



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Campus Traffic: safety and frustration

It is beyond belief that some parents drive with so little regard for the safety of our children. We continue to have drivers traversing the Boys and Girls JP carparks at dangerously high speeds and shortcutting through the parking areas.

When we are able to identify and confront such drivers, the exchanges are usually acrimonious, with the perpetrators becoming defensive and aggressive, offering the flimsiest of excuses and refusing to take any accountability for the potential for tragedy in their actions.

Of course, this is not merely a school problem and we all value the parents who intervene to stop this.

We recently engaged the services of a traffic engineer to survey campus traffic and suggest solutions. He acknowledges that the current roadways and measures adopted by the school are probably the best under the circumstances. He has recommended that the entrances to the school be moved deeper into the campus to reduce backup on Witkoppen Road and that these be widened. Of course, the real problem is the traffic volume on Witkoppen Road which would hamper access and egress, no matter how wide these entrances were. Nevertheless, we are giving consideration to these as well as a number of other measures. The recommended changes will be extremely expensive, however, and we have other pressing development needs to complete before we can tackle these. In the meantime we are looking for measures that can be implemented to heighten safety and to improve access and egress.

The new plot, on which the After School Care Facility is situated, will be used for overflow parking in the immediate future as we develop an integrated usage plan for the campus.

St Peter's Mission: preparing children for senior school and beyond

Although promotion announcements from senior schools will continue until the end of the year, herewith more preliminary news:

Boys: of the 25 house prefects selected at St Alban's, six (nearly a quarter) are St Peter's boys, one of which is the son of PA Chairman, Robyn Doak.

Girls: to date the small group of about fifty 2013 leavers have produced:

- A Head Girl at St Anne's (daughter of former Council Chairman, Ray Chasenski)
- Deputy Head Girls at Brescia and St Peter's College
- Head of Boarding at Wykeham Collegiate
- A further prefect at St Peter's College

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

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The senior classes begin their examinations this week and this is always an indication that the school year is coming to a close from a classroom teaching point of view.

After the exams we move into a period of extension activities, also known as SPEET Week. I believe that, as a community, we have experienced tremendous growth this year. I have spent some time reflecting on what has contributed to this success. I would like to share with you the concept that, in addition to a growth-mindset, the ethos of the school which is focused on producing and adding to the community rather than just on consuming what the school offers in direct response to the payment of fees, has contributed substantially to this growth.

As a starting point for my case I will share the following extract from <https://classroom.synonym.com/why-is-the-dead-sea-so-salty-12079416.html> on the Dead Sea.

There are several rivers and streams that feed into the Dead Sea, but none that drain out. Evaporation is the only way water is released from the sea. With the hot temperatures, the water evaporates fairly quickly. As this occurs, it leaves behind any dissolved minerals in the sea, increasing its saltiness. This is the same process that made the oceans salty.

Since the water became so salty so quickly, animals did not have a chance to evolve under such harsh conditions. There is no life in the Dead Sea other than a few types of bacteria and one type of algae that were able to adapt to the otherwise deadly sea water. The water in the Dead Sea is extremely deadly to other living things.

I believe that, contrary to the case of the Dead Sea, the members of our community have numerous points of “outflow.” Not only do we care for each other, but as a result of our Chapel outreach and Community Partnership processes, we are constantly feeding the broader community in which we exist. In addition, our Intern Programme provides not only opportunities for individual growth, but is also preparing young people for a vital role as teachers. Thus, our boys are educated in a “producer-based” environment. As a result of this our own ecosystem continues to grow, not only in what we have, but also in what we give back. Thank you for the role you have played in creating such a healthy environment for the boys to thrive and grow in this year.

Enjoy your week.

Rob Macaulay

VIVA VOCE DVD's ON SALE – R150

Vive Voce DVD orders can be placed with Marion Baynes and are R150 each. Please place your orders by either sending an e-mail to marion.baynes@momentum.co.za or an SMS/Whatsapp to 082 773 1600. She will then send the schools banking details in order for you to make an EFT payment.

Please note that orders will close next week Wednesday, 22 November.



GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

CATHERINE SENYAKANYAKA

Catherine was born in Tembisa in 1990 and she is 27 years old.

Both Catherine's parents were supportive of her though her formative years although, unfortunately, her father died when she was in Grade 10.

After this, her family fell on difficult times and struggled financially. The family was devastated. Catherine continued studying however and her mom worked in the uniform shop at the school.

Catherine was awarded a bursary at school. In Grade 12, she took on a part-time job at Pick 'n Pay and managed to support her studies through Unisa.

Catherine's boyfriend is very supportive and assists financially with their two children.

Catherine says: 'The Intern Programme has enabled me to grow. My thinking ability has matured. I now realise that teaching is what I love to do – I enjoy every minute of it. I feel like I've been here forever, everyone is so nurturing and supportive. Feels like I'm home!'



CHRISTMAS BOXES – REMINDER

BOXES TO BE RETURNED TOMMOROW - 17 NOVEMBER

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.

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)





WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

Don't forget to drop your slips, with your name and number on the back, in the entry boxes at all receptions in order to stand a chance to win the Nespresso Coffee Machine. Draw will take place on 2 December at Sunset Carols

NESPRESSO ZENIUS



SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER AVOID THE QUEUES - TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE ELECTRONICALLY!

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Marimba, Orchestra and Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

EFT details:

St Peter's Foundation
Standard Bank
Acc No. 422 057 533
Branch: Rivonia
Reference: Surname

Send proof of payment with ticket requirements to:

tickets@stpeters.co.za

ST PETER'S FOUNDATION

Sunset Carols 2017

Online tickets sales are
open

R120 per adult and R60 per child

Christmas Market opens at 15:00
Sunset Carols start at 18:00



**ST PETER'S
COLLEGE**

1998-2018

**20
YEARS**

COLLEGE: APPLICATIONS FOR GRADE 8, 2019

We remind parents that St Peter's College' Headmaster, Mr Rui Morais, is currently interviewing applicants from the Prep for Grade 8 2019.

Kindly contact Tanya Oakes on 011 807 5315 or

admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za to schedule your child's interview and/or to submit your application.

The Enrolment Application form is available via the website [here](#). Please ensure your application has been submitted to the College by the end of the year for 2019, as applications from other primary schools will be open for consideration from January 2018.

Please feel free to contact Tanya or Theresa Monoyoudis on marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za at the College if you have any questions.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	17/11/2017	07:00:00	07:00:00	NO SPORT FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Friday	17/11/2017	07:30:00	13:00:00	EXAMS FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Saturday	18/11/2017	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs St John's (U9, U10, U11)
Monday	20/11/2017	07:00:00	07:00:00	NO SPORT FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Monday	20/11/2017	07:30:00	13:00:00	EXAMS FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Monday	20/11/2017	18:30:00	19:30:00	Middle School Carols
Tuesday	21/11/2017	07:00:00	07:00:00	STUDY DAY FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Tuesday	21/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	U9A Cricket Festival
Wednesday	22/11/2017	07:30:00	13:00:00	EXAMS FOR GRADE 6 AND 7
Wednesday	22/11/2017	14:00:00	18:00:00	U9A Cricket Festival
Thursday	23/11/2017	07:30:00	08:00:00	General Assembly
Thursday	23/11/2017	08:00:00	08:00:00	Grade 4LC Sandwich Making
Thursday	23/11/2017	08:00:00	13:00:00	EXAM FEEDBACK
Thursday	23/11/2017	14:00:00	17:00:00	U9A Cricket Festival
Friday	24/11/2017	08:00:00	13:00:00	EXAM FEEDBACK

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