



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

**THROUGH THE KEYHOLE #942**

**DATE: 26 February 2020 SENIOR PREP**

### **FROM THE HEADMASTER**

Can you believe that the first half of the Easter Term has come and gone? As we launch our 70th Celebrations with a School Eucharist on Thursday, we are conscious of how blessed St Peter's has been during the years of development. A large portion of our success has to be attributed to community participation and the belief in the three-legged pot. With the iron pot containing all the ingredients necessary for a good education to happen, we can never lose sight of the importance of all three legs in supporting the educational stew. Parents, the boys and the school all have an equal role to play in the development of a child ready to take on the demands of the 21st Century. It is, therefore, no coincidence that collaboration is not only part of the school values, but is also part of 21st Century skills. Thank you to all of you for your continued involvement and input in every one of the boys.

While we have had a lot of much needed rainfall, it has been somewhat detrimental to the sporting programme. Not only does a wet basketball court present dangers, but there have been numerous stoppages for lightning alerts. The lightning alert system works on a fifteen kilometre radius and any activity, whether cloud-to-cloud or cloud-to-ground within this area, will trigger an alarm. The lightning conditions remain in force until half an hour after the last recorded strike. While this means that the siren can go off while there are still sunny conditions, the cricketers from Saturday morning will be able to attest to the fact that, in many cases, that storm can be upon us within minutes. I do understand that when these conditions prevail during the busiest pick-up of the week, frustrations can be present, but I must remind you that the safety of the children is our primary concern and they will be kept in safe areas throughout the alert. Thank you to the parent body who showed such restraint and sensibility, even with the electrical outages adding to the "perfect storm" that we encountered last Friday.

As we enter a period of mid-term break, I hope that you enjoy a little peace and quiet so that the boys are ready to return to the busyness of school on Tuesday.

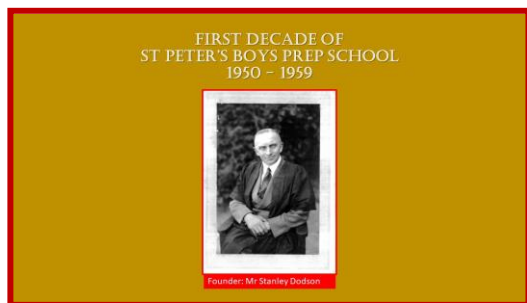
Enjoy the long weekend.

**Rob Macaulay**

**HAPPY HALF TERM**

**LOADING...**

**LONG WEEKEND**



### THE DECADES OF ST PETER'S IN ACTION

Here is the first of seven videos that will be released throughout the year in celebration of 70 years of St Peter's Boys Prep School.

Here are the 50s:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSknyJ8Sfio>

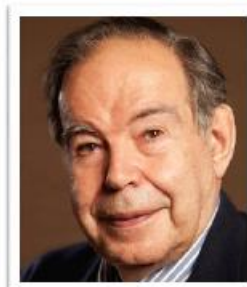


### 70<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATIONS

During the early 2000s, St Peter's was visited by the great **Dr Edward de Bono** of *lateral thinking* and "the Six Hats" fame. At that time, he held simultaneous professorships at Harvard and Cambridge. If I recall, he was charging something in the order of \$18 000 per day to consult to companies. De Bono had heard about the St Peter's Cognitive Education Programme and its extensive use of his thinking techniques. He offered to visit the school, deliver a lecture and answer questions.

His lecture, more like a workshop, was absolutely fascinating and after lunch, he responded brilliantly to questions from staff. We made sure to explain the greatness of the man and the significance of his visit to the school to the boys. We were always seeking intellectual role models to balance their hero worship of sporting figures. They reacted superbly, continuously hounding him for autographs. When some boys were unable to locate paper or other objects for his signature, they removed their boxers and enthusiastically presented these for his autograph.

Greg Royce



### 70<sup>th</sup> EUCHARIST – THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

Boys JP and Gr 3 - break up on Wednesday, 26 February and DO NOT attend the Eucharist on Thursday.

Boys Gr 4 - 7 and staff will be attending the 70th Eucharist 09:00 to 11:00 on Thursday, 27 February.

Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a tea in Dodson Hall following the service.

Dress Code: Khaki's and blazers, socks and shoes. Choir to wear Cassocks.

Venue for Eucharist: Boys JP.

Parents to fetch boys from Newlands Field after the Eucharist. Parents to enter at Chapel car park. The lower car park will be closed.

**The Collection will go towards the Sefikeng Reading Programme.**

**70<sup>th</sup> SOCKS – ON SALE**

Boys will be able to wear the socks on all days with a seven (except 27 February which is the 70<sup>th</sup> Eucharist). They will wear the socks together with their sports kit consisting of red practice shirt, blue shorts and takkies.

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKES**

Thank you to the Grade 7 parents and boys for feeding us all pancakes today – they were delicious!



**FROM SICK BAY**

A few cases of Chicken Pox have been reported in the Girls Junior Prep.

**Incubation Period:** Symptoms usually appear 14-16 days after exposure.

**Common Signs and Symptoms:**

- Rash that first appears on the trunk (stomach and back) and spreads to the face, arms and legs.
- The rash appears to be small water blisters. Your child may have a fever or stomach ache for the few days before the rash appears.
- In a day or two, the rash will form crusts that will remain for a few days. As the blisters spread, some will be healing as new ones appear.
- Your child needs to remain home until all the blisters are crusted over (they are contagious until that time). Many children have received the chicken pox vaccine; however, children who have been vaccinated may develop a milder case with only a few lesions and may not feel ill at all.

Please notify the school if your child has chicken pox. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Nosipho Makhaya** (Girls Prep Nurse)



**HALF TERM: School reopens on Tuesday, 3 March**

**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**