset Carols 2017' is written in a large, stylized font. Below it, it says 'Online tickets sales are open' and 'R120 per adult and R60 per child'. At the bottom, it states 'Christmas Market opens at 15:00' and 'Sunset Carols start at 18:00'.

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tickets@stpeters.co.za

CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are sending a box home with your son tomorrow for our Christmas box appeal. These boxes will be distributed to vulnerable children and families in Diepsloot.

Please encourage your children to get involved in the process of giving to others - the true meaning of Christmas. We are including the following suggestions, as sometimes this is the only treat these communities receive:

Please include:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R50 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of Sweets
- Crayons and blank book

If there is space, please fill the box up with: tinned fish, tinned beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits. Please be so kind as to wrap them in Christmas or newspaper.

Last year we collected over 800 boxes and would like to better this, this year!

Please send the boxes back by **17 November**.

Collection points: Boys SP reception; Boys JP reception; Girls SP reception and Girls JP reception

Please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za for any further info.

Father Richard (Chaplain)



Advertising Opportunity in the Programme

The St Peter's Sunset Carols is a wonderful family event that attracts over 2000 people. Each year a Christmas Carols programme is distributed on the evening, filled with wonderful photos of our choirs. It is a perfect opportunity for your business to support the event by advertising in this glossy A4 Magazine. Please contact Monica Sloane (msloane@stpeters.co.za) for further details.

OLD BOYS NEWS**ST STITHIANS COLLEGE**

Congratulations to the following boys on their leadership positions for 2018:

Tafara M'Kombe – Headboy

Chris Enslin – Head of Houses

Dario Testaferrata - Head of Penryn House

Brett Liebenberg – Head of Henning House

Andrew Miltiadou – Head of Community Engagement

Provincial Cricketers

Curtis Camphor (2012)	St Stithians	U19A Gauteng
Gareth Schreuder (2013)	Hilton	U17 KZN Inland
Ethan Bain (2015)	Hilton	U15 KZN Inland
Cian Robertson (2015)	Jeppe	U15B Gauteng

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	03/11/2017	14:00:00	16:00:00	Swimming Gala
Saturday	04/11/2017	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball 1st Team Tournament at St Benedict's
Saturday	04/11/2017	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball vs St John's
Saturday	04/11/2017	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs KEPS
Saturday	04/11/2017	11:00:00	13:00:00	New Boys and Parents' Orientation Morning
Monday	06/11/2017	14:00:00	15:00:00	Academic Meeting
Monday	06/11/2017	13:00:00	15:30:00	Maths Meeting
Monday	06/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	U10 Cricket vs St David's
Monday	06/11/2017			Library Stock-Take
Tuesday	07/11/2017	08:00:00	09:30:00	Small Calendar Meeting
Tuesday	07/11/2017	14:00:00	15:00:00	Health and Safety Meeting
Tuesday	07/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	U11 Cricket vs St David's
Wednesday	08/11/2017	10:30:00	12:30:00	Exco Meeting
Wednesday	08/11/2017	12:00:00	13:00:00	Week 31 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	08/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	Basketball vs St Stithians
Wednesday	08/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	Swimming: Inter-Schools Gala
Thursday	09/11/2017	07:30:00	08:00:00	General Assembly
Thursday	09/11/2017	08:00:00	08:00:00	Grade 3SCAS Sandwich Making
Thursday	09/11/2017	14:00:00	17:00:00	U9 Cricket vs St David's
Thursday	09/11/2017	14:00:00	17:00:00	Water polo vs St David's and St Benedict's
Thursday	09/11/2017	18:30:00	20:30:00	Council Meeting
Friday	10/11/2017	10:00:00	10:30:00	HOT DOG DAY (25)
Friday	10/11/2017	11:30:00	13:00:00	Exec Meeting
Friday	10/11/2017	18:30:00	21:00:00	PA Dinner
Saturday	11/11/2017	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball All Stars Saturday
Saturday	11/11/2017	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs St David's

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

PA NEWS

Positions for 2018 are open in the Boys Senior Prep CC

Roles and Responsibilities of The Communication Committee (CC)

Each school has its own CC. These individuals represent the parents of each school on the PA Committee. The main role of the CC is to manage and co-ordinate the class reps who play a crucial liaison and communication role between the parents of their classes, the teacher and the school, ensuring the correct information gets out to all parents.

