



## Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

The school is in full swing and it has been a privilege to welcome the boys back after the holidays. The beginning of this year has been characterised by the manner in which all the boys, including our new pupils, have settled into the routine so well. The first sports matches take place this week and the Parent Information evenings have been completed. We always value feedback from parents on these evenings, whether it be positive or suggestions on how to improve. If you would like to share a comment, please feel free to email me at [rma caulay@stpeters.co.za](mailto:rma caulay@stpeters.co.za).

Following the introduction of the Deputy Heads and Campus Management team last week, this week's Keyhole introduces the Housemaster team. The Housemasters play a major role in the Upper School (Grades 5 – 7), but are also an important part of the life of the Middle School, where they are the custodians of Inter-House spirit and competitions. The pastoral role of the Housemasters in all areas of the school includes looking after the emotional and social wellbeing of the boys. They are available to counsel individual boys and to address any concerns that you may have regarding your son's general motivation, feeling of belonging and happiness at school. Should you have any concerns, or feel that your son may be unhappy due to bullying, teasing or battling to find friends, please feel free to contact his Housemaster. These issues would obviously be dealt with in collaboration with the pupil's class teacher. The Housemasters meet weekly with the Chaplain and the Deputy Heads of Pastoral Care and Academics to discuss general school wellbeing and specific issues regarding the boys. A termly "Anti-Bullying" survey is conducted and the statistics reveal a low incidence of this unacceptable behaviour over the years. You are, however, encouraged to contact your Housemaster should you have any concerns regarding the social interaction between your son and his peers.

### The Housemasters:



**Kent Sheppard:**  
Bavin



**Justin Attlee:**  
Sage



**Andrew Bench:**  
Bishops



**Craig Taylor:**  
Mirfield



**Craig Jooste:**  
Dodson

I hope that you have enjoyed the first week at school. I believe that we have a really exciting year ahead and look forward to chatting to many of you on the side of the sports venues in the weeks to come.

Best wishes  
**Rob Macaulay**

## MOVE TO A NEW SCHOOL SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

We have started 2018 by transitioning to a new school software administration system, called “Engage”. As with most major changes, this has come with some challenges. One of the immediate challenges we’ve noticed is that some parents are not receiving communications via email due to the mail being flagged as spam on the receiving end. In order to address this, future communications will come from the following address:

[StPetersPrep@stpeters.joburg](mailto:StPetersPrep@stpeters.joburg)

We will also, this term, be checking and updating all email and contact numbers for parents. Forms will be sent home for you to check and adjust. These are to be returned to the class teacher. It is of utmost importance that we have up-to-date details should there be an emergency and we need to contact you.

Sean Porter (Director:Admin)

## ECO NEWS

### Tree Tags

As we hope you have noticed, 140 of our indigenous trees on campus have been labelled. The school is committed to educating the school community on the benefits of planting indigenous trees – especially in light of our current water crisis. Each tag has the scientific name, common name and both the isiZulu and Afrikaans names. A QR code can be scanned taking you to the *Plantza* website providing a host of additional information on plant description, distribution and uses etc. Activities will be created for the boys and girls on campus to get them identifying and familiarizing themselves with the trees on campus. Please keep your eyes open and try to learn some of the names too!

### Bekabee Recycling

Recycling still remains a focus on campus. Every classroom has a recycling station for classroom waste and our focus is to get the boys and girls in a habit of making correct choices as to where to dispose of their rubbish. From the classrooms, the waste gets cleared and taken down to the recycling station which is serviced by Bekabee. A full time Bekabee employee sorts through all waste, separating and sorting the waste into categories, before it leaves the school. The old drop off points for home recycling have been removed from the car parks, but please feel free to drop off your home recycling at the recycling station at the bottom of Grief Road. For children to see recycling at home, as well as at school, helps build a new environmentally aware generation.



## REMINDER: MEDICAL FORMS

Please remember to return the Medical forms to the class teacher:

Medical Consent Form – Compulsory to return

Emergency Medical Form – only if your child has an allergy

These were sent to parents via email at the beginning of term but can also be found on the Communicator:

RESOURCES/Boys/Girls: Medical

Sister Gail (Resident Nursing Sister)

## 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>

**HOT DOG DAY, CARTRIDGE COLLECTION  
AND CIVVIES DAY!  
FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**



For the privilege of wearing **civvies**, please could each child bring in tinned food for Christ Church Children's Centre. It is an orphanage that looks after about 60 children in Hillbrow.

**YOUR JUNK IS OUR TREASURE**

If you're doing a clean out of your cupboards and when throwing things away and you have any of the following items, we would greatly appreciate them for:

- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: colourful flat buttons, 5mm or 6mm knitting needles, thick wool
- LIBRARY: Pringle tubes and any old magazines for cutting up
- ART ROOM: Empty soda cans – coke, sprite etc. (clean/washed out, please)
- D&T: Clean 1 and 2 litre plastic cool drink bottles

Your son can hand any items to his class teacher and we will make sure they get to the right place. Thank you!

**PA NEWS – LADIES LUNCH**





### FORTHCOMING WEEK

Saturday	27/01/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball Fixture	Times to be confirmed. Please check the Weekly Sport Notice.
Saturday	27/01/2018	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs St Stithians	Times to be confirmed. Please check the Weekly Sport Notice.
Monday	29/01/2018	14:00:00	16:00:00	Final Swimming Trials	
Monday	29/01/2018	14:00:00	15:00:00	<i>IT Drive Team Meeting</i>	
Monday	29/01/2018	15:00:00	16:00:00	<i>IT SteerCom Meeting</i>	
Tuesday	30/01/2018	14:00:00	16:00:00	Final Swimming Trials	
Tuesday	30/01/2018	14:00:00	15:00:00	St Andrew's Presentation to Grade 6 and 7	
Thursday	01/02/2018	07:30:00	08:00:00	General Assembly	
Thursday	01/02/2018	08:00:00	08:30:00	Grade 4GW Sandwich Making	
Thursday	01/02/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Water polo Fixture	Times to be confirmed. Please check the Weekly Sport Notice.
Thursday	01/02/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	PA Meeting	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/02/2018</b>	<b>10:00:00</b>	<b>10:30:00</b>	<b>Hot Dog and Civvies Day</b>	Cost: Drink R10, Hot Dog R10, Crisps R5, Civvies: Tin of food
Friday	02/02/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Swimming Galas	
Saturday	03/02/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball Fixture	Times to be confirmed. Please check the Weekly Sport Notice.
Saturday	03/02/2018	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs WHPS	Times to be confirmed. Please check the Weekly Sport Notice.

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