



FROM THE RECTOR

2020 Dates

Term 1		
Start	Wed, 15 January	
Close	Thurs, 9 April	
Half Term	Close	Thurs, 27 February
	Return	Tues, 3 March
Public Holiday	Sat, 21 March (Human Rights Day)	

Term 2		
Start	Tues, 5 May	
Close	Fri, 31 July	
Half Term	Close	Fri, 26 June
	Return	Mon, 6 July
School Holiday	Mon, 15 June	
Public Holiday	Tues, 16 June (Youth Day)	

Term 3		
Start	Tues, 1 September	
Close	Thurs, 3 December	
Half Term	Close	Thurs, 15 October
	Return	Tues, 20 October
Public Holiday	Thurs, 24 September (Heritage Day) <i>We anticipate the Bishop awarding his customary holiday. If so, this will fall on Friday, 25 September.</i>	
School Holiday		

Traffic Update

Thanks to the good offices of a parent, I met on Tuesday with the Deputy Director of Operations, JMPD. The JMPD is sympathetic and willing to help, but our region does not have the capacity (sufficient officers) to deploy them at St Peter's Prep schools.

It is pointless demanding such a service with the huge number of bottle-necks in the city. That being said, they will help from time to time as has been the case in the last day or two.

The good news is that the JMPD has been tasked with reinstating the contract with Traffic FreeFlow, our original service providers. The deadline to reinstate the contract is April. Hopefully, we therefore only have to endure for this term.

I will keep you posted should I hear anything more.

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 or dradloff@stpeters.co.za.

Greg Royce

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I begin this week's message with a vote of thanks to the parents who have been so patient as we try to solve the traffic issues. These have been exacerbated by the lack of pointsmen which allowed for a greater flow of traffic off the campus. While I have had the opportunity to speak to many parents at the Parent Information Evenings, I thought that I would share some of the challenges that we are facing and a few potential solutions that are being considered.

- The increased volume of "parking" traffic during the first week of school, while boys and parents find their feet, is expected to ease off as the "drop and go" practices, that worked well at the end of last year, resume.
- Afternoon activities have started this week and this will stagger the outflow of pupils after school as well as dilute the drop-off demands as boys take on early morning activities.
- Greg Royce is in dialogue with JMPD regarding the deployment of pointsmen at peak times.
- It is interesting to note that, without the traffic lights being out at various places in our area this morning, the Chapel Car Park was clear by 07:50. Hopefully this is indicative of a trend that will create ease of egress by 08:00 on most days. Mvukuzane Pavilion has both WiFi and a coffee machine. You are invited to "chill" there in the mornings, until traffic eases.

Notwithstanding the above, we are also keen to trial a park and ride system. We envisage a school bus that would collect children from either the property across the road from the school or from another suitable venue. This would simply be a shuttle service with our school driver making two trips, one at 06:45 and another at 07:10. While we do not envisage teaching staff being on the bus, this service would be appropriate for Middle and Upper School children. It could also run after school on a Friday. We are working on the logistics and, depending on the need once the normal school programme is in place, the service could be offered in the very near future. The proposed route is from the cul-de-sac off Estelle Rd, next to Lavender Lane, Paulshof to St Peter's Prep through the Grieff Rd entrance. A google form to gauge interest for this proposed service will be sent out on Monday morning.

I am aware that there may be a number of "new" parents to the school who have not witnessed the easing of traffic flow as the year continues, as seen in the past. I ask that you bear with us during the first three weeks. Seasoned campaigners will be able to reassure you that things do get better and we will also be implementing further strategies for the Junior Prep until this transpires. Please feel free to contact me should you have any suggestions that may help us in our endeavours to make your drop off experience more comfortable.

Have a good week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE PRESENTATION TO GRADE 6 & 7 BOYS

Please be advised that the Grade 6 & 7 boys have the opportunity to attend a presentation from St Andrew's College, Grahamstown.

Friday, 31 January 07:30 to 08:00

Venue: Big Group Teaching room (next to dining room)

MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS - APPLICATION FORM 2020

Please follow the link for both Boys JP and SP to sign up for instrumental lessons:

<https://forms.gle/1dzfGw9K85KAgUmn8>

THANK YOU TO THE ST PETER'S COMMUNITY

Hope you had a blessed Christmas and that 2020 is wonderful year for you all.

On behalf of the children in Diepsloot a HUGE THANK YOU for the awesome Christmas boxes.

The generosity of the St Peters family never fails to amaze me as each year so many boxes are donated packed full of wonderful goodies.

Thank you for adding some much needed joy this Christmas for each of these children.

Your generosity certainly embodies the true spirit and message of Christmas time.

Kind regards
Heather Garrett
Head of ECD



BOYS PHOTOGRAPHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

From time to time your son may appear on St Peter's social media platforms for marketing purposes. Should you not want him to appear on these platforms please email Diane Fraser dfraser@stpeters.co.za with your name and your son's name, grade and class.

Thank you

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

OLD BOYS NEWS

Michaelhouse

David Ferguson placed eighth overall in Grade 10 for the 2019 academic year.

Ben Lister and **Jason Morby-Smith** are representing the first Waterpolo team in 2020.

Dylan Hewlett - U14A Cricket

Ethan de Kock and **Maanda Ramabulana** - U14A Basketball

Greg Goldby - U14A Waterpolo squad

OLD BOYS CAPS FOR SALE

Old Boys can now buy the popular Old Boys Caps from the School Shop. They are R300.



FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2020 Easter Term Calendar.
PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 08:00 ON WEDNESDAYS