



SENIOR PREP Keyhole: 927 26 September 2019



ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Having just returned from a lovely Heritage Day weekend, I would like to take some time celebrating our South African nation and all the good that exists. While I acknowledge that we are in a state of crisis regarding unemployment and that as a South African I need to apologise to all our brothers and sisters who have been victims of violence through both xenophobic and gender-based attacks, I would like to put forward that the average South African with whom we come into daily contact is a very special person.

You may ask why I have suddenly come up with this newsletter. It has been inspired by both our time at the SAHISA (Heads of School) Conference that I was fortunate enough to attend last week and a recent visit to South Africa by my son who now lives and works in London. Our SAHISA Conference, which took place in the Drakensberg and had the overarching theme "Echoes from the Mountains", was designed to encourage the Heads of South African Independent Schools to lead the schools from a point of departure of optimism and hope. Speakers had been invited with the aim of showing that by finding our intrinsic strength and hope, we can positively influence the lives of all around us. There were stories of hope and resilience from "real" South Africans as well as an inspiring presentation of some of our most pressing issues through cartoons by Jonathan Shapiro, or ZAPIRO as we know him.

One of the talks that had me proudly South African was by Dr Imtiaaz Sooliman, Founder of the *Gift of the Givers* organisation, entitled "Bringing Hope in Situations of Severe Crisis." To see how South Africans of all Faiths and from all population groups have pulled together to offer first responder relief in disaster situations throughout the world and to build sustainable hospitals in some of the worst war-torn areas of the globe, inspired great hope that we can all live a harmonious and extremely successful life in South Africa. Some small facts that illustrate this is the manufacture and distribution of container hospitals in areas such as Bosnia, that are still operational today. All aspects of these hospitals, which have even been used for operations as complicated as open heart surgery, have been designed and built in South Africa. Inter-Faith relationships between Dr Sooliman and the Roman Catholic "Caritas" movement as well as the US Military have resulted in our South African relief teams being first and best equipped in many disaster zones around the world. When things appear impossible to our First World contemporaries, as Dr Sooliman put it, we adopt the stance of "...n boer maak 'n plan..." and come through with solutions.

A second, and far less dramatic situation that illustrates our wonderful South African spirit occurred in our local Pick 'n Pay store when I was shopping for our braai with my son. We had been sent out to buy coleslaw and when we got to the fridge, there was none on the shelf. I asked one of the store packers if there was any available. Not only did he answer that a delivery had possibly just come through, but he RAN off into the back and returned pulling the full consignment of fresh vegetables that had been delivered, went through each carton one-by-one and with great aplomb pulled a coleslaw packet out for us. This was done with such good humour and such efficiency that it left us in a state of awe. My son's comment; "That would never have happened in London."

And so, whether it be in big issues such as saving lives or in small issues such as finding coleslaw, may I wish you a week ahead in which you are both hopeful and proud to be South Africans.

Rob Macaulay

DIVERSITY

The recent spate of violence in South Africa against foreign nationals is against the spirit of Africa, and counter-productive to the decades of work done by African leaders and well-meaning organisations to unite the continent. South Africa prides itself on being a country that pursues an independent foreign policy, supports struggles for freedom and justice, and attempts to pursue a social agenda that addresses the needs of the poor. We hope that our leaders continue to create a brand that is rooted in a struggle for social justice that was championed by former President Nelson Mandela.

Beyond this backdrop is still a beautiful country and each South African should make every attempt to make this beloved country an inclusive one. There is so much to celebrate, especially during Heritage Month: music, dance, food, cultures, traditions, religions and the environment. It is more our similarities than our differences that make us an enviable diverse nation.

St Peter's continues to celebrate the various cultures and wishes Hindu and Jewish students, friends and families well during their fast and celebrations. Most Hindus are observing the month long fast that ends on 17 October. The Jewish community celebrate the New Year, Rosh Hashanah, from 29 September to 1 October and the Day of Atonement on 8 and 9 October.

