

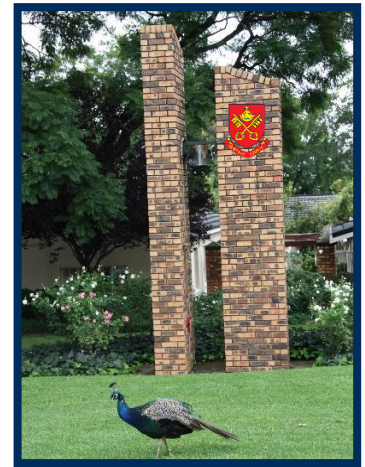


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ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School



FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Christmas season has really begun in earnest. On Thursday last week we were delighted by the Grade 0 production of an "African Christmas" and over the next two weeks we will be able to enjoy the Middle School Christmas Story and the Upper School Nine Lessons and Carols in the Chapel. The St Peter's Sunset Carols, which will take place on Mvukuzane Field on 30 November, will be a fitting high point in our celebrations. It is at this time of the year that we get the opportunity to reflect on successes past and blessings current and future. It is a time of hope.

I am always astounded when I consider the impact of the birth of a baby in a Middle Eastern stable over 2000 years ago. Perhaps the most important aspect of this birth was the dawn of a new hope for the people who were there. This hope has spread around the globe and, for many people, Christmas has become the most important family celebration in their year. Families come together from all over, people exchange gifts and there is a general feeling of goodwill. In a country that, despite the euphoria of winning the World Cup, is faced with so many divisions and challenges, this Christmas, and the associated hope and joy that it brings, is of great significance.

I believe that there are a few key points of departure that will allow us to make this season particularly special in our St Peter's Community. Firstly, let us all remember the 5th "G" for our school; Gratitude. As we look back on the year we have so much to be grateful for in our individual lives, but also as a community. We have been able to celebrate wonderful times together in class, on the sport field and in cultural activities. Things that we take for granted such as a roof over our heads and food on the table are regularly mentioned in Chapel when the boys lead our prayers. The professional, loving and positive environment within which we all work and learn in this school is taken as a given; but is not necessarily the norm for the majority of school communities within our country at present. We have much to be grateful for.

Secondly, we are able to approach this Christmas season from the position of givers rather than receivers as we prepare our Christmas boxes for distribution in the community. This change in focus, and the associated joy and hope that we can bring, fits well into our school values, with "Compassion" being shown to be practical and tangible for our boys. Thus, the hope that "I can make a difference..." is reinforced. By focusing on what we can do to bring joy to others we forget, for a time, those challenges such as our economy and politics over which we do not necessarily have much influence. We are able to be agents of hope in our own community.

And so, as we begin our celebration of that miraculous birth that changed the world in so many ways, let us focus on gratitude for what we have and consideration of how we can bring hope to others. Let us be the hope that we wish to see.

Enjoy this very special season with us.

Rob Macaulay

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

Fr Richard and Mr Kamo Kotsi

INTRODUCTION OF A SUNDRIES ACCOUNT GRADE 3 – 7 2020

Those parents whose boys have been through the Junior Prep will remember that you were charged an amount for sundries that was evened out over the twelve-month period. The aim of this process is to allow for budgeting from your side and to avoid you being charged ad hoc for "extra's" such as class trips and shows that come to the school. We have introduced a similar system for the Senior Prep classes in 2020.

Items that will be included in the sundries cost are:

Compulsory stationery for the year

Outings and shows

MADD Week Activities

SPEET Week Activities

The Grade Camps

Text books and workbooks when necessary

Community Partnership

Homework diary (being introduced in 2020)

Online learning licenses

At the end of the year the sundries account will be reconciled and any savings will be put back into your school account.

Optional costs such as music lessons, the school magazine and photographs do not come off your sundries account and will be billed separately.

We hope that this initiative will help families with their budgeting for the 2020 school year.

Please feel free to contact either myself or the Finance Department should you wish to gain further clarity.

Yours sincerely

Rob Macaulay

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

As the saying goes, *'Christmas time is family time!'* This is so true, however for some; this Christmas will be a difficult time, as they have had to deal with the reality of losing someone special in their lives. Death is not easy to cope with and often a little extra TLC and the openness of a group of people, assists one in coping.

We will be holding our Bereavement group session on Tuesday, 26 November from 07:30 to 08:30 in the Council Chamber.

This time round we are opening our group up to all children of St Peter's who have experienced loss in their lives and who would benefit from this session. Many children have bounced back, but there are many who will find this time painful. This is for them.

Wendy Wentzel, our school psychologist, and I will run the group at no charge. Should you want your child to attend please notify them of the session and time, as well as their class teacher who would be able to follow up with them that morning.

Blessings

Fr Richard

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: SENIOR PREP (GRADES 5,6 AND 7)

Nine Lessons and Carols takes place on **Tuesday, 26 November** in the Chapel at 18:30. It is compulsory for all **Grade 7** boys. Boys to wear No1s.

MOVEMBER – HALF WAY!

The men at St Peter's have been growing their "Mo-staches" for Movember in support of CANSA and Miguel Morais, a St Peter's Old Boy. If you would like to donate, please click on this link: : <https://za.movember.com/mospace/14147748>



PRIZE GIVING

Prize Giving will be held on **Wednesday, 4 December** at 18:00. Tea will be served from 17:00 outside the Dodson Hall. This is compulsory for all Grade 7 Boys.

