



SENIOR PREP

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ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

As you are aware a very important part of being a St Peter's community is how we pull together to support each other, often in times of need. These acts of goodwill extend beyond our own community and form a very important part of the Community Partnership Programmes that we undertake and are funded by our Foundation. Besides the formal interventions, examples of how "soft" interaction can also be of benefit to all concerned will make up the content of this week's article.

You are all aware of our flagship internship programme and the wonderful partnership between teachers and interns within your boys' classrooms, but may be unaware of the further extension programmes associated with this initiative. These extension programmes are geared towards the growth of our interns' experiential knowledge beyond pure didactics and pedagogics. Recently, the Rector and I were privileged enough to take a group of our interns camping in the Pilanesberg. We set out at 12:00 on a Friday afternoon and, after an initial game drive that rewarded us with a number of animals including elephant and rhino, we arrived in Bakgatla camp to set up our tents and prepare the evening meal. Pitching tents and setting up an operational campsite may have been an experience for our interns, but Greg and I also had new experiences and were treated to a meal, cooked by the interns and our wonderful driver, Arthur, that was an absolute delight. This set the tone for a weekend where we were able to share our bush knowledge with the interns and they were able to delight us with traditional cooking that had us reaching for seconds at every mealtime. We also spent what can only be called true quality time sharing stories amongst the group.



A second example of the community work, sponsored by the Foundation, is our partnership with Sefikeng Primary School. This partnership includes reading programmes and teacher support, but also involved our community in a campus upgrade programme earlier in the year.

A team from the school recently finished the project with a staffroom upgrade for the teachers. To finish it off, St Peter's staff clubbed together to buy new glasses, mugs and crockery for the Sefikeng staffroom. We often concentrate on the "cared-for" (as in the pupils) of the school and neglect the welfare of the "carers" or teachers. Thank you for all the donations and hard work that made this staffroom "remake" possible.



As we always say to leavers, "Once a St Peter's boy, always a St Peter's boy..." Recently, one of our past pupils, Miguel Morais, entered into a battle with cancer. Being a true St Peter's boy, he has not lain down and allowed himself to become a victim. Miguel has launched his own "Movember" campaign to raise both awareness and funds for the fight against men's cancers. If you see a number of our male staff with funny growths above their top lips during this month, don't be surprised! If you would like to donate: <https://za.movember.com/mospace/14147748>

Staffing News

Keelan Agnew, who has been with St Peter's Boys Prep for 11 years as a coach, intern and in recent years, teacher, has decided to spread his wings and has accepted a position in project management from January 2020. We wish him everything of the best in his new career even though we know that his enthusiasm and character will be sorely missed by all of us here at school.

As a result of Keelan's departure, there will be a change to the Grade 6 class teaching personnel. Class teachers across the Senior Prep for 2020 will be:

Middle School:

Jo Shield will run the "Middle Room" and is the Phase Head for the Middle School.

Grade 3: Sheri Curling (Grade Head); Kaila Melvill-Smith; Samantha Cassidy.

Grade 4: Germaine Wraight (Grade Head); Justin Attlee; Lauryn Findlay.

Upper School:

Grade 5: Erica Faul (Grade Head); Greig Steenberg; Mangaliso Vuso.

Grade 6: Monique Egbers (Grade Head); Craig Jooste; Mike Clackworthy (Zion Zuke will be an assistant teacher for the Grade).

Grade 7: The Housemasters take on the major pastoral role with Vicki Eagle as Academic Grade Head.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

SUNSET CAROLS - CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS GALORE!



Here are just some of the fabulous stalls appearing at the
Sunset Carols Christmas Market

on Sat 30 Nov from 15:00 to 19:00.

There is something for everyone and some perfect teachers' and Christmas gifts!



1 BAGS

White Stone Trading - backpacks
JackalBerry - handcrafted leather & canvas bags and travel accessories
Miracle Cynthia Creations - African picnic bags, clutch bags, beach bags and fashion accessories



2 CHILDREN

Swirl SA - silicon bags, purses, water bottles, school bags etc
Fantasyfinz - mermaid tails
Learning Mates - early reading, writing and learning tools
Think Trivia - children's educational products
Bala Books - child authored reading books
Edge Toys - selection of education toys
Puzzle Time - adult and children's puzzles



3 JEWELLERY

Jewellery & more - kids & dainty jewellery
M.E Lifestyle Jewelry - sterling silver stretch bracelets and sterling silver pendants & chains



4 CONFECTIONERY

Finchly Bespoke Bakes - Christmas fruit cakes and confections
Chabs House of Cakes - scones, biscuits, shortbread, gingerbread men etc



5 SHOES

Pesso - soft leather shoes, handmade in Europe.



6 HOMEWARE

PoolPillow - fabric UV and chlorine treated lilo's
Swim Dry - microfiber towels
Handpainted Fabrics - tablecloths, aprons, guest towels, hand towels, dishtowels etc
EcoNation Car Bin - ShweShwe car bins



7 TOYS

The Toy Company - Lego compatible minifigures, base plates, Minifigure fridge magnets, Lego tape
Balloony Toons - walking animal balloons, superhero cape & mask sets, african fairy dresses etc
Michelle's Toys - children's toys
Squishies Galore - squishies, wrap bracelets, magnetic shoe laces, tracking watches etc



8 MEN'S GIFTS

Fenwicks Ales - brewing-by-numbers craft ale kits and accessories



9 SKIN PRODUCTS

Everything Sunshine - make-up and skin products
EarthSALTS - epsom salts sport soaks



10 CLOTHING

Made by Leon & Ethnic Clothing - specialised clothing
Bella Rosa - specialized UPF50 hats and bespoke Ratbag baggies
Meraki - kiddies funky waterway, Ladies printed swimsuits, wetsuits, swim gowns etc
Pink Flamingo clothing - small batches of locally manufactured dresses and tops
Saffron Rose - exclusive clothing, handbags and much more

With over 70 stalls expected, the range of goodies will be truly spectacular! We will let you know who else to expect as soon as we confirm them.

BUT WAIT, THERE IS MORE...

Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser



R250 per Bunch

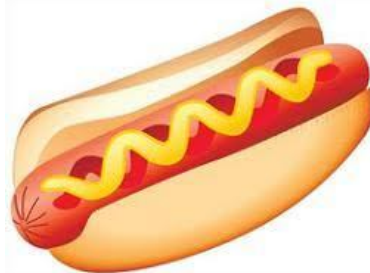
Please support by ordering your bunch of beautiful flowers the day before via email nicky@ntce.co.za or WhatsApp 083 609 1185

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

Many thanx
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee

HOT DOG DAY – FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
AND INK CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

R25



CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOKS! CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD!



FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Advent Term Calendar.
Deadline for submissions 08:00 Wednesdays