

**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

We were enthralled by the choir performances last week and are in line for more cultural 'wow' moments in the weeks to come. The School Production, *'The Prince of Egypt'*, will be performed on Thursday and Friday evening, with *'Viva Voce'* following within the next two weeks. We are blessed to have such talented boys and I applaud our Music and Drama department for the outstanding motivation and guidance they give the pupils. Remember that our online booking system will be used for these events so watch out for the notifications.

You received your son's 1st Semester report just before mid-term and will notice that our second round of pupil-led conferences are due to take place at the end of July. It is important to distinguish between the two sessions of reporting in terms of their role in the education process.

Pupil-led conferences are part of what is termed formative assessment. The philosophy behind these conferences is that that boys take greater responsibility for their own learning by leading sessions which include the other two 'legs' of our three-legged educational pot, namely the parent and the teacher.

Daniel Pink (<https://www.brainpickings.org/2013/05/09/daniel-pink-drive-rsa-motivation/>) emphasises the importance of learning that includes autonomy, mastery and self-direction. The aim of the pupil-led conferences is to create learning that is self-directed and self-assessed. At the end of the first term, your sons led meetings in which they identified areas of their learning that they felt were going well and upon which they could build, as well as areas in which they had concerns. In consultation with their parents and teachers, they should have put strategies in place and undertaken to commit themselves to their own educational development. Your conferences at the end of this term are designed to revisit these educational plans, assess their success thus far and to calibrate any interventions accordingly. In addition, certain goals may have been met and can be acknowledged, and new goals may be formulated. The focus of these meetings should be on actions and responsibility, thus empowering the child to take greater responsibility for his development.

The above is in contrast to the 1st semester report that you received which provides feedback regarding your son's progress so far this year. While this information is used to inform everyone as to the success of the learning programme, it is not built upon further. Thus, it is seen as a summative evaluation. The second report of this nature is the end of year report, which will include all continuous assessment as well as final test or exam marks where appropriate. These reports are the ones that are forwarded to the various high schools when your son applies to them at the beginning of Grade 7. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this report directly with the teachers, please feel free to make an appointment and spend time with them.

I hope that this distinction will help to set the tone for the upcoming pupil-led conferences. These are extremely important learning tools and I would ask that you follow up with 'check-in' discussions regularly during the term. Please attend the pupil-led conferences with the idea of being a vital cog in your son's development towards autonomy, mastery and self-direction.

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay

DIVERSITY – YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The focus in June and July has been youth leadership with particular emphasis on *service above self*. Besides talks on Youth Month and the 1976 Soweto uprisings that was a turning point in South African history, St Peter's leadership values were emphasized. Respect for others, responsibility and accountability for actions, resilience and collaboration were highlighted as important pillars in leadership.

Michael Rider and **Fumani Sithole** presented in chapel and underlined *servant leadership* by using examples that the boys could easily identify with.

It was comforting to hear the talks about kindness, compassion, empathy and serving others as leaders rather than self. They applauded teachers and parents, among others, for their selfless roles as leaders.

Parents, **Malope Mabizela** and **Claudia Parbhoo**, with the assistance of their teams, set the ball rolling for Youth Month with a successful St Peter's Family Football Day on Youth Day.

Such efforts, including the Council, PA and CC roles, are also brilliant examples of "service above self".

Thank you.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)



**FAMILY SOCCER DAY
16 JUNE 2018**

ST PETER'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our first Bereavement Support Group session took place two weeks ago. This group is for children who have lost a parent. What a privilege it is to be a part of so many lives within our St Peter's community and to make a difference in such meaningful ways.

At first, the children found it a little difficult to share their stories of loss with each other, as these are often a reminder of the painful journey they've experienced. However, once we got going, it warmed my heart to see each of them realise they are not alone. There are others who are walking the same road as they are walking.

A parent of one of the children who attended, had the following to say: "Thank you so much for starting the bereavement group today. My daughter absolutely loved it and was so chuffed that she got to have a good cry. My son (in real boy style) even said that he felt better afterwards. So from my side an absolute success. Please give me a heads up on the next one as I do know of some parents who didn't send their kids and would love to get them involved."

We cannot change the past and the devastating reality of losing a parent. We can strengthen our coping mechanisms and our support structures.

Our next Support Group meeting will be on **Tuesday, 24 July at 07:30**, in the Council Chamber. For those who were not quite ready this time around, please could you encourage them to join. These get-togethers are run by myself and Wendy Wentzel our resident psychologist.

Blessings

Fr Richard (Chaplain)

REMINDER - MANDELA DAY 2018

This is a reminder that St Peter's Prep Schools are collecting donated books as part of the Mandela Day drive this year. We therefore appeal to all our families to donate books. Books of all genres, for all age groups, would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to support: *Diepsloot Combined, Sefikeng Primary, The Tomorrow Trust and our own community.*

We will be collecting books from 10 to 20 July in the reception areas.

Volunteer your 67 minutes for Mandela Day! We need your help in sorting out the books on 20 July 08:00 to 12:00. Please email Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za, if you can help.

We look forward to your support!
The Mandela Day Team

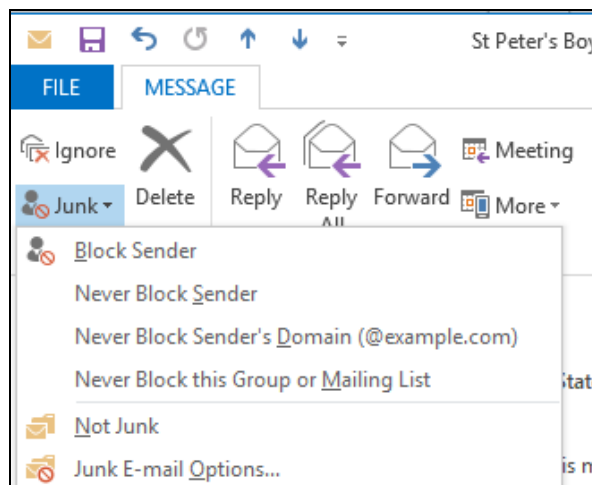


MAIL DELIVERY – HELP

At St Peter's Prep, we send out bulk emails when distributing various communications including the weekly newsletter. These bulk mails are recognised, by definition, as Spam/Junk Email. These then accumulate in the Junk Email folder on your computer.

In order to remedy this problem, please follow the advice below (given by the St Peter's IT Department):

Go into the 'Junk Email' folder, open the email message (refer to image below). Click on the downward arrow on Junk and then choose 'Never Block Sender's Domain'.



If however, you do not have any of St Peter's emails in the junk email or inbox, WHITE LISTING is required.

PLEASE NOTE that we have received confirmation from a few parents that **WHITE LISTING** stpeters.joburg with their service providers/network administrators has resolved the issue with bulk email not being delivered.

OLD BOYS NEWS

Hilton College

Rory Duffy was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the Second Term.

Andrew Meyer was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the Second Term.

Chris Meyer was selected for the 1st Hockey Team and awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the Second Term.

Matuma Mojapelo was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the Second Term.

Connor Paton was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the Second Term.

Tristan Paton was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the Second Term.

S'bonelo Phungula was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the Second Term.

Connor Russell was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the Second Term.

Gareth Schreuder was selected for the 1st Rugby Team and for the Sharks U18 Craven Week Team.

Jarrodd Siddall was selected for the U14A Hockey Team and for the KZN U14B Hockey Team.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the U16A Rugby Team and for the KZN U16 Selectors Team.



**ST PETER'S
COLLEGE**
1998-2018 **20**
YEARS

COLLEGE: APPLICATIONS FOR GRADE 8, 2020

The College has commenced interviewing Grade 8 2020 applicants from the Boys Prep and Girls Prep Schools.

Please ensure your application has been submitted to the College by the beginning of the Third Term (Advent Term) as applications from other primary schools will be open for consideration from October 2018.

Please also diarise the next **College Open Day** which is happening on Saturday, 13 October from 08:30 to 12:00.

- Download the Enrolment Application form [here](#)
- RSVP for the Open Day [here](#).

Kindly contact Tanya Oakes on 011 807 5315 or admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za to schedule your child's interview and/or to submit your application.

