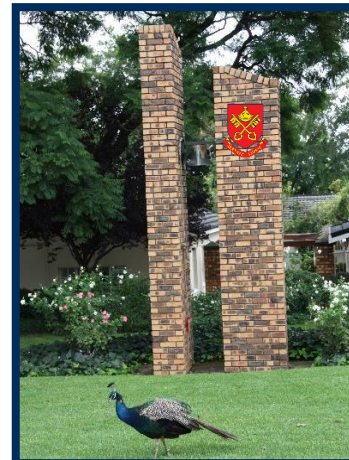




SENIOR PREP

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16 May 2019



**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School



FROM THE RECTOR

Welcome back. I have no doubt that you are all grief-stricken at being separated from your children during the day.

The school is well into the Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA) process. Thank you to all those parents who took the trouble to complete the on-line survey. There was a 53% response.

The data is now being analysed to determine areas for improvement. Some issues will require further investigation which can be done by way of meetings with the relevant stakeholders – focus groups. Some of these have commenced.

Overall, however, we have been delighted at the overwhelmingly positive response. A report will be available once the process is complete.

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

I always look forward to the winter term at school, not only because of the cooler weather, but also because of the wonderful level of participation by every boy in the winter sports. Rugby and football have a special place in most of our boys' hearts and it is a pleasure to watch them give of their all during games and talk about the matches that they have enjoyed well after the final whistle has been blown.

Just as is the case with the dark mornings in winter, however, there are some downsides to our winter sporting fixtures. Every year I try to begin the season by reminding everyone that these little boys, no matter how committed and talented they may be, are on the pitch, first and foremost, to enjoy the game. In fact, if we could get into the heads of some of our Junior Primary and Middle School boys during matches, we may find that we are actually watching Ronaldo or Messi; so strong is the interaction between fantasy and reality when they enter the field! As adults, we are only too aware that it is our child playing, but I wonder if we also lose a sense of reality regarding the importance of the performance and score? The overemphasis and "professionalisation" of schoolboy sport is a trap that we, as adults, can fall into no matter what the age of our child is. The Headmaster of one of the high schools we feed, Hilton College, sent out a newsletter highlighting this danger last week. I have, with his permission, attached some excerpts:

Sport in school is about so much more than the winning. It is about developing a set of life skills to be mastered both on and off the field. We play to develop the understanding of team; we play to develop grit and perseverance; we play to learn the joy of practise and execution; we play to express our talents and to develop them; we play to enjoy the camaraderie of teammates; we play to win but we may not play to win at all costs...and when we lose - life carries on. Even Liverpool knows this...

We play to learn, to grow, to thrive, to celebrate our being young and able, to build our life-long friendships.

Playing well is our aim; winning is a bonus. Schoolboy sport is just that!

I also spoke to the boys in Chapel this week and shared the saying by Grantland Rice:

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/9741.Grantland_Rice

As we begin this wonderful season, please work alongside the school as we try to instil the importance of giving of your best, never dropping your head, playing with honour and making sure that the boys enjoy every minute of the winter sport season.

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay

WELCOME TO THE ST PETER'S FAMILY

Welcome to **Aarav Reddy** (Grade 6) and his family!



**REMINDER: TOMORROW, FRIDAY 17 MAY
HOT DOG DAY AND CARTRIDGE COLLECTION**



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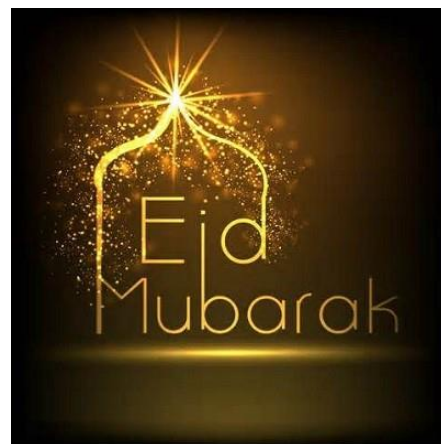
Muslims throughout the world observe the blessed month of Ramadan from Sunday, 5 May to Tuesday, 6 June 2019 - a time for reflection, contemplation and celebration. Ramadan is the most important month of the year in the Muslim calendar.

Observing Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. For Muslims, Ramadan is a month of spiritual dedication and its purpose is to strengthen their relationship with God. Observers abstain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset for the next 30 days. Typically, Muslims will sip water and eat dates before observing sunset prayers. They will then share a feast with friends and family.

The popular greetings during the fast is “Ramadan Mubarak” and “Ramadan Kareem”, wishing the recipient a “blessed” and generous Ramadan. In case you were wondering it’s perfectly fine for a non-Muslim to wish a Muslim for Ramadan.

At the end of the 30 days of fasting, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr which translates to “festival of breaking the fast” in Arabic. It is accompanied by a special prayer in the morning, usually at an outdoor location or a mosque. Visits to friends and relatives follows after the prayer, along with giving gifts and making phone calls to distant relatives to exchange greetings.

St Peter’s wishes all our Muslim pupils, parents and friends, “Ramadan and Eid Mubarak”.



