



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I have a Spaniel named Ringo. He is a beautiful and intelligent animal and yet, he is useless! The reason for this is that he has learnt how to look at humans with big brown eyes, resulting in the family falling over themselves to pat him, pick him up, feed him or pamper him in any other way. Thus, while Ringo is a perfectly capable animal, his functioning as a dog is almost non-existent. As we begin the second half of the Easter term, I thought that it may be useful to use this analogy to test our own role as parents in the creation of conditioned helplessness in our boys.

While one of our values is *Resilience*, modern parenting, with all its love and good intentions, sometimes creates just the opposite. All meaningful learning comes with a degree of emotional engagement in the situation. Thus, while we know that boys will always test boundaries, their actions will come with a set of consequences, which will lead to learning taking place. Therefore, unless I have learnt to "take the flack" for not packing my own PE clothes, I will believe that responsibility is something that my parents are obliged to take for me and that no matter how important mum or dad's morning meeting is, it is perfectly rational to expect them to drop everything to ensure that I don't suffer any discomfort as a result of my negligence. Once I have packed my clothes, is it correct that I expect mum, dad or my au pair to lug the school bag, cricket kit and my cool box to class while I skip along behind? If I am perfectly capable of changing into my sports kit at the beginning of the practice, why do I expect my parent to dress me as I change back into uniform when I go home?

On the academic front, the boys are often told about the requirements for a piece of work during lessons. If they are not concentrating, they may miss out on this vital piece of information. This does not matter in the greater scheme of things and, by preparing the wrong section for an assessment or having to spend some of their own time "catching up," they build not only the resilience to take responsibility for their actions, but are also empowered to take responsibility for their learning. This is something that our high schools' feedback scores St Peter's boys particularly highly on. Lives are not changed by a failed spelling assessment, but lives are changed by the purposeful taking of responsibility for personal development in general.

In our house, we often tease each other about having a "Ringo" moment. Have you caught yourself having your own "Ringo" moment with your son? If you have, remember that by allowing him to fend for himself and take responsibility for his actions, while somewhat uncomfortable at the time, you will be preparing him to be a resilient and capable young man into the future.

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE CATERING MANAGER ON LISTERIOSIS

In view of the reports on Listeriosis in the press, I would like to reassure you that we don't serve polony or viennas on our menu except on hot dog days. We have, however, removed all ham and salami from the teatime sandwich menu for the time being.

The use of processed food products is quite limited, as we prefer to do home cooked meals. All sausages/boerewors are purchased from our local butcher, where they are produced on site. The cold meats served are limited to ham and salami, purchased from Bidfood (part of the Bidvest group) and are not of the "Enterprise" brand.

I have contacted Bidfood to provide us with clearance/health and safety certificates from their food suppliers.

Our kitchen staff were briefed on Listeriosis at the beginning of the year and we are fully trained on the health and safety procedures to follow in the kitchen, i.e. washing of hands, personal hygiene, use of sanitisers and making sure that all food is fully cooked.

Sharon Rabibal (Catering Manager)

LADIES LUNCH 2108

Wow - what an afternoon! Congratulations and thank you to the fabulous group of moms who organised the spectacular Botanical and Bubbles Ladies Lunch on Saturday, 24 February.

Special thanks must go to **Stacy Mogale** and **Zoe van Onselen** for heading up the committee and making sure everything ran as smoothly as it did. And then, in no specific order, thanks to all the committee members: Busi Mathe, Dipti Marrie, Candice Brits, Priya Lutchman, Jayne Napier, Jessica Barrow, Belinda Gilbert, Chetna Daya, Rashida Dawood, Ellen Ngongo, Kassy Gounden, Tanya Watson, Mandy Hugo, Courtney Baxter, Connie Shipp, Tanya Ingham-Brown, Colleen Hayward-Butt, Sally Diack and Katherine O'Neill.

You girls ROCK!!



SECOND HAND SHOP

The second hand shop is situated just behind the current school shop and opening hours are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 07:00 to 08:00. School uniforms and sport kit for both girls and boys are available at discounted prices.

All donations are welcome. Kindly deliver clean items to the shop during any of the opening times.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the shop during one of opening times, kindly contact Carol Sithole on carol.sithole1977@gmail.com or on 072 2268599.

Please contact any of the following ladies to make appointments at other times or for more information:

- Carol 072 2268599
- Heather: 082 654 2755
- Janice 083 325 2464
- Vicky 081 470 9124

OLD BOYS & GIRLS NEWS

St Peter's College

CROSSED KEYS

Students must achieve an overall average of 78% or more. This average is derived from marks attained in Term 1, Term 2, Term 2 Examination, Term 3 and the Term 3 Examination in all subjects.

