



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

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

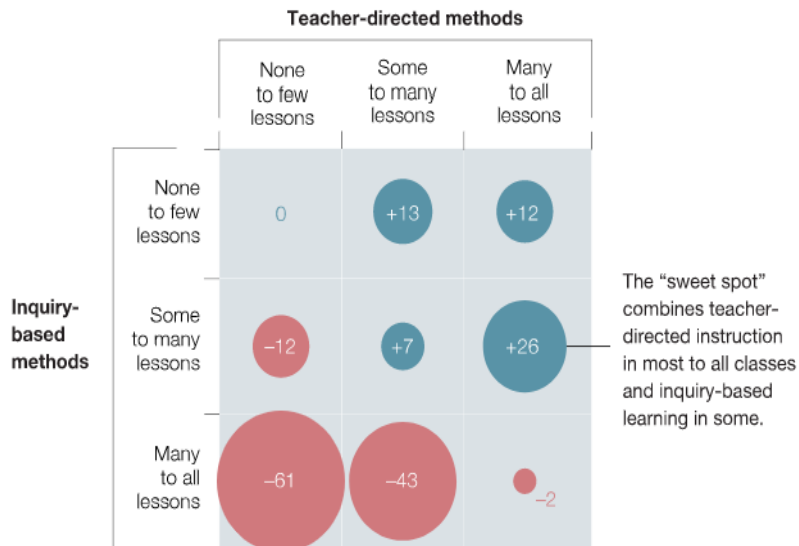
Being an Anglican Diocesan School, this week is very important in our calendar. Holy Week is the lead-up to the Easter Weekend and we remember the compassion and servant leadership shown by Jesus throughout His ministry. I believe that the boys have valuable lessons to learn from this journey. Much of what is encouraged in today's times is quite the opposite of the selflessness and forgiveness demonstrated by our Lord and yet it is Christ's attitude of servanthood and compassion that will be of importance if we are to grow our communities and make a stronger and happier South Africa. I encourage you to take time to discuss this concept during a family dinner sometime this week.

While the rain last weekend was most welcome, we were sorry to have to postpone the Inter-House Athletics meeting on Friday and Saturday. This event will take place on Tuesday, 3 April and I encourage you to join us if possible as we watch the boys strive to be the best that they can be in this sporting event.

With our second FLP Programme on the go and the use of an "Inquiry Based" methodology, I felt that it would be pertinent to share the following excerpt from a McKinsey study on the best teaching methodologies as demonstrated by PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) findings:

Students who receive a blend of teacher-directed and inquiry-based instruction have the best outcomes.

Point change in PISA<sup>1</sup> science score relative to baseline,<sup>2</sup>  
average score increase ● or decrease ●



["How to improve student educational outcomes: New insights from data analytics"](#)

You will be aware that this mixed methodology is employed by our staff. This does sometimes mean that the “control” for learning is wrested from the adult and placed in the child’s hands. It does not, however, mean that no learning takes place. Rather, the children are given the opportunity to develop and gain a deeper understanding of their traditionally acquired knowledge through the inquiry process. In assessments that adopt this principle, the key information is supplied and the children draw conclusions based on the information – imagine the old comprehension test, but with much higher order thinking required than the pure regurgitation of facts. This has, at times, created panic with parents when they are unable to prepare for cycle tests in the old “parrot fashion” way. Please don’t panic; trust us. The boys take these skills to high schools around the country and we have received feedback that it is this ability, rather than their volume of content knowledge that makes them successful. Catherine Steenhoff and I encourage parents who would like to learn more about our teaching methodologies to make an appointment to meet with us over a cup of coffee or tea to chat further.

I wish you all a truly meaningful Easter and an enjoyable family weekend.

### Rob Macaulay



The Grade 3s creating Google slides for the first time!

### SCHOOL SHOP

#### Winter Uniform

There are only seven more school days left before we break up! Please pop in to get winter uniforms before Wednesday, 11 April.

Don’t forget that we can arrange for beanies and scarves to be embroidered.

### OLD BOYS NEWS

#### Michaelhouse

**Kombo Magara** was recently awarded full school colours for Music.

#### St Peter’s College

**Nicholas Els (Grade 9 2017)** was awarded the *Crossed Keys*. Students must achieve an overall average of 78% or more to get this award.

## Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

**R250 per Bunch**

**Please support by ordering your bunch  
of beautiful flowers by Tuesday  
afternoon via email [nicky@ntce.co.za](mailto:nicky@ntce.co.za).**

**Collection of flowers on Friday from  
12:00 at**

**ALL Receptions where relevant,  
i.e.: Girls SP and JP, Boys SP and JP.**

**Many thanx  
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee**



### FORTHCOMING WEEK

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

### READER'S WAREHOUSE BOOK SALE

When : 5 and 6 April 07:30 to 14:30

Where : Boys JP Hall





**7S PRIDWIN RUGBY 2018**

★ **FRIDAY 4 MAY** ★

**13:00 UNTIL 20:00**  
**VENUS STREET FIELDS**

**MARIMBA BANDS**  
**GRADE 7S FUN STAND**  
**CRAFT BEER ON TAP**  
**BOERIE ROLLS & PREGOS**

**STAND A CHANCE TO WIN TWO TICKETS TO EUROPE**

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