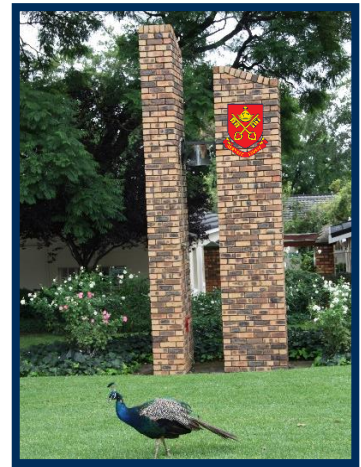




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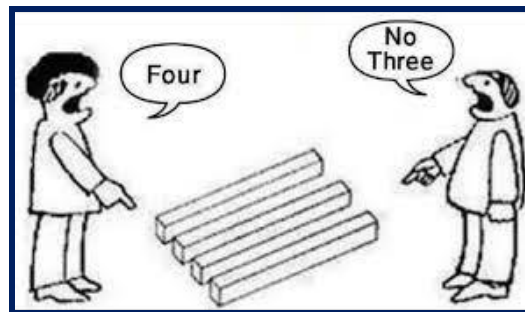
## ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Perspective can change everything. I am sure that you have seen pictures like the one below and have experienced how different people see different things, based on how they focus on various colour and pattern combinations and their point of departure.



Social circumstances in which we are required to stop and consider another person's point of view, occur regularly in our society. In South Africa, these different points of departure and focus are particularly prevalent as we negotiate our growth from a society in which segregation was litigated to one that is crying out for greater inclusivity. At the beginning of the term, the staff enjoyed a wonderful Professional Development session with Roy Gluckman, a qualified attorney of the High Court of South Africa and the CEO of *Cohesion Collect*. Darrel Webb, the Girls Prep Headmaster, highlighted a number of pertinent issues in the Girls Newsletter last week. With Darrel's permission, I have attached a link for you should you like to read the article. [https://www.stpeters.co.za/uploads/girls\\_files/24\\_January\\_2019\\_Newsletter.pdf](https://www.stpeters.co.za/uploads/girls_files/24_January_2019_Newsletter.pdf)

Of particular interest to me, however, was how Roy stressed the need for us to be prepared to both express our views and to listen to the views of others if we are to journey successfully together. As part of our thinking skills programme, the boys are introduced to the De Bono CoRT thinking tools. These tools, and particularly the OPV (Other People's Views), are very useful in making one pause and to think intentionally about something before reacting. Your boys are asked to use these tools regularly in class and I have included a chart showing some of the tools to give you greater insight into what they are, should the jargon become part of the conversation at home. The key to this type of thinking is that, while my beliefs are mine and may seem perfectly legitimate from my point of view, yours are equally important and must be considered when we make decisions together. In this way we may, at best, achieve a better solution to the challenge derived from a combination of ideas, or, at worst, promote (albeit a grudging) understanding of why our peers see things differently.



	<b>PMI:</b> Plus • Minus Interesting The Treatment of Ideas		<b>Planning</b> Thinking Ahead to Get Things Done
	<b>CAF:</b> Consider All Factors The Prime Information Input Tool		<b>FIP:</b> First Important Priorities What Must be Done First? What's Most Important?
	<b>Rules</b> Make Life Easier and Better		<b>APC:</b> Alternatives Possibilities • Choices The Tool for Creativity
	<b>C&amp;S:</b> Consequence & Sequel A Prediction and Evaluation Tool		<b>Decisions</b> Think Clearly and Thoroughly
	<b>AGO:</b> Aims • Goals • Objectives What is the Purpose?		<b>OPV:</b> Other People's Views An Exploration Tool to Broaden Perception

**Quick Summary:**

**CoRT 1  
Breadth  
Thinking  
Tools**



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Think Your Way to Success 

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I hope you enjoy an OPV week and a year of collaborative thinking in 2019.

Best wishes  
Rob Macaulay



**VISION:** *Growing servant leaders within our St Peter's family  
to uplift our community for their big futures.*

In order to create a more sustainable and meaningful impact within our community, St Peter's Boys Prep and Girls Prep have chosen Sefikeng Primary as our partner school. We will concentrate all our time, effort and resources on their Foundation Phase. Each St Peter's child and our staff will have an opportunity to make a contribution in some way. We would like to invite you to volunteer too, as we make a difference together!

Recent statistics released show that 8 out of 10 pupils in Grade 4 cannot read at an appropriate level and without this fundamental skill, little learning can take place. St Peter's has developed a partnership with *Read for Africa* and this phonics-based programme has enabled us to effectively teach Literacy Skills. We are also able to make regular assessments to track and measure progress.

The St Peter's interns have become a fundamental support for the programme. We do, however, also rely hugely on parent volunteers to give of their time or money to support the programme. The volunteers assist with small reading groups and create fun lessons. The more volunteers, the smaller the groups and the more effective the learning.

**Why should you get involved?**

- Experience the unadulterated joy of assisting a child to move from being almost illiterate to being able to recognise letters and eventually words.
- Meet and be a part of a special group of like-minded parents (grandparents and friends) trying to make a difference, one child at a time!

**What you need to know...**

- ABSOLUTELY no teaching experience or knowledge is needed! If you can identify your letters, handle a pen and whiteboard you are fully equipped. Training will be provided.
- We visit Sefikeng every Wednesday morning 08:30 to 09:30, it takes 15 minutes to get there (traffic dependent) and is 100% safe. 'Car shares' are very easily arranged.
- Your commitment is driven solely by you - one session a term, a month or every week.

**How do you get involved?**

- Contact **Jaya Govender** ([jgovender@stpeters.co.za](mailto:jgovender@stpeters.co.za)) to volunteer your time.

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider donating R250 towards this very worthy cause.

- EFT - St Peter's Foundation, Standard Bank, Account No: 422 057 533, Reference CP/surname.
- Or follow this link to pay online: <https://www.stpeters.co.za/prep-foundation/donations>

**Please help us make a difference in the lives of others!**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT—GIRLS JUNIOR PREP**

As you will know, Heather Kissack (Head of Girls JP) leaves us at the end of this term to take up her new position as Head of Redhill Prep School.

We have been working on finding the correct person, as a temporary replacement for her, until the end of this year. This will afford us the time to perform a thorough process of interviewing for a new Head of the Girls Junior Prep.

I am delighted to inform you that Trish Attlee, the founding Head of the Girls Prep School, has agreed to take on this temporary position from May until the end of 2019!

We will be announcing a replacement for Trish (for this limited period), in the Afterschool Programme facility, shortly.

**Darrel Webb** (Headmaster: Girls Prep)

**LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY**

On the odd occasion pupils or parents lose or find items on the school property. In both instances, kindly hand in any found property or enquire about lost property at Reception.

Any "lost and found" items will be safely stored and returned if the owner is correctly identified. The safety and security committee thank you for your co-operation.

**Vijay Maharaj** (Campus Deputy Head: Compliance)

## PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the boys on various platforms. They may be published in the newspaper, in a school magazine, on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, on the Communicator St Peter's Gallery or on our website/online.

If you **DO NOT** wish to allow us to use photos of you or your son in the media, please inform Diane Fraser, in writing, at [dfraser@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dfraser@stpeters.co.za)

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

## OLD BOYS NEWS

### St Stithians

**Cameron Robertson** - 1<sup>st</sup> in Grade 9 2018

### St John's

**Konke Kubheka** - 8 Distinction for Matric 2018



## FORTHCOMING WEEK

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

**PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 08:00 ON WEDNESDAYS**