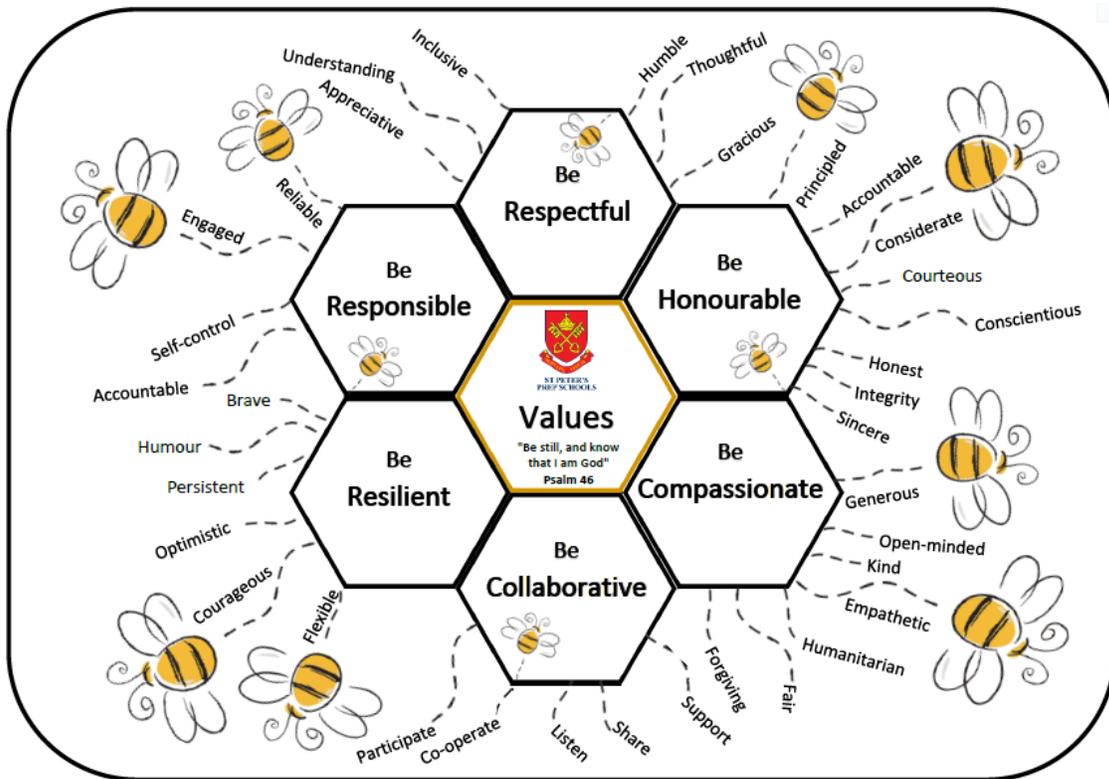




Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Parents will be aware that we are in the process of working through the meaning and enactment of our St Peter's Values with the boys. Most of you will have seen the diagram below during the Parent Evenings at the beginning of the term. I believe that this week's value, "Be Compassionate", is one that needs particular emphasis due to the "pecking order tendency" of boys and the ultra-competitive and unforgiving environment we live in.



You will notice a number of dispositions that are associated with this value. One of these is the need to be empathetic. **Empathy** differs from sympathy in that it does not mean that one experiences a paternalistic "sympathy" for someone, but is rather the ability to use one of the thinking tools, OPV (Other Persons View) as a point of departure for interpersonal interactions and to feel "with" the person.

As I said to the boys in Chapel earlier this week, we are not always ready to accept that every person brings a particular emotional state and expectation to every conversation we have. All too often we are too eager to fulfil our expectations and, therefore, are not **open-minded** enough. This means that we not only run the risk of hurting the other person, but we also could lose out on extremely valuable input. In addition, we need to be **fair** in our judgement of others, of a **generous** spirit and be ready to **forgive** and build up our peers so that we can go forward as a stronger collaborative (next week's value) group. This acceptance of our own fallibility and yet undertaking to provide a strong foundation for growth

to all who we meet is encompassed in our School Prayer:

SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God.
 We give thee hearty and humble thanks for thy servant,
 Peter.
 We know that when we seek to stand in our strength,
 We too, like him, will forsake thee.
 Bestow upon us, we pray, the courage to admit our failings
 So that, in the renewal of thy forgiveness,
 We may fly again on the wings of angels.

