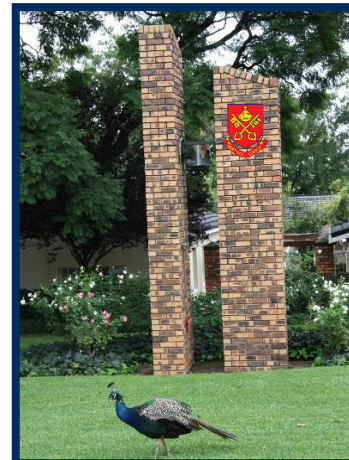




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4 October 2018



**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

HELP WITH GREENING THE ST PETER'S CAMPUS – SOLAR ENERGY

We are hoping to find parents who can assist the school with the following:

1. The provision of a grid-tied solar power system for the Boys Junior Prep.
2. A supplier of LED globes.

Both of the above are components of an overall campus plan developed with an engineering and environmental consulting company, JG Afrika. Our contact is an Old Boy who is ensuring that we are enjoying discounted rates.

The project plan is holistic, covering energy and water consumption, as well as waste disposal. We hope to have solar power reduce our reliance on Eskom and to use potable water for drinking and cooking only. It is intended to use grey water and harvested rain water for toilets and irrigation. In addition to the manufacture of compost, we intend to install an Anaerobic Digester in order to consume kitchen waste and produce gas for the stoves.

Given the complexity of the greening project and the fact that technology in this regard is constantly evolving, the school has long-sought a partner with sufficient experience and up to date proficiency. JG Afrika will manage all aspects of this project in consultation with the school, including the selection of service providers and scrutiny of quotes to ensure continuity, reliability and cost-effectiveness.

If you are able to assist, or require any further information, please contact the Ops Manager, Cecilia Neto (cneto@stpeters.co.za) or the Business Manager, Moira Hodgson (mhodgson@stpeters.co.za).

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

The Housemasters are going to be writing articles for the Newsletter. We have had an interesting article by Craig Taylor (Mirfield Housemaster) on behaviour on the side of the sports field and the effects on prep school boys. Today we are hearing from Andrew Bench (Housemaster of Bishops). Below is the first part in a two part piece on how he has seen St Peter's change and evolve over his time here.

Enjoy the week.

Rob Macaulay

REFLECTIONS OF A TEACHER, ANDREW BENCH, WHO HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF TEACHING AT ST PETER'S PREP BOYS SCHOOL FOR 30 YEARS, (1989 TO PRESENT) – PART 1

How does one do justice, in a short reflection, to the enormous progress, changes and developments that have occurred at St Peter's over my 30 years of contact with this wonderful, world-class educational facility? The massive contributions of so many wise council members, a dedicated and professional staff and every parent who just wanted to give their son a truly amazing start in life cannot be overemphasised – this really has been a team effort and the mind boggles with much pride, to think where our great school will be in the next 30 years. St Peter's has grown and developed from very humble beginnings. A dream of a retired teacher, Stanley Dodson, who started St Peter's when he purchased a northern suburb plot with his pension, has certainly come of age. He, and so many other pioneers, can look back with pride at where St Peter's is today.



An aerial view of the school in 1951

Our 34-acre farm school, where some pupils initially arrived on horse and by bicycle, has been transformed into a world class educational facility, that must surely rank with the best in the world and certainly in South Africa. St Peter's now has highly specialised and separate, Junior Prep Schools for boys and girls, coupled to separate Prep School facilities for grade 3 to 7 boys and girls as well as a co-educational College. What an outstanding achievement in the short 70 years or so of existence.

St Peter's, being positioned between a relatively quiet Witkoppen Road, in those days, and the N1 motor way, was destined to be perfectly positioned for the ever expanding, greater Sandton region. Our hedgehogs, African bullfrogs, guinea fowl, spotted genets, bush babies and a variety of birds, to mention but a few of the early species found on the estate have seen huge development and change over the years. The lanes of pine and exotic trees have consciously been replaced by indigenous trees and shrubs, that now support a range of new animal species. Climate change seems all too real, as we've seen the first day of winter frost move steadily from the beginning of May to well into June. The traditional late afternoon Highveld thunderstorms, that kept many of our fields flooded for days on end, seemed literally to have dried up and been replaced by the scary predictions associated with global warming.

Fortunately for us, the magnificent Chapel with Chaplain, Father Richard and Assistant Chaplain, Kamohelo Kotsi, allows us to start each day in prayer and the boys still sing their hearts out – what a wonderful privilege for the boys and staff, to share in worship!

