



ST PETER'S BOYS PREP SCHOOL

SERVING THE FAITH FOR 70 YEARS

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE #944

DATE: 12 March 2020 SENIOR PREP

FROM THE RECTOR

Chapel Carpark Trees

You might have noticed that the line of trees on the island in the Chapel carpark have been removed. We had detected infestation by Shot Hole Borer and removed them to curb infestation of neighbouring trees. All of these were Natal Plums which thrive best in warmer forest conditions. Despite the fact that they were approximately 20 years old, our annual highveld frosts prevented them from gaining the height and canopy spread which they ought to have had. By way of comparison, you might look at the single specimen alongside one of the paths in the Chapel forest which is just 10 years old and already over 6 metres tall. The trees will shortly be replaced, probably with *Karees* which will hopefully grow quickly and soon provide shade and the greenery to which we have been accustomed.

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



We are delighted to welcome Amelia Sheppard, daughter of Kent and Alicia, into the St Peter's community. Amelia was born on Monday afternoon. Mum and baby are well and dad is over the moon!

I spoke to the boys about the Dead Sea during Chapel on Monday. One of the key features about this sea is that, while there is an inflow of water, there is no outlet. Over millennia, the build-up of salt and silt have contributed to an ongoing process of dying. In addition, there has been a marked decrease in the new water coming into the sea due to man's consumerist tendencies and the "tapping" of water off the Jordan River over many years.

<http://content.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2084164,00.html>



I likened this to our modern tendency to be consumers, fixated on our individual rights rather than a sense of being part of the world that we live in and making the best use of the many blessings we receive on a daily basis. One of the key imperatives of the St Peter's curriculum is that we produce boys who are contributors to the society that they live in, focused on responsibilities and giving back to those with whom they live. This may be something that is becoming more and more essential in our beautiful country at this time. As is the case with societies in a time of challenge, whether that be economic, political or health, we have a tendency for self-preservation and, while this is completely understandable, it can lead to complete selfishness and a failure for communities to work in partnership to serve each other for the common good. A bit like the Dead Sea. As we experience greater and varied challenges in our lives, St Peter's pupils should never lose sight of their own potential for outflow. Balancing complaints about the status quo with intentional reflection on what I can do to improve it and then acting in some way, no matter how small to do this, changes my status

from either victim or critical observer, to contributor towards a solution. By becoming an outlet, I not only improve the lives of those around me, but I also ensure that I don't become my own Dead Sea; always taking and never giving back.

Thank you to all those in our community who play an active role to improve, not only our own school, but the lives of those around us.

Have a great week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

PARK AND RIDE PILOT



As of Monday, 9 March, we started the pilot morning bus shuttle from the German Country Club. The children could be dropped off at the German Club carpark from 06:30. The St Peter's bus was scheduled to shuttle the children across to the Chapel carpark at **06:50 and at 07:10**.

There has been no uptake from the St Peter's families this week. If no families have taken up the offer, the feasibility of the shuttle will be reviewed on Friday, 13 March. So if you did show interest, please try it!



70th CELEBRATIONS

The St Peter's campus has a checklist of over 160 birds. Some of the more striking birds are:

- Cape Vulture (flying overhead)
- European Honey Buzzard
- Black Sparrow Hawk
- Shikra
- Paradise Flycatcher
- Black-throated Canary
- Grey-Headed Bush Shrike
- Groundscraper Thrush
- White-faced Duck

Greg Royce



Paradise Flycatcher



70th SOCKS – ON SALE

Boys will be able to wear the socks on all days with a seven. Upcoming day with a seven is **Tuesday, 17 March**. They will wear the socks together with their sports kit consisting of red practice shirt, blue shorts and takkies.

HAPPY 70th SOCKS

**ON SALE AT
THE SCHOOL
SHOP FOR
R70 A PAIR**

ALL SIZES

SOCKS WERE DESIGNED
BY THURSTAN SALT
(GRADE 7 2020)

WINE TASTING EVENING HOSTED BY THE FOUNDATION – NOT TO BE MISSED!

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peters-wine-tasting>



Wine Tasting Evening

Hosted by Big Futures
Social Responsibility
Programmes, supported by
the St Peter's Foundation

Date: Tuesday, 24 March

Time: 18:00

Place: Dodson Hall

Come and taste over
20 wines including
reds, whites and
bubbly from local
estates and from
Portugal and Spain.

Wines will also be on
sale via the estates on
the night.

Tickets: R160 per person

All Proceeds go to the Big Futures Programmes

LADIES LUNCH – SATURDAY, 14 MARCH

LUCKY DRAW PRIZES

Enter the Ladies Lunch Lucky Draw 2020 and stand a chance to win prizes worth a total value of more than R85 000. Tickets are R100 for 4 tickets. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning.

With Mother's Day and Father's Day just around the corner, this is the perfect opportunity to win the perfect gift and spoil your loved one! Please refer to the attachment for a full list of prizes.

Click on the link to purchase tickets: [Buy Lucky Draw Tickets](#)

Online ticket sales close on **Friday, 13 March at 18:00**. The draw will be held this Saturday, at the Ladies Lunch. However, you do not have to be at the draw to win! Winners will be notified via sms.

LUCKY DRAW 2020 – AMAZING PRIZES – YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN

	SHAMWARI GETAWAY Two nights stay for two at Shamwari Private Game Reserve (all inclusive) valued at R27 000
	STAY AT MAKALALI Two nights stay for two at Makalali Private Game Lodge (all inclusive) valued at R19 500
	MOTHERS DAY GIFT 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two nights stay for two at the Cavern Drakensberg Resort and Spa (all inclusive) valued at R6 000 Jimmy Choo fragrance worth R1 300 Dermology voucher for treatments worth R1 800 Voucher from Steyn City XIX Nineteen Restaurant worth R1 000
	FATHERS DAY GIFT 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Fourball at Steyn City Golf Club valued at R4 000 Branded merchandise from Porsche valued at R5 000
	MOTHERS DAY GIFT 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirsty Boltman commissioned artwork worth R3 000 Jimmy Choo fragrances worth R2 600 Dermology voucher for treatment worth R2 000 Bottle of St Peter's 70th Birthday Gin
	FATHERS DAY GIFT 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talon 2,8kVA Petrol Generator valued at R6 000 Branded merchandise from Porsche valued at R5 000
	MISS SA 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two tickets to the Miss SA Pageant 2020 in Cape Town Two flights to Cape Town valued at R5 000 Two nights stay for two at the Protea Fire & Ice Hotel, Cape Town valued at R3 000 Dermology Voucher for treatment worth R1 600 Jimmy Choo fragrance worth R 1300
	VENDOR GIFT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necklace from Gracestone Fine Jewellery valued at R3 000 Bkini'd swimming costume valued at R1 600 Accessories from Resonate Shop valued at R1 150 Body suit from All Body SA valued at R750 Treatment and blow dry at Carbon Salon valued at R540 Two oil blends from Essentails valued at 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.