Prize winners from Grades 3 to 6 will be notified closer to the date.

INTERN ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A few of the interns are desperately looking for accommodation nearer the school. Please consider this request if you have a room/cottage/flatlet, available to rent. Occupation would be from January 2020.

Please contact June Tromp - Head Mentor (Interns) at jtromp@stpeters.co.za or 082 573 1030.

SEFIKENG - HOOKS

'It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another'
(Nelson Mandela)

Continuing from an incredibly successful #MandelaDay2019, the Gr7 boys were tasked with transforming what began as 'tagged for the rubbish pile' desks into awesome pieces of functional art! Our team of 'worker bees' recognised the value of the remnants of a number of old, broken, but very beautiful desks and chairs on the day, and with pure determination, sweat and eventually the right tools, we had 29 pieces of raw wood that told of an age old story of learning and growth.

Mr Sean Creamer accepted the challenge and the transformation began... our Grade 7 boys worked solidly over 3 weeks - sanding, painting, measuring, drilling, screwing and testing.

These 'pieces of junk' that have literally stood the test of time and hours of hard use by hundreds of children, have become beautiful coat hooks that we hope will be loved by many of our St Peter's family, as much as we love them. Should anyone be interested in purchasing one for R900, please message Colleen (082 391 0554). They will be sold on a first come first served basis. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Foundation for a future Sefikeng project.



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

SUNSET CAROLS - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET GOODIES!

With all of these amazing Sunset Carols Food Stalls, why bother with a picnic?

Andiccio24	Pizza & Salads
Ice Bombs	Real fruit sorbet ice lollies
Deliteful Donuts	Mini Doughnuts
Happy Me	Fruit-flavoured bubble teas
ShePriRa	Soft drinks, Water, Sweets, Crisps
Willy Waffles	Sweet and savory waffles.
Chip n dip	Fried potato chips in a cone with a dip
Cleansui/Halo Water	Halo BPA free bottles with free water refill
Sumting Fresh	Gujon Chicken ,Italian Stallion, Winging It, Gua Bao
State 5 Mobile Coffee	Coffee's, Hot Chocolate, Chai Latte, Freezo's, Cold Brew Coffee, Iced Chocolate
Swirl Rolled Ice Cream	Freshly homemade ice cream smashed with chosen ingredients & rolled to perfection
Blessed and Delicious Catering	Homemade Samoosas, Lamb Curry and Braised Rice, Mutton Bunny Chows, Chicken Breyani.
Sarah Polla	3 Flavours Mocktails - Non alcoholic jam jar cocktails
Dolphin	Popcorn and Slushes
Contessa La Cucina	Mediterranean, vegetarian, vegan, halaal, antipasti - farmers table served by weight
St Peters Foundation Grill	Chicken Pregos & Boerwors Rolls with meat from Berliner

The festive season shopping at the Market is going to be fabulous!

INTERESTING GIFTING
 Fenwicks Ales
 Ifitshpitshere
 The Luxury Box
 Swirl SA
 Tash's Treats
 Microfiber Towels - Swim Dry
 EcoNation car bins

OTHER
 Constance picnic blankets
 PoolPillow
 African Beauty Domestic Work Wear
 LLYLA Swimwear and Sportswear
 BDM Cricket and Solar/Battery backups

HOMEMADE CRAFT
 Stitches
 Nikiya's Collection

CLOTHING
 Meraki Lifestyle Brand
 Bella Rosa
 BoTlotlo
 Made by leon & Ethnic Clothing
 Pink Flamingo Clothing
 Saffron Rose

FOOD/ CONFECTIONARY
 Candy Land
 Chabs House of Cakes
 Cutting Cake
 Finchly Bespoke Bakes
 Wendys Lemonade
 Chocs 'n Things

EDUCATIONAL
 Bala Books
 Learning Mates
 Think Trivia
 Edge Toys (educational toys)
 Puzzle Time - RGS Group

BAGS
 JackalBerry
 MIRACLECYNTHIACREATIONS
 White Stone Trading
 Yammie Collectionz

SHOES
 Pesso

ACTIVITIES
 Henna Tattoos
 Sand Art

HOME DECOR
 DC's Gifts
 Fly-Bee-Gone
 Handpainted Fabrics
 The Baked Bean
 KTB Artworks

BEAUTY/HEALTH/FRAGRANCES
 EarthSALTS
 Pamper Me Pretty
 Everything Sunshine
 KITA Fragrances

TOYS
 Balloony Toons
 Fantasyfinz
 Michelle - Toys
 Squishies Galore
 The Toy Company
 Waterfall Toys
 Kul Kids
 Toys with Roots
 Amazeballs

JEWELLERY
 BelleLana Collection
 Gregio
 Jewelry & more
 Kreate-it - Lisa Huet
 M.E Lifestyle Jewellery

LUCKY DRAW

This year's lucky draw prizes are better than ever! 6 hampers of goodies from our generous stall holders, each valued at over R4000!

Buy your tickets on Tixsa or on the day - only R25 each

FORTHCOMING WEEK

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

Deadline for submissions 08:00 Wednesdays