



SENIOR PREP

Keyhole: 933

14 November 2019

## ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

### FROM THE RECTOR

#### Traffic pointsmen update "*Nought for your comfort*"

The school has recently received an explanatory letter from Traffic Freeflow, the agency which has historically provided pointsmen to the City of Johannesburg. The letter notifies us that Traffic Freeflow has withdrawn from the tender process owing to the inability of the city to meet deadlines on several occasions.

We also have a parent involved in the negotiation process who has warned us that there is no solution on the horizon. The recent resignation of the mayor of the city has further exacerbated the matter.

In the meantime, we express our admiration for parents who are showing exemplary patience in a very frustrating situation. For the benefit of new parents, the issue of access and egress at St Peter's campus has been an ongoing problem. We have engaged the services of three traffic engineers to provide solutions at a cost of close to R200 000. The advice has been implemented in addition to our own measures which have served to effect slight improvements. The real problem is the traffic on Witkoppen Road over which we have no control. In time, we hope that the K60 will be built. This will divert all non-school traffic away from Witkoppen and provide relief. Petitions for the building of the K60 are in circulation and we urge you to sign these.

I guess we all have to continue getting up a little earlier in the mornings, unless Rassie Erasmus is able to provide a solution.

#### Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at [groyce@stpeters.co.za](mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za) or [dradloff@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dradloff@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CAROLS

Middle School Carols takes place on Monday, 18 November in the Chapel at 18:30. It is compulsory for all Grade 3 and 4 boys. Boys to wear No1s.

Jo Shield (Head: Middle School)

### LIBRARY REQUEST

If anyone has any old copies of Kids National Geographic, please would you donate them to the library.

Katy Mthethwa (Library)

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

Christmas is time to celebrate! We remember, however, that it is also a time of giving and it creates the opportunity for us to give to someone who is less fortunate than we are.

In the Christmas boxes that have been sent home, please pack:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (maximum value R60 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of sweets
- Crayons and blank book

If there is space, please fill the box up with: Tinned fish, tinned beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits.

Please be so kind as to wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper or newspaper.

Please help us to build on last year's success by returning your boxes by **Friday, 29 November**.

Collection points for Senior Prep Girls and Boys: Chapel

Junior Prep Girls and Boys: JP reception areas

Blessings

**Father Richard and Mr Kamo Kotsi**

## SECURITY REPORT: SPEEDING ON CAMPUS

The safety of our pupils, parents, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. To enhance traffic safety, a speed-monitoring camera has been installed on the property. We share the following downloaded statistics:

	Total Vehicles	Percentage motorists exceeding the speed limit	Max Speed Recorded
July	12302	25%	40 km/h
August	3004	24%	40 km/h
September	8008	28%	50 km/h
October	13791	24%	50 km/h

Please note that the schools were closed in August and we had a mid-term break in the month of September. These statistics indicate that a huge percentage of motorists are not complying with the 20 km/h speed restriction. Please adhere to the speed limit and exercise greater caution in the interest of the safety of our community.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Lance Camphor** (Security Manager)

**OLD BOYS NEWS****Michaelhouse**

**Michael Brown** has been announced as a House Prefect in McCormick House for 2020. This is quite an honour with McCormick being one of two new Houses opening their doors in 2020.

**AQUAPONICS – HELP NEEDED**

## St Peter's Boys Prep Building an Aquaponics system!

Our planet faces the reality of global warming and the greenhouse effect which are accelerating climate change. This obviously has huge implications for our planet and our very existence! Technology can help us to overcome most hurdles. By building an aquaponics system, the boys will be exposed to one of the technologies that can make a difference – please help us if you can! Click on the link below if you are interested in learning more about Aquaponics and how it works? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3KMLZiWYns>

**We need your help in acquiring the necessary equipment. We are looking for:**



A compressor, a pump, plastic drums that are big enough to play home to plants and fish. We also need some pvc piping, plants, fish, glues, shade cloth, and about 15 wooden poles to be used in fencing.

Our intention is to build this self-sustaining system and the boys manage and run the project.

Please contact Andrew Bench if you can help: [abench@stpeters.co.za](mailto:abench@stpeters.co.za)

**SUNSET CAROLS - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

 **Sunset Carols**  
2019

**TICKET SALES ARE OPEN!**

Go to our ticket site on Tixsa to purchase yours

<i>Online Prices:</i>	<i>Prices @ Door:</i>
<i>Adult (18+) R150</i>	<i>Adult R160</i>
<i>Child (3-18) R80</i>	<i>Child R90</i>
<i>Child (under 3) free</i>	

*Tables R250 per ticket (min 8, max 10)*

*Choir participants free - they will be given their armbands beforehand*

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2019>

**FORTHCOMING WEEK**

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