

ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

One of the important aspects of being an Anglican school is that we, as a community, undertake to nurture and develop a sense of community awareness and servant leadership in our pupils. On Saturday morning a very impressive contingent of the community, made up of parents, staff and pupils spent their 67 minutes, and in many cases far more than 67 minutes, for Mandela Day, upgrading the facilities at our Community Partner School; Sefikeng Primary. There was a wonderful sense of partnership as the St Peter's families and the Sefikeng Primary community worked alongside each other in an atmosphere which I can only describe as "the joy of making a difference." I applaud the organisers of the initiative and also thank all those parents, boys, interns and staff who made a difference on the day.

Our Community Partnership Programme, which is run by the schools under the guidance and funding of the St Peter's Foundation, encompasses a number of aspects. While our main partner is Sefikeng Primary, you will note that we do work with a number of different organisations as well. The following initiatives have been identified for 2019:



- 1. A literacy programme, in partnership with Read for Africa, sees our interns, parent volunteers and senior pupils interacting with the children of Sefikeng in order to promote reading and improve literacy skills. Activities include "buddy reading" programmes and small group lessons. In addition, the JP staff conduct weekly training sessions on best practice for reading with the teachers at Sefikeng.
- 2. Pupil initiatives and "acts of kindness" are aimed at promoting both interaction and a sense of servant leadership. In the Junior Prep, there are joint outings to the bird park, theatre and a magic show for the children. Collaborative learning opportunities for small groups also take place.
- 3. Senior Prep children are involved in sandwich making for our outsourced support staff and a "soup kitchen" that produces four big pots of soup which, for the remainder of 2019, will be distributed to our outsourced staff and the Salvation Army CBD initiative in which 200 homeless people are fed daily. The Salvation Army donation is supplemented by the left-over food from our own school kitchen and is collected every Thursday.
- 4. A number of once-off and annual initiatives such as Christmas parties, sporting events and the Mandela Day initiative also take place within the pupil body.
- 5. Our Chapel collection is often stimulated by presentations in the Chapel services. A recent talk in support of our current initiative "Doors of Hope" shared the catch phrase "Do what you can, where you can, with what you have." This is so important for our children. They are able to realise that their contribution, no matter how small, can make a difference. As a result of this catch phrase, we have had reports of boys selling pancakes, washing cars and doing chores to earn "nappy money."

In addition, the increase in Chapel collection last week was evidence of an increased culture of philanthropy within the school. As part of the broader South African community and within the principles of good citizenship, it is vital that our children learn that they cannot exist as an island. They are also taught that they can make a

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difference within their circle of influence which, through greater participation in these types of projects, is broadened tangibly.

Have a wonderful week in which you continue to "Do what you can, where you can, with what you have." Best wishes

Rob Macaulay



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DIVERSITY: MANDELA DAY

St Peter's held a special Mandela Day service on the chapel lawn. **Darien Naidoo** (Grade 7) addressed the boys. Excerpts of his talk follow:

Today I want to talk about Nelson Mandela and how he was the embodiment of servant leadership.

The main principle of servant leadership is that leaders are attentive to the concerns of their followers and empathise with them, including those with little power in systems.

Despite the harm and discrimination that he was subjected to, he put the country and its people above himself. He cast his own emotions aside; setting an example to us.

He fought for freedom and dignity; believing in equality for all people irrespective of colour, age or talent.

He was incarcerated for 27 years but chose the path of reconciliation so that we as South Africans were allowed to exercise our democratic rights.

How can we emulate Tata Madiba?

- 1. We can start listening more, rather than talking. Listen to our peers and help them become better instead of focusing only on our well-being
- 2. Make sure our loved ones and friends know that we care
- 3. Have empathy. Put yourself in other people's positions, even if you have never experienced it yourself. A good leader has empathy so that you are able to see the struggle, pain and suffering of others
- 4. Be self-aware. This is the ability to look at yourself, think deeply about your emotions and behaviour and consider how they affect the people around you and if they align with your values

A quote from Nelson Mandela that has always resonated with me is: **"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"**.

We in this assembly have been awarded the opportunity to attend a prestigious school like St Peter's. Let us follow Nelson Mandela's footsteps and use our knowledge to empower those around us who are not as fortunate.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

OLD BOYS NEWS

Hilton College

Rory Duffy was selected for the 1st Hockey Team and awarded Half Colours for Hockey.

Jack Mackenzie was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Andrew Meyer was placed in the top 7 in Grade 10 in the second term and was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Chris Meyer was selected for the 1st Hockey Team and awarded Half Colours for Hockey. He was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Matuma Mojapelo was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Tristan Paton was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Connor Paton was placed in the top 7 in Grade 9 in the second term.

Zelwande Phenyane was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

S'bonelo Phungula was awarded Honours for Drama and was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Thoriso Taukobong was awarded a Commendation in the Industry Order in the second term.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the 1st Rugby Team and awarded Half Colours for Rugby.



PARENT TALK THURSDAY (TONIGHT) 25 JULY AT 18:30 DODSON HALL

Presented by: Dean Rundle from the Proactive Education group

- The best time and place to talk about puberty, sex and your child's body
- Age appropriate conversations and what should you say
- How do you handle a situation when your child behaves in a manner that goes against family values.
- Dangers of Social Media

VIVA VOCE FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 18:30 Dodson Hall https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/viva-voce



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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



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.



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.



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

give us a call on 0600 Stores will not be able to link to a school. If you're not sure if this applies to give us a call on 0660 300 999. ms linking to your school?

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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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