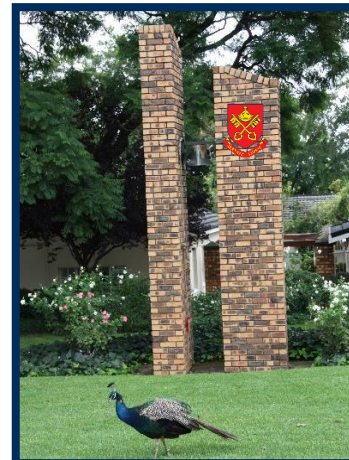




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27 September 2018



**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Having returned to school after the Heritage Day weekend, I thought that it may be appropriate to look at our own St Peter's "heritage" and what it means to be part of the community. I believe that the greatest strength of St Peter's is our grounding in the Christian Faith. While this grounding is definitely not exclusive, we welcome children and families from many other faiths at the school and celebrate the diversity that we are privileged to experience as a result, our basic ethos is firmly set in the Anglican Tradition of the Christian Faith. This grounding serves to inform us in our decision making and our Chaplain, Father Richard, sits on EXCO and ensures that we adhere to Christian values and doctrines. This common thread of faith allows us to find unity in our diversity and provides a "safe space" for the children to explore the complexity of the broader South African community.

Those who read this newsletter regularly will be familiar with the conscious effort that St Peter's makes to bring our parents from various cultures and heritage together through events such as the "My Story" evenings that take place twice a term. These events are diarised and everyone is welcome to attend. In our celebration of Heritage Day, two special "My Story" events were held last week. The first, a bring-and-share harvest table, took place in the Boys JP. Food from various cultures was brought in by participants and as groups moved around the tables they heard why the dish was significant for a particular culture and, in some cases, the personal stories behind the choice. The second group of storytellers met in the Girls JP Hall and here items of memorabilia or cultural clothing were used as the stimulus for conversation. Once again, the power of sitting in community and sharing stories, asking questions and, very importantly laughing together, was highlighted. Unless you have attended a "My Story" event you will not be able to appreciate the power and sense of belonging that these events inculcate. The principles of the prayer of St Francis are an important part of the evenings. I share this well-known prayer below:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life
Amen



The St Peter's community is one in which we celebrate our togetherness and acceptance of each other, not only in principle, but in active sharing of who we are and consciously seeking to understand first and then to be understood. Please join us for our next "My Story" event.

Enjoy a wonderful week of community.

Rob Macaulay

LATEST AWSUM NEWSPAPER IS OUT

Here is your electronic link:

https://issuu.com/tiemedia/docs/johannesburg_september_primary_-_h_c6798b4be9bb1f

DIVERSITY

Ross du Plooy, Grade 7, addressed the boys in chapel on Heritage Day. Excerpts from his talk follow:

Heritage Day is celebrated on 24 September every year in South Africa. It is a colourful celebration of our country's diversity. It is also a time for us to recognise the importance of aspects of our rainbow nation. As a community, we share the responsibility of identifying and respecting what is important, and pass these on to future generations so they will understand and appreciate their heritage.

Heritage Day was observed in KwaZulu-Natal as Shaka Day, in honour of the legendary Zulu leader, King Shaka Zulu. In 1995 it became a public holiday and its significance rests in recognising aspects of South African culture and democracy that have a profound power to build the nation.

Use the St Peter's values to share, love and celebrate our oneness.

Vijay Maharaj (Director – Diversity)

INDIGENOUS PLANT APPEAL

We would like to upgrade the Boys Prep gardens.

Many of you are busy in your gardens at the moment splitting plants and preparing for spring and summer. If you can spare a few we would really appreciate them. They can be dropped off at the cross in the Chapel car park or in the JP car park. Security will help you.

We are looking for any indigenous:

- succulents
- grasses
- mother-in-law tongue
- gazanias
- wild irises
- normal irises
- strelitzia
- aloes
- groundcovers

If anyone has an "aloe tree" (not large) that they can spare, that would be wonderful.



USB ORDERS FOR "PRINCE OF EGYPT" AND "VIVA VOCE":

We are pleased to announce that the footage for both productions: "Prince of Egypt" & "Viva Voce" 2018 is ready and orders are open. Should you be interested in purchasing a copy of either these productions, please follow the link to place your order/s:

<https://goo.gl/forms/r0U0wupaMR8q1WTP2>

An Invoice with banking details will be sent to you once your information has been received. Please take note that orders paid and placed on, or before every Friday, will be delivered on the following Monday and may be collected from my studio.

Daniël Rossouw (Head of Instruments)



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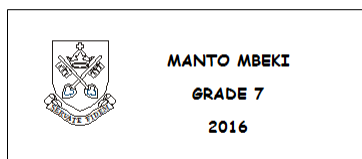
A **PAVER PLAQUE** is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

Examples of the plaques available to order:

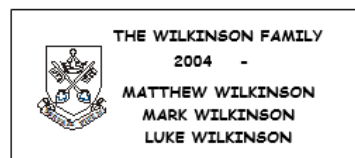
CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



Orders for 2018 will close on 30 September 2018

GOLF DAY



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R200 per ticket

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**R30 000 towards
your *school term fees*.**

T's & C's apply

Only 600 tickets available

Purchase your tickets on TIXSA

On sale from Wednesday, 19 September 08:00

Draw: 5 October 2018
 Time: Approx. 19:00
 Venue: Kyalami Country Club
 Event: St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

Buy your tickets online through this link:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>

SUNSET CAROLS – CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL INVITATION

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2018 Sunset Carols Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 1 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. The market is held prior to the St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people.

To apply for a stall click on the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RTuZaQASlx6BtnlK2>

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