Grant us strength and steadfastness
 So that we, with Peter, may stand as the rock
 On which thou hast built thy church.
 Fill all who enter this school with compassion and love,
 Shelter them within thy bountiful grace
 And send us forth as messengers of thy truth.

In the blessed name of thy Son

Amen

As we work through the St Peter's Values with the boys this term, I would appreciate it if you would discuss their application in home life as well. Our mid-year reports will have a section in which we will look at how the boys are living out these values, thus placing a deliberate focus on the school imperative of character education.

Enjoy the last week of summer sport fixtures. After the mid-term break we move into the athletics season. This is a further opportunity for the boys to show a growth mind-set and I ask that you encourage your son to take part in all the different events, focusing not on the competition, but on his own improved distances and times through the season.

Have a great weekend.

Rob Macaulay



CONGRATULATIONS - IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to **Devon Everitt** and **Nicole** on the birth of their baby boy! His name is **Nicolo**.



FROM SISTER GAIL

There are a number of medicine forms still outstanding, could you please make sure these are sent to school with your child as soon as possible. The forms were emailed to all parents and can also be found on the Communicator St Peter's: Resources/Boys/Girls: Medical Forms.

If your son is sick or has a temperature, please keep him at home. Please don't send him to school as this only spreads germs throughout the class and school resulting in outbreaks which we would like to avoid.

Sister Gail Brent

2017 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Your son should be bringing home a School Magazine early next week. The cost is **R180** which will be debited to your account.

If you do not want the magazine, please return it to either Boys SP or JP Reception areas by Thursday 01 March, before the mid-term break commences. Please return it together with a slip of paper with your son's full name and class.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)
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SCHOOL SHOP Family Organiser

The popular family organiser is now on sale.
WAS R140, NOW R100.

Nadia Thompson (Shop Assistant)

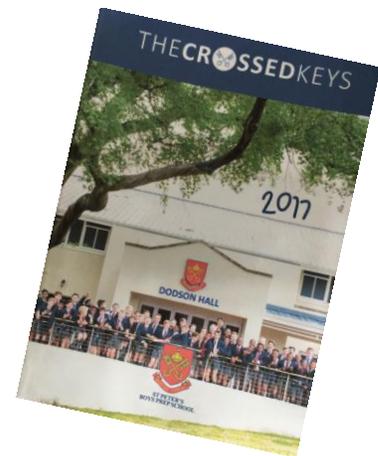
SCREEN TIME PRESENTATION BY LARA RAGPOT – 15 FEBRUARY

In case you missed this presentation, it has been loaded onto the Communicator St Peter's under RESOURCES/BOYS/GIRLS: Presentations to Share.

OLD BOYS NEWS

St Alban's College

Max Berry (2013) – Honours
Keroshan Pillay (2013) – Honours
Luke Texeira (2013) – Full Colours Academics
Keegan Robus (2013) – Full Colours Academics
Keelan Watkins (2013) – Half Colours Academics
Tristan Govender (2013) – Half Colours Academics
Bradley Leonard (2014) – Half Colours Academics
Rhys Fulford (2014) – Half Colours Water polo
Bradley Hooker (2014) – Half Colours Water polo





To book: <https://goo.gl/forms/NRkF1LcTygRfS1TR2>

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check Calendar section of Communicator St Peter's for forthcoming week's activities.

BADEN-POWELL FOUNDERS DAY – Friday 23 February

Cubs and Scouts may wear their uniforms to school on Friday.



PA NEWS

MY STORY: WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

"The scarcest resource is not oil, metals, clean air, capital, labor, or technology. It is our willingness to listen to each other and learn from each other and to seek the truth rather than seek to be right." (Donella Meadows)

"My Story" is our St Peter's community "safe space." We believe that inviting St Peter's parents and staff to share their experiences helps us to break down the barriers that stand between us and sets us on a path towards a stronger, more cohesive community. Please join us on this exciting journey:

Date: Wednesday 28 February

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Girls Junior Prep Hall



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