Let us join hands and add more colour to the Rainbow Nation.

Vijay Maharaj (Campus Deputy Head)

RAGAZZI CONCERT – 1 OCTOBER



Ragazzi Instrumental Concert
1 October 2019
Dodson Hall
18:30



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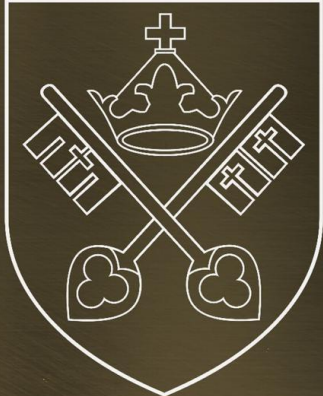
HERITAGE TABLE



PA NEWS

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

Paver Plaques



"May you never forget what is worth remembering."

This is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep. A brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the Old Boys Quad outside Dodson Hall.

Should you wish to order, and see the various options, please click on the link and complete the Google order form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/eZGieDiKQnfdyzWu2>

RAFFLE – ONLY ONE DAY LEFT BEFORE TICKET SALES CLOSE!

Purchase your ticket using Tixsa on [St-Peter's-Prep-Raffle-2019](#)



RAFFLE 2019

ONLY 1 DAY LEFT
Ticket sales close 12:00 on 27 Sept

Buy a raffle ticket for R200 to stand a chance to win
R30 000
towards your SCHOOL FEES!

The fine print:

- Tickets can be purchased on TIXSA
- A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold
- The draw takes place on 27-09-2019 at approx 19:00
- You don't have to attend the draw to win
- You can buy multiple tickets
- This is a PA fundraiser
- Ts & Cs apply



COFFEE MORNING - CHATTERS – THE 8 CHATS THAT MATTER BY SALLY THORPE

Thursday, 3 October 07:30 – 08:30

Venue: JP Boys Hall

“As parents our challenge is to try to raise well-rounded children who are aware of their values, communicate well, are goal focused, empathetic, kind individuals who can cope in today’s digital world with a healthy competitive spirit and zest for life! On top of this we have to teach them to self-regulate, set boundaries, challenge themselves and stay true to who they really are! Whew, no wonder we are spinning.

There is a list as long as my arm on **WHAT** we need to do, but not many **HOW TO** suggestions. In our research we found that the **HOW** is a lot simpler than we think – it’s dinner time! In my talk I will not only share what the research says about family mealtimes, but I will introduce you to “**Chatters – the 8 Chats that Matter**”. This is a unique, fun, engaging and interactive concept, that will get the family chatting and connecting again, around the dinner table. I will also highlight additional, ongoing positive spin-offs of having **Chatters** as part of your family!” (*Sally Thorpe*)

GIRLS PREP OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER

ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL
105 Witkoppen Road | Paulshof

OPEN DAY*

We are expanding and have spaces in Grade 0 and 1 for 2020!
(turning 6 or 7 years old)

- > Saturday, 5 October 2019
- > 09:00 to 12:00
- > Venue St Peter's Girls Junior Prep
105 Witkoppen Road
(Opposite Porsche)

*** Register for OPEN DAY**
girlsopenday@stpeters.co.za

www.stpeters.co.za

ST PETER'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY – 28 SEPTEMBER

 **ST PETER'S COLLEGE**
www.stpeters.co.za

OPEN DAY
2019

28 September | 08:30 - 12:00

Respect | Responsibility | Resilience | Relationships

ENGAGE WITH OUR STUDENTS. CONNECT WITH STAFF.
EXPLORE OUTSTANDING FACILITIES. ASK QUESTIONS.

St Peter's College, Dippenaar Hall, College Lane off Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Sandton

RSVP & ENQUIRIES: Please contact our marketing team at [admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za/](mailto:admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za)
011 807 5315.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Advent Term Calendar.

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