The CC is responsible for the management of PA funds for TLC, and various breakfasts and functions required during the year.

The CC also support the school and PA functions as and when necessary. These functions include the ladies lunch, winter warmers, and the St Peter's Golf Day to name a few.

It is important that the CC individuals uphold and epitomise the core values and community spirit for which St Peter's is known.

Volunteer Now for 2018!

The **St Peter's Parents Association** is planning the following events for 2018, and as always, we are looking for volunteers to participate in the organisation of these events. Please contact Robyn (robyn@designoval.co.za), Malope (malopem@icloud.com) or Caron (cduplessis@stpeters.co.za) if you are interested in getting involved.

The planned events are:

- **Ladies Lunch:** this takes place every second year, in the first term, alternating with the Staff Variety Show. It involves the moms of the school purchasing tickets for a fun afternoon, involving lunch, drinks and some form of entertainment – the format and choice of entertainment to be decided by the organisers.
- **Winter Warmers:** we have decided to bring back the very popular Winter Warmers concert in 2018, as a change from Movie Night and Autumn Carnival. The format and entertainment to be decided by the organisers, but this typically involves an outdoor music festival/act coupled with an Inflatable Carnival, entertainment for kids, food and drink vendors. Families come for a relaxed afternoon on the field in the winter sun, listening to great music, while the kids are busy with their own entertainment.
- **Family Soccer Festival:** as per the 2017 festival, this will involve an afternoon of friendly soccer matches between the kids while parents relax and enjoy the matches.
- **Golf Day:** the annual Golf Day, held at Kyalami Country Club, will take place in the third term of 2018



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER
DUE TO STOCK-TAKE.
BOYS AND STAFF ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS AND DVD'S.



NESPRESSO. ZENIUS 

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.


Win a Nespresso Zenius Machine just by using your MySchool Card.

Winning is easy at St Peter's Prep, all you have to do is swipe your MySchool card between 1 - 30 November 2017, save your slip from the MySchool partner, write your name and contact number on the back and pop it into 1 of 4 branded competition boxes, allocated in each of the schools' receptions. Remember multiple entries are permitted. So every receipt is an entry. One MySchool member from the St Peter's Prep community will be selected as the winner, by way of a random draw from all the receipts collected from the competition boxes, at Sunset Carols on 2 December 2017.

If you do not have a MySchool card and would be interested in joining please contact Gabby Cowling (gabby@brandalivegroup.com) or Anne Du Preez (annedp@live.com)



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MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet
EVERY SWIPE COUNTS

Does every swipe really count?

Yes, it does! Participating in the MySchool program has had various benefits for the learners at St Peters Prep, as well as the initiatives that are supported by the school. Just recently, the funds raised have been used for:

- ❖ Audio/Visual Upgrades to the Chapel (August 2016)
- ❖ Donation to the Intern Program (August 2016)
- ❖ Donations to Sefikeng Primary School and Diepsloot Combined School (November 2016)
- ❖ Contribution towards the new Astroturf being installed on campus (February 2017)

It's up to you!

- ❖ You may have up to 3 beneficiaries linked to your card
- ❖ If you chose to have St Peter's Prep School as a beneficiary, check your monthly MySchool statement that is emailed to you. It should state **St Peter's Prep School**
- ❖ If you already are a member, check your details - Logon to the MySchool website www.myschool.co.za
- ❖ If you would like to join, you can either logon to the MySchool website www.myschool.co.za or contact Anne annedp@live.com or Gabby gabby@brandalivegroup.com
- ❖ Remember to swipe when shopping at any of these MySchool partners:

