



**ST PETER'S
BOYS PREP SCHOOL**
**SERVING THE FAITH
FOR 70 YEARS**

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE #938

DATE: 30 January 2020 SENIOR PREP

FROM THE RECTOR

The issue of traffic congestion has kept us all occupied. That being said, it seems to have improved considerably this week. At school, we will continue to work on solutions. Top of the list is Rob Macaulay's drop-off point outside the school while I am attempting to have the timing on the traffic lights altered.

When you read this, I will be on camp with the Grade 7 girls. I am departing with as much anxiety as a parent.

Do we have sufficient safety protocols in place?

Have we conducted enough drills?

Have we anticipated every likely eventuality?

The Parktown Boys high school incident has left us all severely rattled.

In the past, St Peter's has had our fair share of incidents: bus breakdowns, broken arms, scorpion stings and the like. Fortunately, our preparations beforehand have always paid off and the staff have behaved admirably going above and beyond to care for the children.

I shudder to think of the potential for disaster in my past. As a young teacher, I reveled in introducing 12 and 13-year olds to "the bush". We would secure a camp site on a Big Five property in the Timbavati, Klasserie or Sabi Sands and set up a tented camp for ten children and three or four adults. During the day, we'd take the children on walks, armed with 12-gauge shotguns and sometimes .458s.

At night the children would each have an hour of guard duty around the fire. They would wake us if lions approached.

By the grace of God, we brought all the children home safely. Today, many of them either have their own bushveld retreats or are involved in some way in the conservation of nature. One, who retired at 39, takes me on trips to remote areas in Botswana and Zambia.

It's a difficult business balancing safety against providing children with the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and face new challenges.

I don't know how much longer school camps will continue. I suspect that it will be the teachers who decline to accept the responsibility before parents judge the risks to be too great.

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

This year marks the 70th anniversary of St Peter's Boys Prep School and we have a number of exciting events lined up for the various sectors of our community. You may have noticed the changes to the "Keyhole Banner" and we will be using this platform as a means to share our celebrations with the community as the year unfolds. Please be on the lookout for the following celebratory events:

- We will begin the formal celebration with a Service of Thanksgiving for the boys and invited guests on Thursday, 27 February at 09:00 . The Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Steve Moreo, will preside and we are hoping to share a time of great praise, thanksgiving and hope in this very special formal service. Because of the projected size of the congregation, we will use the JP Boys building for the service. There will be a section open for parents who wish to join us, but space may be limited. A celebratory tea for the adults will follow in Dodson Hall.
- We have ordered special "happy socks" that have been designed by one of our pupils, Thurston Salt. The first batch of these are due to arrive before the end of the month so watch out for the notification that they are on sale in the School Shop. Boys will be allowed to wear these socks with their PE kit and white takkies on any day that has a 7 in the date for this year. No, this does not mean for the whole of July, which has a 7 as the month ☺.
- Please also keep your eyes open for notifications regarding other memorabilia that will be on sale throughout the year.
- On Friday, 19 June, we will hold a special Evensong for the Old Boys Association. This will be followed by a gala dinner in Dodson Hall. Old Boys, please contact Hilary Nothard (hnothard@stpeters.co.za) for further details.
- Saturday, 20 June will be a special family day for the whole community, including our sisters in the Girls Prep and little siblings in the Pre-Prep. While we are still to finalise details, we are expecting a day of family interaction, football, slides and a communal lunch. Please save this date.
- Our final formal celebration will be at the Sunset Carols event in November. This is always a wonderful community event and we hope to add a celebratory dimension to close our special year.

I look forward to a special year during which we build on our rich heritage of family and community.

Have a great week.

Rob Macaulay



WELCOME

We welcome **Biko Makaula** (Grade 4) and his family to the St Peter's Family.

EXTRA ART CLASSES

Extra Art class will be on offer to the boys on the following days:

Grade 4 – Mondays, 14:00 – 15:00

Grade 5 – Tuesdays, 15:00 – 16:00

Grade 6 and Grade 7 – Wednesdays, 14:00 – 15:00

These lessons will start from the beginning of February. There are a limited number of spaces and the boys will be required to sign up and attend accordingly. At this stage, no costs are involved.

If you are interested in your son attending the extra art lessons, please email Mrs Ruest at druet@stpeters.co.za to confirm.

Thank you

Debbie Ruest (Art Teacher)

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

Please be advised that the Grade 6 & 7 boys have an 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>

NEW SCHOOL SHOP HOURS

We have noticed more parents dropping off earlier due to the traffic and have therefore decided to open the School Shop at 06:30 every morning.

THE SECOND HAND SHOP

The Second Hand Shop is looking for volunteers to assist for one hour a week. The Shop is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 07:00 to 08:00. No admin required!

Please contact Carol Sithole - 072 226 8599

OLD BOYS NEWS

Michaelhouse

Ntando Mbhele has been selected for the U15A Basketball Team.

