



SENIOR PREP

Keyhole: 889

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# ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

# THROUGH THE KEYHOLE



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

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the Advent Term. While this is a relatively long term, I find that the end of the year flies towards us at an ever increasing rate of knots as the busy and diverse programme takes shape. I hope that you had a really restful holiday and that you feel ready for the term ahead. I thought I would begin this Newsletter with a few updates:

- You will see that the new "Innovation and Design Centre" is under construction near the Lettie Bell area. The aim is to have a more inquiry-based and technological feel in the Centre, but not to lose the important hands-on skills that have become a trademark of our D&T programme. Thank you to Mr Agnew and the class teachers, who will use a combination of a "Mobile Centre" and Mr Porter's Maths Room during the building phase. We hope that the room will be complete by the end of October.
- You will also see the "Adventure Playground" that has been donated by the Armstrong family. This is on the Mvukuzane Embankment and will be used primarily by the Middle School, but I am sure the others boys will enjoy it as well. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude as a community to the Armstrong family. Not only has Jen put an enormous amount of professional input into the design of the playground from an Occupational Therapy point of view, but the family have funded the project entirely.



- The Napier Quad and Chapel gardens have gone indigenous. Thanks to Muchachari Garden Services for all their hard work. Thanks, also, to the Maintenance Team and Ops for all the work that has been done during the holidays. We have increased the size of the drainage pipes under Feathers so that they can cope with the extra storm flow which has come about due to the new multi-purpose surface above the Girls JP. You will also notice that general maintenance on the fencing, as well as the scarifying of the fields, has been done. There are a number of other "odd-jobs" that were completed. Well done Ops!
- Sean Creamer has taken on the role of Head of Inquiry and Innovation for 2019. Sean will be using an inquiry-based approach to D&T. His brief will be to grow our inquiry-based approach across the curriculum from Grade 0 - 7.
- Callan Cronin will be joining us in a full-time teaching capacity as the HOD of JP Sport in 2019. We wish Callan and the team all the best as they continue to grow the JP Sports Programme.

- Janine Futselaar, who has been HOD Mathematics at Rivonia Primary for a number of years, will be joining us in 2019, teaching Maths in the Upper School. I believe that Janine will have much to offer us and will settle in very well.
- Jaya Govender has also come back home. Jaya will be completing a locum in the Girls School this term, but will re-join the Boys JP in 2019. Debby Jameson will be teaching Grade 2 as a locum for the third term in Dom van der Merwe's place. She joins us after teaching in the UAE for a number of years.
- Bonolo Molefe will join us as a JP teacher in 2019. Bonolo will complete her internship at St Peter's in 2018 and is already part of our community. I wish her everything of the best as she embarks on her teaching career.

As we begin what I am sure will be a very happy term, please may I ask everyone to help us to reinforce the 5 G's (Greeting, Grooming, Grounds, Grit and Gratitude) in all encounters with the boys so that we can get rid of some of the cobwebs that may have appeared during the four week break.

I wish you all a blessed term ahead.

### Rob Macaulay

### CLAY OVEN FIRE ASSISTANCE

As many of you will know, a large fire occurred on Friday night at the Clay Oven informal settlement across the road from the school. 128 shacks were completely destroyed. This affects approx 250 people, including 50 women and 20 young children.

If you would like to assist these families, who are now left with literally nothing, you can do so via the school. We would like to specifically help with the following:

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:

- Tins
- Maize meal
- Rice
- Biscuits, etc

#### TOILETRIES:

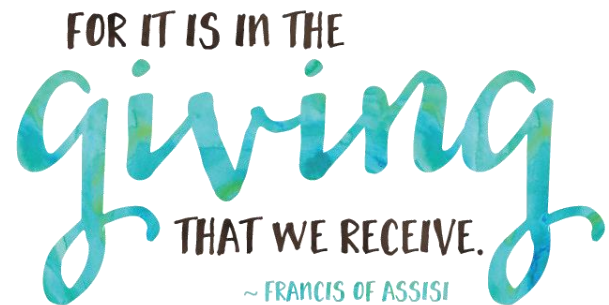
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Sanitary pads
- Face cloths & Towels
- Soap

#### KITCHENWARE:

- Cooking pots
- Cooking utensils

UNDERWEAR for ladies and small children (up to age 6).

Collection points are in place at the lower car park and chapel and both JP Girls receptions and JP Boys reception. These are urgent needs, so we will deliver what is collected every day, and will be collecting up until Tuesday next week. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Colleen on 082 391 0554 to find out what else is needed. Many thanks, the Community Partnership team.



**PA GOLF DAY**golfday@stpeters.co.za'."/>

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



**LIMITED**  
**4 BALLS**  
**still available**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**  
To book your spot, or for any additional information email  
[golfday@stpeters.co.za](mailto:golfday@stpeters.co.za)

**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**