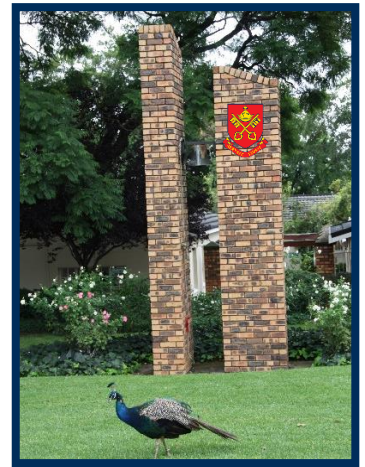




SENIOR PREP

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ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Thank you, once again to all those parents who rallied to our call for a TLB. We were delighted with the number of responses received. The ground behind the After-School facility has been levelled and a berm built.

The Foundation is looking for **Mathematics sets**. We have been made aware of a Gauteng public school where Gr 12s are preparing for their matriculation exams and not one has such a set. If you would like to donate a set, please deliver to any of the junior or senior reception areas, marked "Foundation Maths Set". The School Shop has limited stock.



St Peter's Intern Programme: we now have 25 interns on campus ranging from 1st to 4th year in their studies. Their ability to achieve excellent exam results, while managing family responsibilities, e.g. cooking, and caring for younger siblings, is inspirational. The children continue to delight in their presence and frequently form strong bonds with them. Their role in the classroom has resulted in improved Reading and Mathematics ages, thanks to the increased student-teacher contact time.

Over and above this, the programme is able to change the lives, albeit of a very small number of people. In its own small way, it also addresses South Africa's most pressing issue, that of the lack of quality education.

We are deeply grateful to those parents who have, and continue to support this programme financially, or with their time. We are especially grateful to the CIDA Empowerment Trust (www.cidatrust.org) which supports 6 interns and the Gauteng Central Region Academy (GCRA) (www.gauteng.gov.za/services/youth/Pages/GCRA.aspx), which supports 16.

CIDA seeks to multiply the positive effects of quality in education in low income communities. It focuses on teacher development in the highly successful internship model that St Peter's offers.

The GCRA is a branch of the Gauteng Department of Education responsible for promoting skills development. It also seeks to enable young people to make the transition from school to work through relevant work training opportunities. It, too, has recognised the success of the St Peter's Intern Programme, in partnership with the University of Johannesburg, and also sponsored interns in 2017.

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at groyce@stpeters.co.za or dradloff@stpeters.co.za

Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the mid-term break. Somehow the winter season demands more of us with the early morning travel to school, often in the dark, and the colder weather. Notwithstanding the cold, I am pleased to be able to congratulate the community on a really "hot" half term! With the successful rugby and cross-country seasons behind us, we have been in full swing with inter-house football this week. In addition, another enjoyable FLP week has gone by and I would like to thank the substitute teachers who came in during this programme to ensure that there was a greater emphasis on personalised learning as the boys investigated the various topics.



On the traffic flow front, you will notice that we have added a new staff parking area above Somerset field so as to alleviate pressure on the JP carpark. Although we now have 21 more bays available, please do continue to drop-and-go in the mornings unless you have appointments arranged with staff members. Thanks you for your co-operation.

Rehearsals for the school production are well under way and we look forward to performances on 12 and 13 July. In addition, we will have the Chapel Choir Festival on 4 July and the Cadet Choir Festival on 5 July so on the Cultural side we can expect a busy second half of the term.

The Sandton Community Police Forum and Francois Marais from Ghost Squad Security came out on a chilly Tuesday evening to give the St Peter's Prep Schools community an overview of Crime Prevention in our sector and to provide an anti-hijacking course. I would like to thank the team for their presentation, which I can recommend as being particularly informative. It is comforting to know that we have such dedicated volunteers who are making a difference in the community. Should you wish to become involved and to volunteer your services to the CPF, please contact our Security Manager, Lance Camphor, for more details.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to a refreshed and reinvigorated staff and pupil body on 2 July.

Best wishes
Rob Macaulay

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please could everyone go through cupboards and drawers and bring any library books they have to school on Friday. Mrs Mthethwa will reissue any books that boys are still reading and would like to keep for the holidays. There will also be a chance on Friday morning for the boys to take out a couple of books to read during the mid-term break.

Happy reading!
Katy Mthethwa (Media and Research Specialist)

CHOIR FESTIVALS

The St Peter's School of Music invites you to the annual Choir Festival!



The **Senior Choir Festival** will be held on Wednesday, **4 July at 18:30** in Dodson Hall (Chapel Choir Gr5 - Gr7).

Please take note of the following time:

Mass Choir Rehearsal: 17:00 – 18:00 in Dodson Hall

We ask that your son be on time and be dressed in blue jeans, white takkies and a white winter long sleeve school shirt.

The **Junior Choir Festival** will be held on Thursday, **5 July at 18:30** in Dodson Hall. All the Junior Choirs will perform - this includes the Junior Prep Choir (Grade 2s) and the Cadet Choir (Grade 3s and 4s).

Please take note of the following time:

Mass Choir Rehearsal: 17:30 – 18:10

We ask that your son be on time and Grade 3s & 4s to be dressed in No1s. Please check that both buttons are on their blazers. Grade 2s to be dressed in their tracksuits.

The boys are to bring a healthy snack. Soup and other snacks will be on sale.

Tickets for these events will be available online for purchase through the Tixsa website. The link will be available on the Communicator from 2 July.

We look forward to an amazing evening filled with beautiful music.

MANDELA DAY 2018

Mr Mandela lived his life by three rules: ***free yourself, free others, and serve every day.***

This is the message that St Peter's would like to embrace this year, and as part of our Mandela Day Drive, we appeal to all our families to donate books. Books of all genres and for all age groups would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to support: *Diepsloot Combined and Sefikeng Primary; The Tomorrow Trust and our own surrounding community* where it has been shown that 80% of Grade 4s cannot read at an appropriate level!

We will be collecting books from 10 to 20 July in the SP Boys and Girls receptions.

We look forward to your support!
The Mandela Day Team



DID YOU KNOW

One serving of hot chocolate powder made with water contains around 3 to 4 teaspoons of sugar.

A healthier alternative, is to replace that morning hot chocolate with Rooibos tea and a dash of honey.

Rooibos tea is packed with anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Research over the past decade has proven the therapeutic ability of rooibos to help prevent [cancer](#), protect the liver against disease, boost the immune system, relieve [allergies](#) and treat [digestive disorders](#).



PA NEWS

WINTER WARMERS



The poster features a central white area with a decorative orange and green border, set against a grey and white chevron background. At the top center is the St Peter's Prep Schools crest, flanked by two colorful musical staves with notes. Below the crest, the text reads: 'WINTER WARMERS MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY!', 'Live Music | Kids Inflatables & Entertainment', 'FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!', 'SAVE THE DATE', 'DATE: Saturday, 14 July 2018', 'TIME: 12:00 – 17:00', 'TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON – STAY TUNED!', and the email address winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

HALF TERM

BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 2 JULY

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

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 08:00 ON WEDNESDAYS