

# Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

This week's article is coming from our Housemaster body and specifically from Kent Sheppard, the Bavin Housemaster. It is a thought provoking piece which everyone should take a moment to read.

#### **Rob Macaulay**

## FROM THE HOUSEMASTERS

## Weight of Words

I remember firing off the old saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me", as a retort to the many insults being bandied about on the local basketball court, or on the playground during break. It became a commonplace utterance whenever any form of criticism or name-calling came our way and we rattled it off without any understanding of its meaning. While there are more updated and relevant retorts these days, the inexplicable inaccuracy of those words still ring true – words carry weight and can do more than harm!

The spotlight on the 'impact of words' has inexorably intensified over the years, due in no small part to the proliferation of social media and the ease at which we can comment on almost anything online these days. You don't have to search very hard to discover a multitude of research highlighting the dangers of verbal abuse, but do we weigh up our words carefully before using them?

It may seem trivial to think that the incident where you called someone an 'idiot' or 'stupid' (I have kept the language tame as it is a school newsletter) would've affected them, but the issue is that it might just have struck a nerve. I remember someone telling me a story about a boy who got into trouble at school for calling people names. His teacher pulled him aside and asked him if he would punch someone who had no arms. After vehemently protesting that he had never hit anyone and never would, she asked him to humour her. He responded that he wouldn't and told her that it was because he could see they couldn't defend themselves. She then told the boy to imagine standing in front of someone whose greatest fear was being called **dumb** and asked if he would call them that. He again responded in the negative and when she asked why, told her that he knew it would hurt them and that they couldn't defend themselves against it. She then asked him, "And what if you didn't know?"

We need to keep reminding our children, and ourselves, about what we say. Benjamin Franklin summed it up rather succinctly:

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

#### Kent Sheppard (Bavin Housemaster)

# FROM THE RECTOR

The Bishop granted the school a holiday, via the Vicar-general, on St Peter's Day. The holiday will be taken next term on **Tuesday, 29 October** to extend the half-term holiday.

## **Greg Royce**

## VEHICLE SECURITY ACCESS

For new parents and parents who don't have a QR Code, (to access and exit the school property) please do the following:

## STEP 1

Submit vehicle details online Click on the link and capture details of all relevant vehicles requiring access to school. <u>https://goo.gl/forms/NX1PEDAYmpKMctxR2</u>

## STEP 2

Download and register with Charlie

- 1. Download and install the Charlie App from your respective app store (click either Android or iOS)
- 2. Sign in with either email or cell phone number (if you use your cell phone number you will receive a 6-digit pin)
- 3. Once in the app, select the blue block to update your profile details

## STEP 3

Request QR codes

Please send an email to <u>stpeters@appcharlie.com</u> requesting QR codes. Please include the same details used to update your Charlie profile.

Once you receive your QR code, via email print, cut out and place on vehicle windscreen.

## **PA NEWS**

# PAVER PLAQUE ORDERS - https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2



## **PA GOLF DAY**

The PA's annual Golf Day will take place at the Kyalami Country Club on Friday, 27 September. The cost is R4000 per Fourball and includes Green fees, Halfway House, complimentary drinks on arrival and at certain holes, dinner and mulligans. There will be a shotgun start at 12 noon.

Bookings for the Fourballs are now open using this link - Golf Day 2019 Bookings



For any further information please contact the committee at golfday@stpeters.co.za

## MAKRO REWARDS PROGRAMME – NEW!

#### **Exciting news!**

Makro have launched a new programme and is inviting parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning mRewards on their 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 their mCard App. You are also able to track your mRewards on the mCard App.



For every R1000 spent by the parents, the educational institution will earn R5 (earnings applicable from R1).

This means that in a school with say, 1 500 pupils, and a spend of R1 000 per parent per-month (assuming only one of the parents spends per family), the school can earn a very healthy R90 000 per annum.

Ts and Cs apply.



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

blems linking to your school? ents who already receive preferential prices will not be able to link to a school. If you're not sure if this applies to , 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/makstorefront/m-educ8
- Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.makro.co.za

SENIOR PREP

## 18 July 2019

# HOT DOG DAY - FRIDAY, 19 JULY - R25



#### SUPPORTING OUR SOUTH AFRICAN NETBALL TEAM

In celebration of the success of the South African team at the 2019 Netball World Cup, the boys will be allowed to come to school dressed in South African colours in support of the SA Netball Team. (The SA Netball Team have reached the semifinals).

ON FRIDAY, BOYS CAN WEAR SA SUPPORTER COLOURS TO SCHOOL.





## THE MANDELA DAY SERVICE HELD THIS MORNING ON THE CHAPEL LAWN BY THE MADIBA TREE



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## **CHARITY EVENT – GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION**



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

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