



SENIOR PREP

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10 October 2019

ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Housemasters have written a very good article reminding us about the real value of sport and competition on the sports field.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE HOUSEMASTERS DESK

Teams, teams, teams! There is always that buzz of excitement on a Thursday morning before the team sheets are put up on the notice boards. There is much anticipation around what team the boys will find themselves in and with whom they will be playing. Then there is the mixture of pure jubilation or utter disappointment once they find out in which team they will be playing.

There have been articles written that argue that boys under 12 years of age are not emotionally and physically ready for competitive sport due to the fact that they are not mature enough or have not developed the emotional intelligence to deal with failure. There are also arguments that there should be more of a focus on the development of skills in a safe environment that is optimal for development.

On the other hand, 'boys best practice' shows that boys thrive and are motivated by 'healthy' competition. This is certainly evident in the classroom, which in school and thereafter, extends to the sports field.

So, what is the best approach to take when there are contradictions? This is where perspective is vitally important. We, as adults, can often lose sight of the fact that a match between two teams of young boys is more than just a competition. It is an opportunity for growth, expression and fun. It is an opportunity to develop the fine art of sportsmanship, of how to win and lose graciously and in a humble manner. It is an opportunity to learn strategy and problem solving, to make critical decisions under pressure, to develop resilience and perseverance, to learn how to work collaboratively as a team and to understand roles and execute skills. Lastly and most importantly it is an opportunity to make friends from circles with which they do not normally get to interact.

It is our role as educators and parents to make sure that the boys understand that opportunities like this are more important than the team in which they are playing. It is our duty to make sure the environment we create is a safe and developmentally optimal one for the boys to express themselves without the fear of failure. It is our duty to make sure that we use sport to educate them and to use the sports field as an extension of the classroom.

Justin Attlee (Sage Housemaster)

OLD BOYS NEWS**ST PETER'S IS TURNING 70 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR AND WE ARE TRACKING DOWN ALL OLD BOYS**

If you, as a dad, grandfather, uncle, brother etc. went to St Peter's Boys Prep, please complete this short google form:

<https://forms.gle/o25tdakrZQCLMoUt7>

ST PETER'S COLLEGE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2020

Congratulations to the Old Boys of 2015:

Jonathan Webb – Head Boy

Aiden Enslin - Prefect

Carl Vemer - Prefect

Daniel Raggett - Prefect

Justin Amm – Prefect

Michael Du Plooy - Prefect

Nicholas Els – Prefect

Congratulations to the Girls Prep Old Girls of 2015:

Eden Backman - Prefect

Jessica Dunstan - Prefect

Jessica Parsons - Prefect

Kerryn Hayter - Prefect

HILTON COLLEGE

Andrew Meyer was awarded a Commendation Certificate.

Chris Meyer was selected for the 1st Cricket Team.

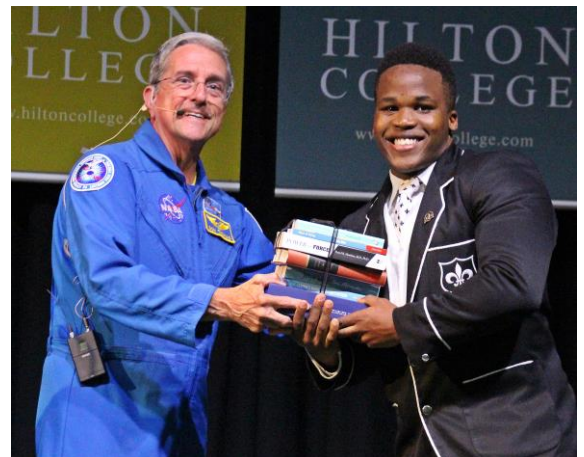
Tristan Paton was awarded a Commendation Certificate.

Zelwande Phenyane was awarded the Evan Brown Prize for Zulu and the Frederic Tatham Memorial Essay Prize for History at Speech Night.

S'bonelo Phungula was awarded the Vera Burke Memorial Prize for Dramatic Arts, the Chaplain's Prize, the 1942 Matric Class Award and the Philia Prize in recognition of integrity and moral courage at Speech Night.

Jarrod Siddall was selected for the U15A Water Polo Team.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the 1st Rugby 7s Team and awarded Half Colours for Rugby 7s.

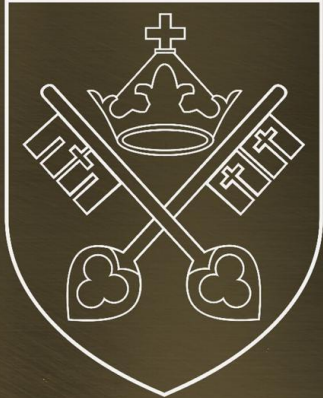


S'bonelo Phungula

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

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday, 15 October is the last day to place orders for 2019. Anything placed after this date will only be processed next year.

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.

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SUNSET CAROLS – CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL REGISTRATIONS AND APPLICATIONS



Sunset Carols 2019

*Planning is now well underway for our wonderful 2019 St Peter's Prep
Sunset Carols
Christmas Market*

Date: Saturday 30 November

Set up time: 12:00 - 16:00

Selling time: 15:00 - 19:00

Should you be interested in a stall at our market, please submit your registration application using the google link below:

Sunset Carols Market Application Form <https://bit.ly/2ost9tQ>

Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser



R250 per Bunch

Please support by ordering your bunch of beautiful flowers the day before via email nicky@ntce.co.za or WhatsApp 083 609 1185

Collection of flowers **ANY** day from 12:00 at Girls SP and JP Receptions.

Many thanx
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Advent Term Calendar.
PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 08:00 ON WEDNESDAYS