SECURITY CAR PRE - APPROVAL DISCS (QR CODES)

If you have not yet received the security disc for your car, please follow the steps below in order to download the Charlie App:

1. Download and install the Charlie app from your respective app store (click either [Android](#) or [iOS](#))
2. Sign in with either email or cellphone number (if you use your cellphone number you will receive a 6 digit pin).
3. Once in the app select the blue block to update your profile details.
4. Email stpeters@appcharlie.com with your vehicle details (registration, make/model, colour).

REMINDER: BOOK DAY – TUESDAY, 28 MAY

Start thinking about your book characters for Book Day Dress Up.

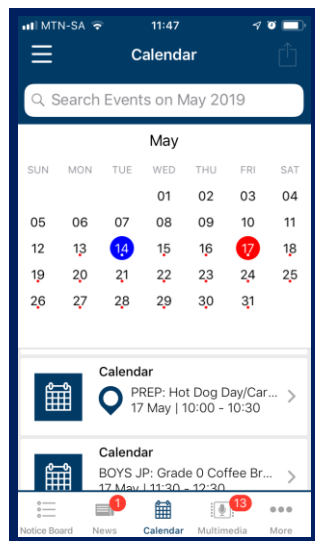
Book Character Costume Themes are:

Grade 3	Characters from Roald Dahl books
Grade 4	Mad Hatter – hats (only) created by children themed on their favourite book characters
Grade 5	Favourite characters from Harry Potter
Grade 6	Thrillers, chillers, mysteries and spies
Grade 7	Gods and goddesses from Greek or Roman myths

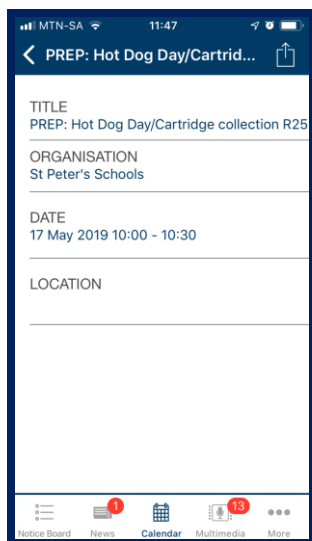


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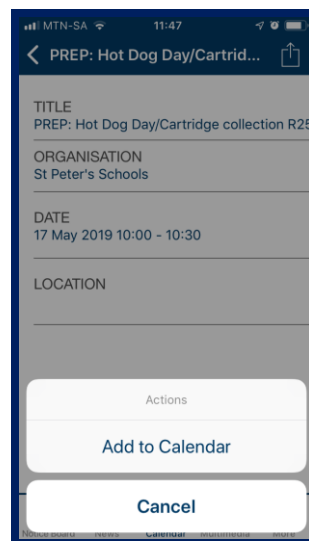
Did you know that you can go into the Calendar section of the App and load each and every event directly into your electronic calendar. You can also look at this Calendar on a daily basis for the most up to date events information and a reminder of what is coming up.



Go to Calendar in your App and search through the different dates



Click on the event you want to save and then click on the box with the arrow (here it is right hand top)



Click "Add to Calendar" and it will take you to your electronic calendar where you press add/save.

The Marketers will be deleting the hardcopy pdf calendars from under Resources from the Communicator as they are already out of date and will just cause confusion. Please refer to the Communicator Calendar section from now on.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

OLD BOYS NEWS

Bishops

Alex Russell is Deputy Head of School House at Bishops

Hilton

Rory Duffy was selected for the 1st Hockey Team.

Jack Mackenzie was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Andrew Meyer was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term and was selected for the U16A Cricket Team

Chris Meyer was selected for the 1st Cricket Team and for the 1st Hockey Team.

Tristan Paton was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Connor Paton was awarded a Silver Certificate of Achievement for the Grade 8 Natural Science Olympiad. He was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Jarrodd Siddall was selected for the U15A Water Polo Team.

Liam Steyn was awarded his Service Tie for service in the Library.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the 1st Rugby Team.

PA NEWS

Exciting news!

MySchool are running a competition during May 2019 and June 2019 and the help of all our MySchool cardholders is needed to help our School WIN!

See below for more details. If you need to replace your MySchool card or would like to join, visit www.myschool.co.za or contact Anne on annedp@live.com for assistance.



**BE IN IT
TO WIN
IT**

**R150 000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
YOUR SHARE OF R150 000 IN VOUCHERS**

With R150 000 up for grabs for the school and one of 10 x R15 000 vouchers for you, everyone is giving their all to win the challenge. Remember to swipe your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card to get your school a swipe closer to winning big and to bagging your share in vouchers from any of our partners.

Each swipe is an entry*, so the more you swipe, the more entries you get.

Competition closes 30 June 2019.

* Each swipe is one entry however MULTIPLE swipes done at the SAME partner store on the SAME day will count as one entry only.

Don't have a MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card?
Visit www.myschool.co.za.

T&Cs apply



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FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Trinity Term Calendar.
PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 08:00 ON WEDNESDAYS