



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

You may recall from a previous article that the current Head of Eton, Simon Henderson, spent the year at St Peter's as a gap student as I commenced my tenure as Headmaster of the Boys Prep.

At ISASA's request, we approached him to deliver a keynote address at the ISASA and Independent Schools Heads' Conference which took place over the half-term last week.

We welcomed Simon and his wife Ali, a former advisor to Tony Blaire and Gordon Brown, at a dinner at St Peter's prior to the conference. It was fascinating to hear his

anecdotes about the school and the boys, some of which involved the reigning monarch. Much later in the evening, he startled us when he jumped up to make an impromptu speech. He expressed his gratitude to St Peter's for making him feel so welcome and went on to emphasise the impact that many staff had had on him. He coyly admitted that one of his passwords for the Eton IT network contained the letters 'FNIMH' – *Furber Nothard Is My Hero*. Furber is a recently-retired Boarder Housemaster who pops in from time to time as a substitute teacher. The boys have always loved him.



In his scholarly address to the 500+ delegates at the conference, Simon spoke passionately about the need for a social and emotional connection as technology and artificial intelligence played an increasingly dominant role in teaching and learning.



He went on to say that it was crucial that all children feel accepted at school, welcomed and valued as individuals. Of all the schools at which he had taught or visited, St Peter's had been by far the most welcoming. He had felt a true sense of acceptance and belonging. His St Peter's experience, Simon said, had persuaded him to pursue a career in teaching. It was this ethos that he was attempting to bring to Eton.

Our little prep school featured disproportionately in the conference. The ISASA National Director, a St Peter's Old Boy, opened the proceedings. This was followed by the annual report by the ISASA Chairman, David Hunter, also a St Peter's Old Boy. Simon Henderson's address followed that of the Minister of Education. The speakers were all presented with the gift of an original painting by James Delaney, another St Peter's Old Boy.

The culture of making every child and staff member feel included and valued is a facet at which we work constantly. We see it as the core of our Anglican ethos. We are reminded of our successes and failures in this aspect each time an Old Boy or Girl returns to visit the school. We only ever want to be *"ahead of the game and behind every child"*.

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

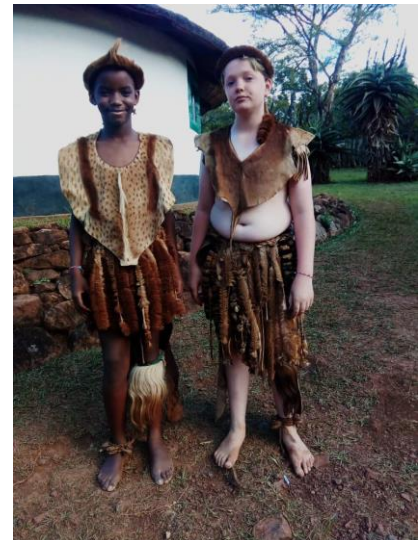
Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to the final six weeks of term. As we enter the home straight there is much to look forward to. Not only do we have the Sunset Carols, Nine Lessons & Carols and the whole celebration of Christmas, but we will be welcoming new parents to our school at the New Parents Evensong and cocktail party on Monday, 29 October. On the academic front summative assessments, which take different forms in different grades, will allow us to reflect on the boys' learning through the year and to celebrate their progress and success.

Before we focus fully on the term ahead, however, I thought I would share some news regarding the various mid-term tours that the senior boys enjoyed over the past weekend. The Cricket and Basketball Tours enjoyed matches in Nelspruit and Durban. The boys acquitted themselves well on both tours, with the highlight of the Basketball Tour being an exhibition match with combined primary school teams at a festival in Umlazi. Our coaches have reported that the atmosphere was particularly special, and that the boys were great ambassadors for St Peter's. Thank you to the coaches, teachers, boys and parents who supported all the boys at both these sporting tours and at the "home" festivals which took place in Johannesburg.

