



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School



FROM THE HEADMASTER

A hearty welcome to 2018. Whether you are new members of the community, or returning after what was, hopefully, a restful and rejuvenating break. I hope that your beginning of the term has gone well.

At the end of 2017 there were a number of changes made to the Boys Prep School management structure and I thought that, in order to facilitate communication, I would introduce you to our senior staff team and their portfolios. While I always maintain an open door policy, by first contacting your son's class teacher or Housemaster, and then following up with the relevant Deputy Head or Director, you will be able to ensure that you are in contact with those who are really "in the know" if you have any queries regarding your son's day at school.

BOYS SCHOOL DEPUTY HEAD TEAM

Catherine Steenhoff

Catherine is the Director of Academics and is also my 2 IC. She coordinates the whole-school academic programme as well as managing the daily teaching and learning in the Middle and Upper Phases of the school.



Kenda Melvill-Smith

Kenda is the Head of the Junior Prep and is responsible for all aspects of education and pastoral care in this Phase. The JP runs as an autonomous unit and Kenda should be your go-to person for all queries in Grades 0 -2.



Scott Hauptfleisch

Scott is the Director of Pastoral Care as well as the “Additional Learning” programme. This programme includes all aspects of the general curriculum that fall outside formally timetabled school activities. This includes the cultural programme and school excursions.

Scott has a campus role as well, being the overall coordinator of ICT Integration for both Boys and Girls Prep Schools.

**Sean Porter**

Sean is the Director of School Administration. It is his role to prepare timetables, teacher duties and he has responsibility for the general running of the Boys Prep.

Sean’s campus role is Director of the School Management System. In 2018 we will be rolling out “Engage” as our general information and reporting programme.

**Barry Detert**

Barry is the Director of Sport and Extra-Curricular Programmes. As well as running the sports department, Barry also manages our outsourced service providers including Idwala Cricket, the Northern Stars Football Club, Climbing, Karate, Gymnastics, etc. If you have any queries regarding any “extra-payment” activity, please contact Barry.

**HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL****Jo Shield**

The Grade 3 and 4 classes are combined into a specialised unit called the “Middle School.” Jo Shield is the Head of this Phase. As such, she takes responsibility for the day to day running of this section and should be contacted if you have any queries regarding your son’s daily school activities.



CAMPUS MANAGEMENT**Vijay Maharaj** - Campus Compliance Deputy

Vijay's role is across both schools (Boys and Girls Preps). We are one legal entity and Vijay deals with all issues regarding campus compliance. This includes liaison with both ISASA (Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa) and the National and Provincial Education Departments as well as with UMALUSI. He works with various committees to ensure compliance regarding legislation, such as POPI, LURITZ, Labour Department, etc. Vijay is also the Director of Diversity and oversees the Health and Safety in conjunction with safety officers in each school.

**Hugo Roodt** - Director of Choirs and Boys School Music and Drama

The Music Departments in the two schools play an integral part in the curriculum. Hugo is the Director of Choirs, which includes Choirs across the schools. In addition, he is the Boys Prep Director of Music and Drama, coordinating all teaching and co-curricular activities offered in the arena of Music and Drama.



Over the next few weeks, I will be introducing you to the rest of the Boys Prep school team. We are here to ensure that every boy enjoys a happy and productive day at school and look forward to partnering with you in 2018.

Everything of the best for the year ahead.

Rob Macaulay***ISEMATHOLENI INTERN PROGRAMME***

St Peter's Prep Schools congratulate the interns for their splendid 2017 results, 40 of the 93 modules attempted, gaining distinctions.

Three interns qualified last year, one being employed at the Girls JP and two were snapped up at other leading schools.

Based on the success of the interns, the evolving programme and excellent mentorship provided by the St Peter's staff, we welcome new interns in the JP and Middle School Phase in both the Boys and Girls Prep schools this year.

The support of staff, parents, Council, PA and the St Peter's Foundation is appreciated.

Vijay Maharaj (Deputy Head and Intern Director)

COMMUNICATOR ST PETER'S

Please remember to re-personalise your channels for new grade and sports age groups.

If you do not have the Communicator yet, here is how:

There is a link below to a **Google Form** – which you are required to complete, please. These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK:

<http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdLCEq0G>

PLEASE ALLOW **1 WORKING DAY** ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE FORM BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR TO ENABLE YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

You can then download the app, via Appstore or Playstore.

PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the boys. They may be published in the newspaper, in a magazine, on Facebook, on the d6 Communicator Gallery or on our website/on-line. If you DO NOT wish us to use photos of you or your son in the media, please inform **Diane Fraser** in writing at dfraser@stpeters.co.za

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

WELCOME

We welcome the following new boys and their families to the St Peter's Family:

Grade 3:	Onkemetse Dikoma Lizwe Shezi Pengyuan Ji Gift Mogotsi Duncan Farquhar	Grade 6:	Nikolai Krog Lunje Duma Rivoningo Thuketana
Grade 4:	Daniel Doubell Makwande Makhathini Thakgalo Makola Michael Ngorima	Grade 7:	Bourne Pearse Jordan Morris Tshiamo Masebe
Grade 5:	Matthew McKinley Ethan Fredericks Alex Engelbrecht Neo Mohuba James Fulkes Sebastian Tinkler Kian Singh Joe Manicom		

SP MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2018

The following instrumental lessons are on offer: trumpet, violin, flute, classical guitar, banjo, cello, recorder, drumkit, piano, trombone, percussion, voice, baritone horn, tenor horn and djembe. To sign up for individual lessons, please follow the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/CT5SHUuhDA>

HOT LUNCH FORM

If you would like your son to have Hot Lunch, please click on this link to fill in the form:

<http://goo.gl/forms/UJRWAZM6ng>

OLD BOYS NEWS

The ASU is proud of the 2012 leavers, who had been in the ASU. They achieved 18 Bachelor degree passes, 9 distinctions and 2 diploma passes. Well done boys.

Fiona Cooper-Young (Head of ASU)

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	19/01/2018	07:30:00	16:00:00	Grade 7 Leadership Programme
Saturday	20/01/2018	08:00:00	12:30:00	Basketball/Cricket Practice – Please refer to the sport notice
Saturday	20/01/2018	10:30:00	15:30:00	Choir Rehearsal
Monday	22/01/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U10 Cricket vs St Stithians
Monday	22/01/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	Grade 0 and 6 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday	23/01/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U11 Cricket vs St Stithians
Tuesday	23/01/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	Grade 7 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday	24/01/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	Open Cricket vs St Stithians
Wednesday	24/01/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	Grade 2 and 5 Parent Information Evening
Thursday	25/01/2018	07:30:00	08:00:00	Full House Assembly
Thursday	25/01/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U9 Cricket vs St Stithians
Thursday	25/01/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Water polo Fixture
Saturday	27/01/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball Fixture
Saturday	27/01/2018	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs St Stithians

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