The school itself has changed significantly over the years. The prefab classrooms that were common when I arrived, have given way to bricks and mortar, with new building projects initiated each year. The once busy, and popular, boarding houses that many of the Old Boys will remember with fondness, needed to be transformed, as boarding became less popular with the modern parent and boy. A huge building project changed the two boarding facilities into the present day Girls Prep School, allowing parents to educate their daughters in a style similar to that of their sons. Mvukuzane field was purchased (with the help of the Mole family) and a new pavilion erected to cater for the demands of the growing sporting options. The old Junior Boys Prep was redesigned and turned into the new Junior Prep Girls School and the old Indoor Sports Centre was totally transformed into the amazing Junior Prep Boys School, that was destined to introduce the boys and parents into the "St Peter's Way"! The Boys Prep School expanded from two to three classes in each grade, affording more boys the opportunity of experiencing this privileged and amazing start to life that we all too often take for granted today. I come into regular contact with Old Boys and parents, who marvel at the progress and changes. Yet, the Old Boys still enjoy reminiscing about the "old days" when I attend "Old Boy" functions. Now scattered around the globe and active members of an ever changing and dynamic world, these men have taken up their leadership roles in every conceivable occupation – testimony that we develop and nurture every area of interest and talent in the boys.

In Part 2, I will reflect further on the many changes, developments and innovations that have occurred during the past 30 years.

Andrew Bench

USB ORDERS FOR "PRINCE OF EGYPT" AND "VIVA VOCE" AS WELL AS "RAGAZZI":

Orders are still open for "Prince of Egypt" & "Viva Voce" 2018. Should you be interested in purchasing a copy of either of these productions, please follow the link to place your order/s:

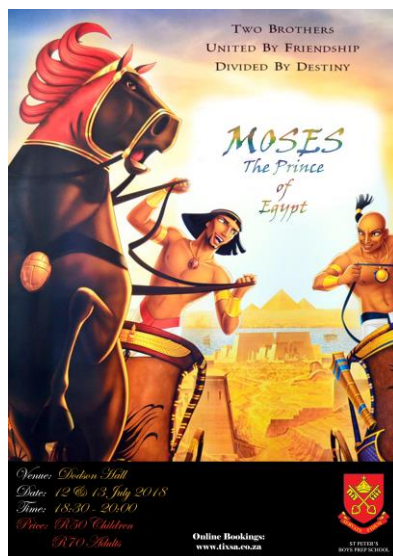
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The "Ragazzi" footage still needs to be edited. I will inform you accordingly as to when they will be ready. In the meantime, if you would like to order a copy please click on this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf3ruzo0ljsDnsA71GvnzTG0-BX6mbBEWgxzPOMH0oH6DEzg/viewform?usp=pp_url

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)



SWINE FLU

We are aware of the current outbreak of flu causing a high number of absentees in the classes. Please be aware that Swine flu is part of the common flu viruses and is a non-notifiable condition.

Common Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Body aches
- Cold shivers and hot sweats

Please keep your children at home should they be displaying any of the above symptoms and consult you GP for further treatment.

Gail Brent (Resident Nursing Sister)

AERIAL PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL

The last time we commissioned aerial photos of the Prep schools was in 2015. We thought it was time to have an updated view as there have been so many amazing upgrades in the last three years.



If anyone has a drone and could help us with this or if you know of a company that can help us, please contact either Diane Fraser (dfraser@stpeters.co.za) or Jean Macleod (jmacleod@stpeters.co.za). We would like to take the photos over a weekend in November. We are happy to pay for this service.

Thank you
Diane Fraser (Marketer)

OLD BOYS NEWS

Jeppe High School for Boys



Dylan Fentham (2014) is a triple South African champion. He won gold medals in the long distance, middle distance and sprint races at the South African Orienteering championships last weekend. Orienteering, he explains, is cross country with a map and those races were 8km, 4km and 2,5km long, respectively, so he's a fit young man, and a clever one too.

"You run with a map and a compass, and you are given straight line directions to the control points," he explains. "Then it's up to you to plot the quickest way of getting there, using the map and your wits. And you have to run there faster than anyone else."

Dylan is also the school's cross country captain, he has half colours for academics and has been named a prefect for 2019.

SUNSET CAROLS BROCHURE – CALL FOR ADVERTISING



The St Peter's Intern Programme invites you to advertise in the 2018 Sunset Carols Brochure.

St Peter's will be celebrating its **sixth Sunset Carols** event on Saturday, **1 December 2018**. This event attracts over 2 500 adults and children and has become the School's annual flagship event. It is preceded by a bustling Christmas Market.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE RAFFLE FOR THIS FABULOUS PRIZE!



**ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS**

RAFFLE 2018

R200 per ticket

**Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your *school term fees*.**

**Ticket sales close this
Friday at 12:00**

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available

**Draw takes place on
5 October 2018 at approx. 19:00**

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

Purchase your tickets on TIXSA:
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018>

Buy your tickets online through this link:

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

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

CHARITY EVENTS



Walk FOR Charity

5KM FUN WALK SAT 13 OCT '18 @8AM

**FIRST 1500
ENTRIES WILL
RECEIVE A
MEDAL &
T-SHIRT**

JOIN US IN
Helping
THOSE IN NEED

#BedfordWalkForCharity2018
ALL PROCEEDS WILL
BE DONATED TO
ST GILES & AVALON

**COST - ADULTS R100 | UNDER 2's ARE FREE | CHILDREN,
PENSIONERS AND DISABLED PERSONS R50**

Discovery Vitality members participating in this year's Bedford Centre Fun Walk on 13 October 2018 will earn up to 300 fitness points for completing the 5km event. Points will be automatically awarded and will take up to four days to reflect on the Vitality Points Monitor.





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