Another exciting tour was the IsiZulu Cultural tour to Ecabazini near Pietermaritzburg. The boys and teachers on this tour had the opportunity to become acquainted with traditional Zulu culture, living and working in an authentic village for three days. Activities included herding and milking the cows, stick fighting, Zulu dancing and the making of clay pots. I have included a few pictures below, which will articulate the experience far better than words can.



With a successful mid-term behind us, buckle up and enjoy the ride towards the end of the year.

Best wishes
Rob Macaulay

MORNING BUSES

We currently have two routes available, please see the information below. A minimum of 16 students per term are required for the service to run. The service will start on Friday, 26 October 2018 and run until Thursday, 6 December 2018.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus routes, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found on the Communicator and return this to the school. A form is also attached to the newsletter email.

Reception@stpeters.co.za.

Please see additional details below:

1. Leaping Frog – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Leaping Frog Shopping Centre	06:30 to leave at 6:40 - R1 690 per term (approx R25 per trip). For the remainder of this term: R750
*option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider / booklet pre bought = R35 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

2. Kyalami Shopping Centre – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Kyalami Shopping Centre	06:25 to leave at 6:30 - R1 890 per term (approx R28 per trip). For the remainder of this term: R850
*option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider / booklet pre bought = R45 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

OLD BOYS NEWS

Michaelhouse

Gomo Mangena was recently awarded full colours for soccer.

Jamie Thomson scored 11 of his team's (U14A) 22 goals in their 22-0 win over the St Charles U14A water polo team.

Hilton College

Andrew Meyer was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He was awarded a Commendation Prize on Speech Day.

Chris Meyer was selected for the 1st Cricket Team.

Matuma Mojabelo was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the 3rd Term.

Connor Paton was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He was awarded a Commendation Prize on Speech Day.

Tristan Paton was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He was awarded a Prize for being a Top Pupil in Grade 8 on Speech Day.

Lubonwe Phenyane has been appointed as Creative Director of Marimbas for 2019.

Zelwande Phenyane has been appointed as Deputy Head of Marimbas for 2019 and was awarded Colours for Music. He was awarded the Grade 11 isiZulu Prize on Speech Day.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the 1st Rugby Sevens Team and was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term.

S'bonelo Phungula was selected for the 1st Rugby Sevens Team and was awarded Half Colours for Rugby. He was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order and a Commendation in the Mark Order in the 3rd Term. He was awarded Colours for Drama. He was awarded the Grade 11 Dramatic Arts Prize and the Drimie Scholarship Prize on Speech Day. He has been appointed as Head of Spirituality for 2019.

Connor Russell was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the 3rd Term.

Gareth Schreuder was awarded Honours for Rugby.



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SUNSET CAROLS

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**FEATURING: THE ST PETER'S PREP CHOIRS
& JOHN ELLIS ex TREE63**

SARAH THORNTON-DIBB (OLD GIRL) & JAMES DEACON (OLD BOY)

SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2018 AT 18:00
CHRISTMAS MARKET GATES OPEN @ 15:00
ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS: 105 WITKOPPEN ROAD
ENTRANCE: R130 PER ADULT & R70 PER CHILD
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 15 NOVEMBER VIA TIXSA
BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS/BLANKETS & PICNIC
FOOD WILL BE ON SALE

ENQUIRIES: TICKETS@STPETERS.CO.ZA
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE ST PETER'S INTERN PROGRAMME

PA NEWS - MAKRO



Did you know you can join the Makro Rebate programme to support the St Peters Prep PA and Foundation?

Link your Makro card by completing this form  and a small percentage from your purchases at Makro (Woodmead store only), go towards an annual rebate



Points are pointless. CASH IS KING

Download the app, register, and earn BIG with mRewards today!

Also, why not download the Makro app and earn mRewards for yourself as well

For those parents already participating, your **continued support** when shopping at Makro Woodmead, is sincerely appreciated.



If you have any questions or would like help with joining, please contact Anne annedp@live.com



Look out for details of a competition taking place during November 2018

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