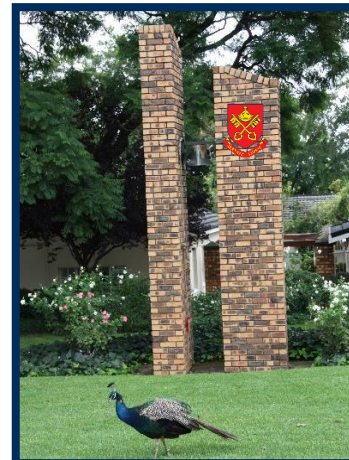




SENIOR PREP

Keyhole: 912

10 April 2019



**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Staff Variety Show. Your applause and congratulations made the staff's hard work worthwhile. The staff also noted that the St Peter's parents worked equally hard to maintain their reputation as dedicated party-goers.

Thank you, too, for responding to the Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA) survey. We have had a good return and have gathered much information which will help us improve. The process continues next term with the IQAA mentors visiting the school, interviewing staff, pupils, parents and governors and monitoring the analysis of the results and the school's response by way of a Development Plan. Once this is complete, we will be able to share this with you.

Pam and I wish you a blessed Easter and a wonderful holiday period. Drive safely!

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 end of the Easter Term has arrived. Looking back, two out of the ordinary events have taken place over the past few weeks, and I am pleased to acknowledge the participation of our pupils, staff and parents in our endeavour to build up community and improve our professional delivery.

The first event was the completion of the surveys for our Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA) audit, which is undertaken through the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA). Thank you to the large number of parents, teachers and pupils who completed these surveys. The results have been collated by IQAA and we have had our first interaction between the review team and our school-based project team. This type of survey, which is conducted by an independent and impartial body, is an effective 360 of the whole school and will allow us to celebrate areas in which we are doing well and also identify areas in which there are improvements needed. The feedback we received from all stakeholders is greatly appreciated.

The second community event was far more informal. The Staff Variety Show performances took place on Friday and Saturday evenings over the past two weekends. The Parents' Association took care of all the logistical arrangements including bookings, décor and catering. The team of parents who made up the committee, as well as those volunteers who served food, transformed Dodson Hall into an exciting "Disco" venue and then tidied up after the event, cannot be applauded highly enough. These folk were all volunteers and in addition to working on a number of the evenings, also

bought tickets to watch the show, thus adding to the fundraising capacity for the school. Thank you to all parents who supported our SVS through either hard work or simply by attending on a particular evening.

Around 90 staff members and a number of staff spouses from all departments across both schools volunteered to take part in the show. Rehearsals were held over a period of eight weeks prior to the performances without any reduction in normal duties. While one cannot lose sight of the extra hours put into the show, the enjoyment during both rehearsals and shows override the “pain” and the SVS is a wonderful staff bonding experience. Scott Hauptfleisch, who was the producer and director of the SVS needs special mention for his leadership style and dedication, as do the Music Department gurus who spent hours setting lights and sound for the shows.

With a very busy and successful term behind us, I wish everyone in the St Peter’s Community a holiday period filled with fun and relaxation. School reopens on Thursday 9 May after Election Day.

Enjoy the break.

Rob Macaulay

ST PETER’S PREP PARENT PORTAL

We are pleased to announce the opening of our Parent Portal which will allow parents to check upcoming events, extra-curricular information and view school reports from home, office or anywhere. Communication between parents and teachers can and will also take place via the portal. The realtime link this Portal provides, is a must have facility in today’s busy world.

We will be keeping all our current communication channels until we are comfortable that the Portal provides a better service. One important feature is the Portal Calendar. Export and import functions are available for all popular third party calendars with the ability to set up and view multiple calendars.

Activation of the Portal will be emailed out grade by grade. Parents who have children in multiple grades, must please only activate their account once. This will take place from the end of March until the end of May, starting with the Grade 7s.

We will be placing the First Semester reports, 28 June 2019, onto the Portal, so it is important that you set up your account and ensure you remember your password. The following helpdesk will be set up to assist parents who have difficulty: Portalhelp@stpeters.co.za

A user manual can be found on the Communicator.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Caron du Plessis, who will be managing the Portal. cduplessis@stpeters.co.za



STAFF VARIETY SHOW

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and spouses involved in making this year's Staff Variety Show (SVS) so successful. It was a huge team effort and one which resulted in a show that everyone seemed to enjoy. I would also like to give a special thanks to the following people:

- The PA and their team for the amazing food, cold drinks, working the late hours and always being there to accommodate everyone.
- Isaac and his team for being there over the whole weekend. The place was always spotless and ready for the next show.
- All the people who volunteered as waiters/waitresses, bar staff and helping set up the hall. We couldn't have done it without you guys giving up your own time.
- Finally the St Peter's staff. For the endless hours of practice, many late nights away from your families and all you guys did to make the show a success.

I always find that the SVS really shows the true essence of what the St Peter's Schools Community is all about. It is a community that comes together, always ready for a good time and ready to support one another.

Thanks again and have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Scott Hauptfleisch





THANK YOU

A special thank you to Sarah Polla and the fantastic team of parents who volunteered to be part of the Staff Variety Show Organising Committee!

We really appreciate and value your time, hard work and the effort that you put in to ensure that this event was a huge success.

Thanks and well done to Scott Hauptfleisch and the St Peter's staff members for putting on such a splendid and entertaining show!

Congratulations to everyone involved in making it such a brilliant event. It was truly another fantastic St Peter's production.

Looking forward to the next SVS.

The St Peter's Parents Association

SCHOOL SHOP HOURS:

The School Shop will be open on Tuesday, 7 May between 09:00 and 15:00.

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)



**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
THURSDAY, 9 MAY**

FORTHCOMING WEEK – HOLIDAYS!

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT WINTER WARMERS DATE HAS CHANGED TO 22 JUNE.