

# THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

## Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

#### **FROM THE HEADMASTER**

**BOYS PREPSCHOOL** 

"I, you, we": these concepts play a major role in creating our approach to community.

In today's world, there is a strong focus on "I". This is communicated in advertisements, in a focus on "my rights" and in the numerous self-help books and programmes that we find in the bookstores. "I," however, is a lonely concept. If I achieve, I do it alone and while I may be proud of this achievement it is based solely on my attributes and effort. Similarly, "I" can be very lonely. There are so many people in the world who feel alone, unloved and not cared for by those around them. Interestingly enough, social media, which by definition should encourage interaction, is sometimes blamed for the "I" factor. Scott Hauptfleisch met with Grade 5 parents on Tuesday to discuss parenting in the age of social media. He will also put a note in our Keyhole next week. The following YOUTUBE link was forwarded to me recently. It illustrates this concern far better than one I could express in words. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VASywEugFd8

Similarly, "you" could be seen as a distancing of myself from what others are doing or feeling. It can work in conjunction with "they" and in today's society seems to be used in a derogatory sense all too often. It also excludes us from the successes of others, thus negating our emotional buy-in to some extent.

"We" on the other hand, brings in feelings of community, of shared griefs and successes and of support. We can find numerous studies and writings on the "power of we" and collaboration is one of our school values.

An interesting exercise is to take note of how often we approach any situation from each of these pronouns. At St Peter's we encourage the boys to concentrate on the "we" factor. We work together, laugh together and win or lose together. Please may I ask the adults in our community to join this "we drive" and to promote Ubuntu both in the boys and ourselves. I believe that it is this sense of community that is one of the most valuable parts of the St Peter's ethos; a strength upon which we can build.

#### **Opportunities for Enrolment in Grades 6 and 7**

You will be aware that there have been a number of families who have emigrated over the past few months. Our belief is that this trend will continue and may even escalate. This creates opportunities for boys to get into St Peter's, particularly in the higher grades. We are aware that there is a perception in the marketplace that it is impossible to get into our school because we are oversubscribed. However, it would be good advice to friends who may ask you about placement in St Peter's Prep, that they should apply, particularly in Grades 4-7. Currently we have spaces for new pupils in Grades 6 and 7 and as different families emigrate, other opportunities may open up elsewhere.

Enjoy the week ahead.

#### **Rob Macaulay**

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#### **CHAPEL COLLECTION**

The Chapel collection for the first term has gone to an organisation called the Door of Hope. This is a faith-based ministry established in 1999 and is a home for abandoned and unwanted babies. This organisation has a 'baby box' built into a church wall, where mothers can safely place their babies, if they are unable to keep them. The Door of Hope are also sent babies from the police, hospitals and Child protection agencies. Since it started, the Door of Hope have saved close to 1700 babies. The babies are able to stay there until they are adopted, reunited or placed into long term foster care.

# Blessings

Kamohelo Kotsi (Chaplain Assistant)

#### **PA NEWS**

#### **MY STORY – 4 JUNE**

We invite all parents to attend the MY STORY evening, to hear Frank's Story.





In 1992, Frank was homeless, broke, unemployed and separated from his family, trying to get a job and earn a living in Johannesburg coming from Port Elizabeth. His is a remarkable story of how, through the social activism, in particular two women who supported him, he was able to live up to his personal goals and vision.

His first breakthrough was selling fruit and vegetables in downtown Johannesburg, Frank "beat the odds" and "escaped" homelessness. Then he embarked on studying (BSc, BSc Hons and MSc degrees) and this paved the way for his illustrious corporate career in the financial services sector in SA that included various Executive positions. One of his greatest highlights was in 2013 attending and completing the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School. Today he is recognised as an entrepreneur, financial wellness expert, philanthropist and business speaker. He is also reading for his doctorate in financial planning at Kansas State University.

Frank's story is about overcoming obstacles, the power of choices, and the power of purpose in life.

All parents are invited, please join us:

Date: Tuesday, 4 June Time: 18:30 – 20:00 Venue: St Peter's Girls Junior Prep

### **BOOK DAY DRESS UP**

This week is MADD week and the boys have had loads of fun! They dressed up as book characters on Tuesday. The Grade 3s dressed as Characters from Roald Dahl books, the Grade 4s made Mad Hatter hats, the Grade 5s were Harry Potter characters, while the Grade 6s dressed as thrillers, chillers, mysteries and spies and the Grade 7 boys came as gods from mythology!



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#### WINTER WARMERS



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# **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.





On the 31st of December of every year all the school/parent links will be removed and parents will need to sign up
again in the new school year.

Important note: When linked to a school, users can still earn mRewards as normal

Problems linking to your school?
 Parents who already receive preferential prices will not be able to link to a school. If you're not sure if this applies to you, give us a call on 0860 300 999.

Can't find your school?
 They may not be signed up yet. Please encourage your school head to sign up to the programme by completing the authorization form on our website. https://www.makro.co.za/makstorefrant/m-educ8

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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

#### ST PETER'S COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING



CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIGH SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DECISION TO MAKE. TO HELP PROSPECTIVE PARENTS IN GRADE 5 AND 6 WITH THIS DECISION WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN INFORMATION EVENING ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE FROM 17:30 TO 20:00.

As an independent co-educational Anglican day school espousing Christian values and providing a balanced, caring, varied and modern environment, we would welcome you to see how we can help your child to unleash their potential.

DURING THE EVENING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE OF FACILITIES WHERE YOU WILL SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ST PETER'S COLLEGE OFFERS FOR YOUR CHILD IN ACADEMICS, CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME, SERVICE AND SPIRITUALITY. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO OUR STUDENTS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES WHO WILL ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

PRESENTATIONS LED BY MR MORAIS, THE HEADMASTER WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL AT 18:30. THE PRESENTATIONS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AT ST PETER'S COLLEGE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS EVENING OR WOULD LIKE A TOUR DURING THE SCHOOL DAY PLEASE CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS AND MARKETING COORDINATOR MS TANYA OAKES ON 011 807 5315 OR EMAIL ADMISSIONS@ STPETERSCOLLEGE.CO.ZA WHO WILL ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU. WE ARE OFFERING TOURS EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS FROM 14:00 – 15:15.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE EVENING.

RSVP: marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za/ complete an online form at www.stpeters.co.za.

CONTACT MRS NOSIPHO NKOSI AT 011 807 5315 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT.

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