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**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

SUNSET CAROLS – THIS SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2018>



The stage is up, the choirs are ready and the market vendors are preparing their fabulous goods and food - Sunset Carols 2018 is nearly here!

Tickets are available on Tixsa (bit.ly/SunsetCarols) or at the event from 15:00 when the market opens right up until the start of the Carols at 18:00. The ticket sales are cashless, we will only be accepting SnapScan and credit card payments.

You can collect your wristbands in the schools' parking lots again on Friday from 07:00-08:00, or at the entrances on Saturday. (You need your Tixsa QR code to collect them.) Remember to put your armbands on before you come to speed up your entrance into the event.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

The life of the school has a focus on our Chapel and it has been a privilege to be part of three very special services over the past two weeks. We began with Middle School Carols on Monday, 19 November and completed the cycle of thanksgiving and worship with the JP Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday morning. Tuesday evening saw us join together for what, to my mind, was the most moving Service of Nine Lessons and Carols that I have had the privilege of being part of in years. We will end the term with the final Eucharist on break-up day, a very special occasion in which we bid farewell to our Grade 7s and retiring teachers. This season of thanksgiving and Christmas has reminded me of how the ebb and flow of life and its seasons is something that we all experience.

Change and new challenges face the boys regularly through their school careers and it is the manner in which they cope with these challenges and, sometimes, disappointments that shape their character. This is where parents play such a vital role. You are the stabilisers who guide your child through the challenges. The key, however, is that you are guides, not modes of transport or road builders. The true development of a boy's character will come as he fails at times and picks himself up to regroup and grow further. You are there to support him in times of disappointment and to celebrate his growth and success in times of joy. In the Senior Prep, the teachers prepare the boys to approach life with grit and resilience using our "Bounce Back" programme. You could do the same at home. The key points to this programme, which was developed by Noble and McGrath, appear below:

The Bounce Back Acronym

Bad times don't last. Things always get better.

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.

Unhelpful thinking makes you more upset.

Nobody is perfect - not you and not others.

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?

Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can first).

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worse possible picture.

Keeep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

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Thank you to all for a very successful year and for our partnership in growing every boy's character through our three-legged pot relationship. As we celebrate the achievements of 2018 and look forward to a good rest, we can also look forward to an exciting and growth-filled time when we return for our next season in 2019.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Rob Macaulay



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Our world is not really different to the world 2000 years ago. When Jesus came to earth there was corruption, extreme poverty, segregation, economic disparity and a disregard for human life. Well you see, not much has changed. The important thing for us to remember is this: Christ came into a broken world for broken people so that we can experience healing. Our lives might be broken and filled with hurt, but Christ enters this hurt to heal us. The name used for Jesus was Emmanuel, which means, God with us. Christ came as the light, that in our deepest darkness He will be with us. If you only do one thing this Christmas let it be this, remember that Christmas is about Hope. We never have to despair with Jesus in our world.

So may Santa be nice to you and the elves spoil you, and may you all have a Merry Little Christmas.

All my love and blessings.

Fr Richard

**MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS for 2019**

To sign up for individual music instrumental lessons, please click on the link below. This will take you to the St Peter's Website which will give you more information as to what is on offer. You will be able to click on the Google form link which will take you to the Music Application form.

The Music application forms for Boy JP and Boys SP can also be found on the **Communicator St Peter's under Resources/ BOYS MUSIC.**

BOYS JUNIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-jp-cultural?prep_type=jp

BOYS SENIOR PREP: https://www.stpeters.co.za/boys-prep/content/page/boys-sp-cultural?prep_type=sp

SECOND HAND SHOP

The Second Hand Shop will be open 08:00 to 12:00 on Monday, 14 January

MORNING BUSES – Updated Information and Route Change

Until the end of the year, students may use the bus service on a pay per ride basis.

The Bus Route in the Lonehill area has changed.

Take note of the details below.

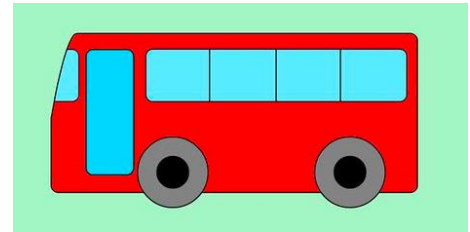
First pick up is from Fourways Gardens in the Spar parking lot on Uranium.

Time: 6:20 to leave at 6:30. The bus will continue to the Lonehill Fire station, arrive 6:35 to leave at 6:40.

The Kyalami Bus runs from the Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre, next to the KFC. Time: 6:25 to leave at 6:30.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus route, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found on the Communicator and return this to the school.

Reception@stpeters.co.za.



PA NEWS

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP IN 2019?

St Peter's is proud to have a thriving Parents Association and parent body who are always willing to assist in organising and participating in the various PA and school events.

Should you wish to volunteer for a school or PA initiative next year please click on the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qxKDr35N8hpGNuRp1>

We look forward to hearing from you

St Peter's Prep Schools PA

FORTHCOMING WEEK

This is the last Newsletter for 2018.

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Easter Term Calendar. You can save and load everything into your electronic Calendar.

