

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The rain, while very welcome, has been playing havoc with sports practices and fixtures since the term began and I know that there have been a number of boys who expressed disappointment at missing their first match. The good news is that we have a number of weeks ahead and I am hopeful that a full term of healthy competition awaits. Competition is an important part of being a boy. As they mature, we find boys competing both formally and informally in many different spheres. This is healthy and is to be encouraged; however the manner in which one competes is an important part of the intentional character education that we are focussing on this year.

Part of St Peter's grooming is that we respect our opponents' efforts and applaud their success. Thus, if a boy scores 50 runs in a cricket match, it is appropriate to congratulate him even if he is your opponent. Similarly, while basketball can be a sport in which there is often contact between players resulting in collisions and falling to the ground, it is important that one extends a hand to the opposing player to help him up or to shake hands to acknowledge that this is a game, which is played for our development and fun. Referees and umpires have the role of controlling the game impartially to the best of their ability. While the intention to be unbiased and "all-seeing" is always there, they may view a particular play or LBW decision differently to some of the players or parents. As members of the St Peter's community, we do not express disagreement or disappointment by shouting either advice or abuse. All referees and umpires are treated with respect as we acknowledge that they are serving the game. As we begin a wonderful year of competition in sport, we will also use the opportunity as another arena for our conscious development of character. My request to parents is that you assist us in our endeavours by not only modelling the correct behavior, but also reminding the boys about our expectations if you see the need or opportunity within the competitive environment.

The academic programme is overseen by Catherine Steenhoff and her team of HOD's (Heads of Department) and Grade Heads. This team is the focus of our "meet the staff" feature this week.

Subject HOD's



Vicki Eagle
English and Thinking Skills



Andrew Bench
Physical Science



Sean Porter
Mathematics
(Easter Term)



Cathy Linnell
Mathematics
(From Trinity Term)



Sphiwe Malaudzi
IsiZulu



Joan Delpont
Afrikaans

Thank you for the wonderfully positive start-up we have enjoyed. I wish you all everything of the best for the term ahead.

Rob Macaulay

ST PETER'S SECOND HAND SHOP

We have taken a decision to run a charity based second hand shop for St Peter's parents. In the past the second hand goods have been sold out of the school shop, but have received little focus, and have become difficult to manage as the size of the school has grown.

As a result we have decided to run a specific store for second hand goods. As with many other schools, we will be taking in second hand clothing from parents who are leaving the school, or whose children have outgrown their uniforms. These will be repaired as needed, laundered and made available for resale to parents, at a discounted price vs new stock. Any money made from the sale of these items, after the costs of running the shop are covered, will be donated to the Foundation to assist bursary children with sundry school expenses. The shop will be situated behind the current school shop, and will be open on Wednesdays, to coincide with the day that the regular shop is open.

Please bear with us while we get it all up and running - hopefully in the next few weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: please let us know if you are interested in assisting with this endeavour - either with setting it up, or running and managing it for the school. Please contact Carol Sithole for more information:

carol.sithole1977@gmail.com.

**REMINDER: HOT DOG DAY, CARTRIDGE COLLECTION AND CIVVIES DAY!
TOMORROW - 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.

HOUSE AND BABY SITTERS AVAILABLE

The *Isematholeni* Intern Professional Development Programme has grown considerably since inception in 2015. We now have 20 Interns on the programme. A few of them have expressed their wish to try and make a bit of extra pocket money during weekends, public holidays, mid-term breaks or school holidays by offering to house or baby sit. Please contact **June Tromp** (082 573 1030) should you require any further information OR to make a booking.

CLIMBING AT ST PETER'S

This morning, OFF WIDTH gave a presentation in assembly on joining Climbing at St Peter's.

If your son comes home today, wanting to do climbing, here are the details of who to contact: Sonja Thomas: sonja@offwidth.co.za or info@offwidth.co.za
Website: www.offwidth.co.za




A REMINDER - YOUR JUNK IS OUR TREASURE

If you're doing a clean out of your cupboards and 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



ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS

Ladies' Lunch

Tickets for the most anticipated event of the year, the **2018 Ladies' Lunch**, go on sale on **Friday, 9 February 2018 at 10:00**.

Tickets will only be sold online, so make a date with your computer and make sure that you have the following information on hand:

- A **link** to the booking page will be distributed beforehand via the class WhatsApp Groups and the Communicator St Peter's
- For **full tables** seating 10 ladies:
 - Table name (this will be the surname of the head girl doing the booking!)
 - Name and surname of all the ladies joining your table
 - Current email address of all the ladies joining your table
- For **smaller bookings**:
 - Name and surname of all of the ladies you are booking for
 - Current email address of all the ladies you are booking for

We have increased the number of tables available this year to hopefully accommodate everyone, but please note that due to demand, **only St Peter's Prep Schools mums** (and of course our beloved teachers and staff!) will be given tickets for this event.

If you have any **questions**, email ladieslunch@stpeters.co.za

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	02/02/2018	10:00:00	10:30:00	Hot Dog and Civvies Day
Friday	02/02/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Swimming Galas
Saturday	03/02/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball Fixture
Saturday	03/02/2018	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs WHPS
Monday	05/02/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U10 Cricket vs St John's
Tuesday	06/02/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U11 Cricket vs St John's
Wednesday	07/02/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	Open Cricket vs St John's
Thursday	08/02/2018	07:30:00	08:00:00	House Assembly for Grade 5, 6 and 7
Thursday	08/02/2018	07:30:00	08:00:00	Assembly for Grade 3 and 4
Thursday	08/02/2018	08:00:00	08:30:00	Grade 4LC Sandwich Making Day
Thursday	08/02/2018	14:00:00	17:30:00	U9 Cricket vs St John's
Thursday	08/02/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Water polo Fixture
Friday	09/02/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Swimming Galas
Saturday	10/02/2018	18:30:00	21:00:00	Grade 7 Girls School Valentine's Social
Saturday	10/02/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Basketball Fixtures
Saturday	10/02/2018	08:00:00	13:30:00	Cricket vs St John'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