



SENIOR PREP

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17 October 2019

**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Education, and particularly prep school education, is about potential. We have all heard the statements about more than half the jobs of tomorrow have not even been heard of today, but I would like to suggest that there is another aspect regarding the growth of children between 5 and 13 years that substantiates the "potential" concept better. I have used the following story from a publication called "Our Daily Bread" (RBC Ministries) to introduce my thinking:

On one of his voyages to the New World, Christopher Columbus came across a remarkable tree. It had round fruit that bounced like a ball. Its Indian name was caoutchouc - "the weeping wood."

The tree was given that name because it emitted a sap that looked like the tree's tears. Eventually, inventors discovered that the sap could be harvested and allowed to harden into an eraser that rubbed out pencil lead – hence the name "rubber."

In the 1830s it was found that rubber could withstand very cold temperatures when sulphur was added to it. This led the way to a huge demand for rubber when the automobile was invented. Later it was discovered that the sap could be used to make latex surgical gloves. The rubber tree had multiple uses that needed only to be discovered.

Far from being empty vessels that need to be filled, children are repositories of potential waiting to be expressed. In order for this potential to come to the fore we need to:

1. Create the environment for expression – a safe space
2. Help the children to identify a channel for expression – give them opportunities
3. Help them to drive their expression in a communicable and acceptable way
4. Support them on their journey; helping them to overcome obstacles and to maintain an attitude of grit and resilience when they are faced by failures on the journey
5. Ensure that their expression of potential is both ethical and cognisant of the needs of others
6. Provide constant feedback so that they are able to measure their progress
7. Very importantly, allow them to develop their own potential, not our preconceived idea of where they should excel

Just like the rubber tree, perhaps some of the boys will not only adapt to the change, but will actually be the change in the world of the future. This is very different to the old sausage machine concept of education, no-matter how good the sausages may be.

Food for thought ...

Have a great week
Rob Macaulay

2019 SCHOOL MAGAZINE - GRADE 7 BOYS

The 2019 School Magazine is being compiled and designed. The price is R180. The Grade 7 parents have been notified that they will be billed this year and will need to collect their copy of the magazine, from the school next year, once it has been published.

The rest of the School will be notified in the first term of 2020, when the magazine is ready.

Should this year's Grade 7 parents decide not to purchase a copy of the 2019 School Magazine, please let me know on dfraser@stpeters.co.za by Monday, 21 October 2019.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

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 ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Leadership Positions for 2020

Congratulations to the Old Boys of 2015 on their Leadership positions for 2020:

- Robbie Kirkpatrick** - Second Head of School (Deputy Head Boy)
- Second Head of House (Armstrong House)
- Marketing Portfolio Prefect
- Matthew Schaefer** - Second Head of School (Deputy Head Boy)
- Second Head of House (Upper House)
- Additional College Prefect

MICHAELHOUSE

Joshua Samuels was awarded the Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award for Leadership on the C Block Journey 2019.



Robbie Kirkpatrick, Jonathan Shamwana, Matthew Schaefer



Joshua Samuels

SCHOOL SHOP

Family Organiser 2020

We have limited stock of the popular Family Organiser – R150. The organisers also make great Christmas presents.

Labels

Get your label orders in early so that you have one less box to tick during the “End of Year” rush.

Current Grade 2 boys and girls will need stationery labels for Grade 3. The Stationery Pack consists of 20 big name labels, 100 pen and pencil labels and 2 bag tags – R110.

If you would like us to order labels, please email the School Shop on schoolshop@stpeters.co.za with the details you would like printed on the labels.

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

HELP, PLEASE!

Our Aftercare facility has been renovated to accommodate the Pre-Prep until their building can commence. The venue is looking most appealing and our boys and girls are enjoying their new surrounds.

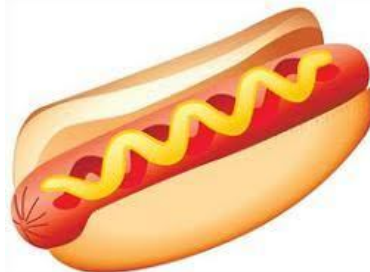
We are starting to work on improving the garden and grounds in this area. With the start of Spring we are appealing to parents who may be splitting plants or re-doing flower beds, to consider a donation of plants. We are looking for water-wise, indigenous plants, especially succulents, to plant in this area. If you are able to assist please could you drop plants at either the Boys or Girls JP offices, by Half Term on 24 October.

Thank you!



HOT DOG DAY – FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER AND INK CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

R25



FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER IS 'BOK FRIDAY' FOR ALL PUPILS

Children may wear Springbok supporter colours, otherwise school uniform.



SENIOR PREP SPORTS PHOTOS – READY TO BE ORDERED

The Sports photos are ready to view and order online. Free delivery to school if orders are placed and paid for by 5 Nov. The Individual and class photos will be arriving next week.



Your 2019 School Sports Photos are ready to order!

[VIEW GALLERY](#)

Use the following **Password** to access your photos: **SPB2019**

Important:

If you order and pay **BEFORE 05 Nov 2019** you will save **R80** on delivery costs, as your photos will be sent to the school free of charge.

If you order and pay **AFTER 05 Nov 2019** you will need to pay **R80 for delivery** by courier to your home or office address.

If you missed out on any PREVIOUS YEARS photos and would still like to order, click link below:

<https://andreaslatterphotograp...>

Thanks,
Andrea Slatter Photography

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 - 14:00
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