Akrithi Bhimma (Grade 8)	80.58%
Sabrina Jansen (Grade 9)	79.22%
Didintle Netshiswinzhe (Grade 9)	80.91%
Jonathan Webb (Grade 9)	82.44%
Carl Vemer (Grade 9)	88.14%
Julia Schroeder (Grade 10)	76.21%
Marios Joannou (Grade 10)	80.45%
Kaitlin Banahan (Grade 10)	80.62%
Kosmas Joannou (Grade 10)	80.96%
Joshua Jandrell (Grade 10)	84.82%
Yogita Mohabir (Grade 11)	81.71%
Matthew Garrett (Grade 11)	82.30%
Christie Vemer (Grade 11)	88.22%

GOLDEN CROSSED KEYS

This award goes to the top student in each grade who attains the highest overall average based on the results obtained during the year.

Emma Eagle (Grade 8)	88.70%.
Luke Hewson (Grade 11)	89.80%.

THE DA VINCI TROPHY: HIGHEST RESULT FOR VISUAL CULTURE STUDIES IN GRADE 11

Christie Vemer

THE JACUBEC TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a Grade 9 Student who has made a consistent contribution to the school in the three areas of academics, culture and sport. This year's recipient has been involved in many areas of College life. He has excelled academically attaining an average of over 80% every term; he has played Cricket, Tennis and Hockey and has attained colours in all three; and has also been involved in Drama, Newspaper and Public Speaking. We proudly acknowledge **Jonathan Webb**

THE JUNIOR NATURAL SCIENCES CUP

This cup is awarded to the junior student or group of students who have shown particular aptitude, interest or ability in a research or investigation.

Chloe Morrison

GRADE 10 AP MATHEMATICS COMMITMENT TROPHY

The Advanced Programme Mathematics award for commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance in Grade 10:

Marios Joannou

GRADE 11 AP MATHEMATICS COMMITMENT TROPHY

The Advanced Programme Mathematics award for commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance in Grade 11:

Christie Vemer

HALF COLOURS

Joshua Jandrell

Kosmas Joannou

Marios Joannou

FULL COLOURS/HONOURS

Christie Vemer

Luke Hewson

Matthew Garrett

Yogita Mohabir

WHITE BLAZER

The White Blazer is awarded in recognition of achieving Full Colours in Sport, Cultural, Academics and completion of Community Service requirements.

Yogita Mohabir

PYJAMA DAY

Cancer is an illness that can affect anyone - regardless of age, gender or race. Within our own St Peter's family, we have people who are fighting this disease at present and one of these is a young girl in the Girls Prep. We as a school have therefore chosen CHOC, as our charity, to support this term and for us to remember all children who are fighting cancer.

During the week starting Monday, 12 March 2018, we will be speaking to the children in our own community on cancer and how families are affected by this dreadful disease. On Friday, 16 March 2018, we will conclude the week with a 'Pyjama Day.' On this day, we encourage the children and staff to come to school in their pjs in order to empathise with children who are sick and suffering with cancer.

There is no charge for this day - as this is about us, as a community, becoming aware and pulling together to support one another.

Blessings

Fr Richard (Chaplain)

FORTHCOMING WEEK

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

FOURWAYS TRAFFIC IS THE WORST IN SOUTH AFRICA

A group of St Peter's parents are being proactive in tackling the traffic in the Fourways Area. They have approached the DA Councillor, JMPD and LRA to discuss the infrastructure, motorists' behaviour on the roads and pointsmen required to ensure the Fourways Area traffic flows adequately.

To send an email to Mayor Herman Mashaba, to ensure he is aware of the circumstances on our roads, 10 000 signatures are required – please consider signing the petition below and sharing this with other concerned road users in our area. We are hoping to make a daily difference!

[https://www.petitions24.com/fourways traffic is the worst in sa sign this petition to make-it-stop](https://www.petitions24.com/fourways%20traffic%20is%20the%20worst%20in%20sa%20sign%20this%20petition%20to%20make-it-stop)

Thank you for your support!

CHARITY



Calling all Super Dogs!

DOGS UNITE!
For Guide Dogs

The only dog walk of its kind - where your dog is the hero of the hour and every hero will be presented with a cape!

Date: 25 March 2018
Venue: Delta Park Johannesburg

Time: Registration from 07:00
Walk starts at 08h00

Tickets are available on www.guidedog.org.za
Keep a look out on our website for further information

If you would like to be a hero and get involved in this event, please contact **Juliette Powell:**
JulietteP@guidedog.org.za or 011 705 3512

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