For any queries please contact Nosipho Nkosi on 011 807 7126 or marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za

GR7 SOCIAL

PRE-SALES FOR THE GR7 SOCIAL!

Please note that tickets for the social will be on sale in the Boys and Girls SP car parks on **Wed, Thurs and Fri** (25, 26 and 27 July). R100 entrance.


Ticket booklets will also be on sale for food/drinks/activities in denominations of R100, R150 and R200. Get yours early and avoid the lines! Cash and SnapScan available.



PA NEWS

THIS WEEKEND – SATURDAY, 14 JULY - ONLY TWO DAYS TO GO ...

WINTER WARMERS – BOOK YOUR TICKETS: <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/winter-warmers-2018>



**ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS** proudly presents
Winter Warmers 2018,
an afternoon of

Live Music and Entertainment

Our feature band is **BRENT HARGUS
THREE JAM**


The afternoon also includes great supporting entertainment:

- ♫ **FJC** [St Peter's Boys Ensemble Band]
- ♫ **Legacy** [St Peter's Girls Ensemble Band]
- ♫ **Josh Middleton** [Local 15 yr old pop sensation]

and

- ♫ **Inflatables Play Area**
[Slides, rockets Zorb balls, etc]

Date: Saturday, 14 July 12:00 to 17:00
Venue: Mvukuzane Field, St Peter's Prep
Tickets on sale through Tixsa
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/winter-warmers-2018>



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Winter Warmers 2018

Ticket Prices

Ticket costs:

- ♫ Scholar [5-18 yrs] R150
- ♫ Adult [18 yrs +] R150
- ♫ Toddler [2-4 yrs] R50
- ♫ Under 2 yrs is free

Book an 8-seater table for R2 000 - includes:

- ♫ 8 Adult tickets
- ♫ 4 VIP parking tickets at Boys JP Parking
- ♫ Picnic Table
- ♫ Crockery
- ♫ Cutlery

Purchase your Lucky Draw Tickets:

- ♫ 1 for R25, or
- ♫ 5 for R100

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St Peter's Prep Schools presents

Winter Warmers 2018 . . . all about the Prizes



2 nights for 2 at
Makalali Private Game Reserve
[R13 000]



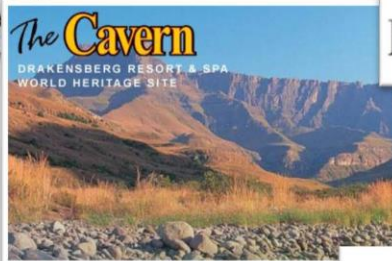
Simply Gardens - Seedlings and
Landscaping Consult
[R5,000]



2 nights for 2 at
Fire and Ice Hotel, CT
[R5 000]



Vogue Cantilever
Umbrella [R2,000]



2 nights for 2 at
The Cavern
[R5 000]



Meerlust Wine Hamper



Always Ahead Colour,
Cut/Blow & Treatment
[R2,000]



2 sets of Talon Tough Tools -
each including an
Electric Hedge Trimmer [R1,200]
and Chain Saw [R900]



3 Piece Diamond Luggage Set
[R3,000]



Private House Products
[R1,500]



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1 ticket
for R25
or
5 tickets
for R100

Buy online or
SnapScan on the day

St Peter's Prep Schools presents

Winter Warmers 2018 all about the Food

Pack a picnic....
or purchase the fabulous food on offer!



Date: Saturday, 14 July 12:00 to 17:00
Venue: Mvukuzane Field, St Peter's Prep

Preferred Methods of Payment: Credit Card or ZAPPER

GOLF DAY

The St Peter's Prep Golf Day
Friday, 5 October 2018
Kyalami Country Club

 **BOOKINGS OPEN**
16 July

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

- R1000 per player- includes welcome drink on arrival, halfway house, mulligans and casual dinner
- Shotgun start at 12:00
- Prize giving and casual dinner in the bar
- An exciting RAFFLE DRAW – raffle to be announced shortly (no fundraising auction)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES available!

DON'T MISS OUT!
 To book your spot, or for any additional information email
golfday@stpeters.co.za

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.

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.

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