



SENIOR PREP

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I trust that you all had a good rest yesterday and that you took some time to consider how, despite many a setback, South Africans have continued to grow as a resilient and agile nation. The need for us all to work together to build our communities is as strong as ever and I thank God for the proactive and collaborative manner in which our school continues to endeavour to provide an environment in which every person feels valued and able to achieve to their fullest potential.

This week I have decided to share a small experiment carried out by our Head of Pastoral Care regarding social media. The results speak volumes and must be a strong reminder to us that the purposeful and ongoing education of our children regarding this modern phenomenon and the whole idea of social literacy has to come from both school and home.

On Friday evening, Scott Hauptfleisch created a profile on "Instagram" with nothing more than an arbitrary name and a badge from a famous football team. By the time we met on Monday, he had been invited to follow (and therefore have access to personal details) about 182 people. In addition he had 42 followers despite having posted absolutely nothing on his profile. Imagine if he had set this profile up with something other than academic and pastoral intentions!

Please be aware of what your children have access to and don't be a parent who circumvents the legal age limits for the various platforms. There are too many distraught parents who believed that their children would "...never do that." To my mind a family conversation around the dinner table is worth a million "likes" on any platform.

We look forward to our Inter-House Athletics this weekend. Please be there to support your sons as they complete the various field events on Friday afternoon and enjoy the track events on Saturday. Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Rob Macaulay

ECO NEWS: CELEBRATING EARTH HOUR – SATURDAY, 24 MARCH

Why don't you join millions of people across the world and switch off all your lights for an hour on **Saturday 20:30 - 21:30** to raise awareness for the planet?

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement for the planet organized by the WWF to encourage individuals, businesses and governments around the world to take positive action by turning off their lights for a designated 60 minutes.

At school, we will support this movement on **Friday 08:30 – 09:30**.

We have challenged all departments to turn off as many electrical devices that they can and find creative ways to avoid the need to use electricity during this hour.

Use this event as an educational opportunity to discuss environmental issues as a family.

The Eco Committee



PA NEWS

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

All proceeds from the sale of second hand goods are donated to the St Peter's Foundation, to support bursary children at St Peter's Prep Schools.

ST PETER'S WINTER WARMERS 2018 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Due to popular demand, *Winter Warmers* is back on the St Peter's Prep 2018 calendar. We are looking for a group of parents to organise this function.

Please click on the following link to volunteer <https://goo.gl/forms/wQ54pY8AFIW4FmoD2>

There will be a 'kick off' meeting at 07:15 at the Mvukuzane Pavilion on Thursday, 29 March.

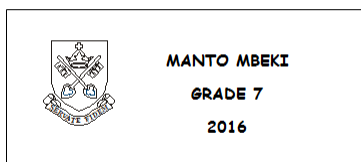
PAVER PLAQUES

A PAVER PLAQUE is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please download the order form from the Communicator under Resources/ GIRLS/BOYS PA information.

Examples of the plaques available to are order:

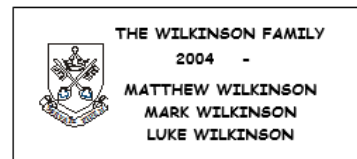
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LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



FORTHCOMING WEEK

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