









23 May 2019



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

FROM THE RECTOR

Pre-Prep Head

We have been extremely fortunate in being able to appoint Angi Buys as the Head of the new Pre-Prep. Angi was formerly Principal of Cleverdon (previously known as Bryanston Pre-Primary) and has 16 years of experience in the field of Early Childhood Development. She has developed a curriculum and produced papers on learning in this age group. St Peter's is adamant about the application of research-proven teaching methodologies to ensure that our children are as successful as they can possibly be. Angi's experience and educational philosophy aligned perfectly with our requirements. Moreover, parents whose children have been in her hands have experienced her as highly competent, caring and empathetic. The Pre-Prep is very definitely part of the foundation of all future learning and for us, it is critical that this phase is handled to the same high standards which we expect in all areas of teaching.

Invitations to apply for places in the Pre-Prep are being staggered to ensure that siblings of current pupils and thereafter those on the waiting list have the first option.



However, should you wish to apply, please feel free to contact Nonhlanhla Majokane on admissions@stpeters.co.za or 011 705 3423

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

Last week I wrote about the importance of maintaining perspective regarding schoolboy sport. On Saturday we hosted The Ridge School for our first rugby fixture. I would like to compliment and thank the staff, parents and boys on the wonderful spirit with which the day was conducted. Encouragement from the side-lines was positive and the boys were able to leave the field with their heads held high. Thank you to all who were here and contributed to the success of the morning.







The Rector reported last week that we had completed our IQAA surveys and that the results were very positive. I would like to thank the parents who took time to complete the survey. The results from the surveys are used to identify areas of strength and concern. Where necessary, special focus groups are set up with role players to look deeper into the areas identified in the original surveys. These points of focus are then analysed by the School IQAA team and recommendations are made for interventions. The intention of this process should be, as the name of the manual states, "School in a Mirror," is that we identify our own areas of growth or opportunity and work as a community to address these points. I look forward to reporting on the progress of our evaluation as the process continues.

Next week is MADD week during which we focus on music, art, drama and dance in an Inter-House format. The week culminates with performances across the school and parents are invited to attend these. More details will be sent out regarding these performances as the week progresses.

I wish you all a happy and productive week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

UBER

We would like to remind parents about the law against underage use of Uber. The following confirmation has been received from ISASA:

ISASA has always referred schools to Uber's own Terms and Conditions, which stipulate that the service is not available to persons under the age of 18 years unless they are accompanied by an adult. Furthermore, schools are advised to bring this to the attention of parents.

What does ISASA recommend?

- That schools warn parents against the use of Uber by children, owing to its age restrictions, as set out in its Terms and Conditions: 18 years.
- Schools should also inform parents that the school will not be liable for any incidents resulting from the use of Ubers by pupils.

Please take heed of this communication and avoid using Uber unless the child is accompanied by an adult.

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FOUND - 2 PURSES

Two purses were found on the school campus over the weekend.

If you have lost your purse, please email Mrs Caron du Plessis (cduplessis@stpeters.co.za) and she will ask you to identify it!

ST PETER'S PREP PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to all the parents who have logged into the Parent Portal and given us feedback. Based on the information received, we have decided to put the Parent Portal on hold and work with the developers to overcome some of the "glitches." We will update all received changes of Parent Information.

This means that we will not be placing the first Semester reports onto the Parent Portal. Further details will be communicated to you with regards to these shortly. Please continue to use the School Communicator as the official app for school communications.

PARKING – LOWER CAR PARK

To ensure smooth traffic flow within the lower car park, Senior Prep boys with younger siblings are encouraged to use this section of the car park. It would be appreciated if other Senior Prep boys are dropped off in the Chapel car park. Drop and Go should be just that - boys need to leave the car promptly with no delayed farewells or prolonged removing of items from the boot. A drop and go should last approximately 30 seconds. If you require a longer period of time please use a parking bay.

We are in the process of reviewing pointsmen times at this exit and further parent parking. Please watch the newsletters to assist with flow.

REMINDER: BOOK DAY – TUESDAY, 28 MAY – DRESS UP IN CHARACTER!

Book Character Costume Themes are:

Characters from Roald Dahl books Grade 3

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



MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) WEEK

We are pleased to announce that MADD WEEK is taking place from 27 May to 31 May 2019. Every boy from Grade 3 to Grade 7 will engage in a host of exciting, interactive activities. This year, Book Day and Hooked on Books, will take place on Tuesday.

Some of the activities scheduled for the week are house choirs, culinary challenges, chess and dancing. The jam-packed programme includes House Plays and Middle School drama activities.

Parents are welcome to visit the school throughout the duration of the MADD Week especially on Friday, when every House will perform all the activities they have been involved in.

The dress code for the entire week is House T-Shirts, blue shorts, takkies and white socks. If it is cold, boys may wear their tracksuits over their clothes.

For the culinary activity on Wednesday the following equipment needs to be brought to school:

Grade 3

Rolling pin

Tupperware to take food home

Grade 4

Mixing bowl and a whisk

Tupperware to take food home

Grade 5

Tupperware to take food home

Grade 6

Mixing bowl, fork and an egg Lifter

Tupperware to take food home

Grade 7

Breadboard, wooden spoon

Tupperware to take food home Mixing bowl

All boys need to please bring a dishcloth as well.

The timetable for the week will be up on noticeboards all around the school so that the boys are able to track their activities.

Please note that the Sport and Extra Mural timetable does not change for the duration of MADD Week.

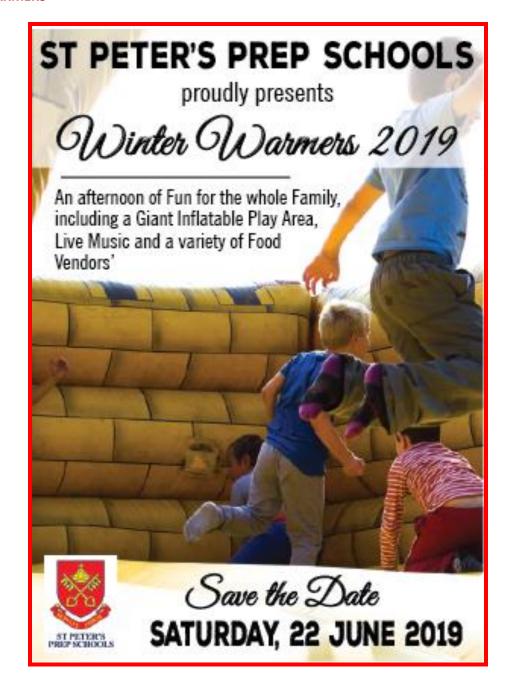
We look forward to an exhilarating week of artistic enlightenment.

Let's go MADD!

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PA NEWS

WINTER WARMERS



Exciting News!

Makro has launched a new programme and is inviting our parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning **mRewards** on your Makro purchases - at any Makro store!

This programme replaces the existing Makro rebate programme which was only linked to the Makro Woodmead store.

See below for more details but if you need any assistance with joining, please contact Anne on annedp@live.com

Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use the mCard App. You are also able to track your mRewards on the mCard App.





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