Ben Lister was the overall Bronze Medallist in the U17 age group at the Inter-House gala.

Justin Prowse and **Dylan McCoy** took Gold and Silver in the Junior Open Water event.

We are growing!



Introducing our 11 new Teacher Interns for 2020:

Pre-Prep

Roosting Roosters:
MBALI RADEBE
YEAR OF STUDY: 1st



Puddle Ducks:
DIDI NKOMO
YEAR OF STUDY: 1st



Moo Cows:
NONVUYO MAGABELA
YEAR OF STUDY: 1st



Happy Horses:
TSHEGOFATSO PELE
YEAR OF STUDY: 1st



DID YOU KNOW: Our interns are trainee teachers, working alongside our class teachers while they study their 4 year teaching degrees.

Girls JP

Gr 1 Montagu:
CORNIE MOTLOUNG
YEAR OF STUDY: 1st



Gr 0 Buck:
AMAZE MADALANE
YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd



Gr 2 Glass:
PATRICIA NKWANYANA
YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd



Gr 1 van Ginkel:
KELEBOGILE RAMASHIA
YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd



They are mentored by our wonderful class teachers and receive the best practical on-the-job training possible.

Gr 2 Smit:
EUNICE MATLARE
YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd



Gr 2 Scott:
RAYMOND BAMBO
YEAR OF STUDY: 3rd

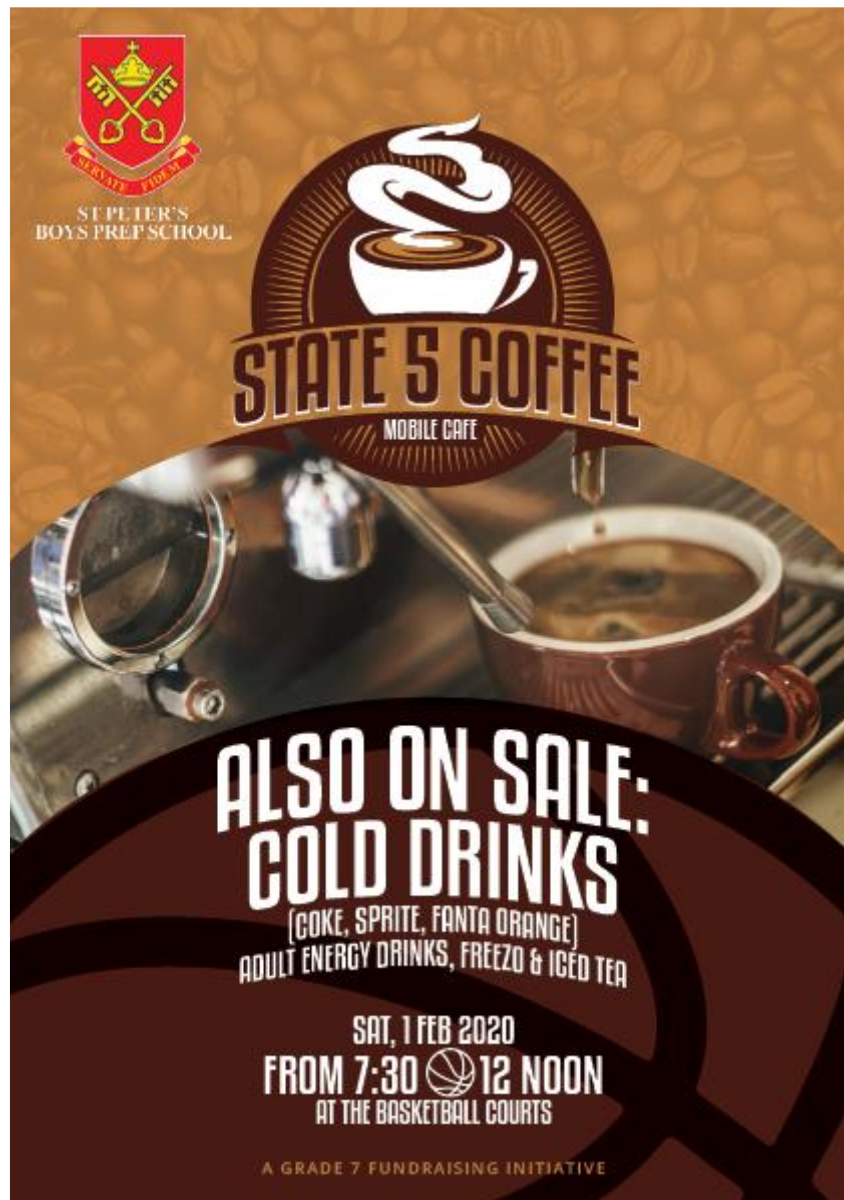


Gr 1 Jameson:
LINA SONJICA
YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd



Boys JP

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER – COFFEE AND OTHER DRINKS ON SALE DURING SPORT ON SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY



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