



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Well done to all on surviving the first week of online learning. We are all working in a paradigm of learn-as-you-go, particularly when it comes to the challenges on time, bandwidth and devices that come with a whole family in lockdown, or children working from home while parents perform essential service work away from home. For this reason, I would like to stress our offer for support in a number of areas during online learning. Should you find that you need support with online learning devices please let Scott Hauptfleisch know. Parents may be interested to know what Learning Platforms the grades are using.

Boys Prep School

- Gr 0 – SeeSaw
- Gr 1 & 2 – Google Classroom
- Gr 3 & 4 – Teams
- Gr 5 to 7 - Google Classroom

You will notice that we've allowed for flexibility based on the needs of particular grades.

Please feel free to contact our academic, pastoral and IT teams in areas where they may be able to assist. I am also happy to answer or redirect queries or requests for help to the correct team if they are sent directly to me. My email address for this type of communication is rmacaulay@stpeters.co.za

The school is also mindful of the fact that there are families who are experiencing severe financial pressure at this time. You will be aware of the measures we have taken to alleviate pressure in this regard from the Rector's bulletins, but please feel free to communicate directly with either Kenda Melvill-Smith or myself if you would like to address specific challenges and requests. While all requests will be forwarded to the Finance Committee through the Business Manager, it sometimes helps to have someone to bounce ideas off before official submissions are made.

The school is currently following the guidelines and procedures for re-opening the campus that have been submitted by the Minister of Education for ratification and gazetting. As such, our Operations Team is meeting to finalise the logistics around the safe return of staff and pupils to the campus as soon as possible. We are consulting widely regarding health and safety protocols and will make sure that these are shared with you as soon as they have been finalised. I am also aware that there are a large number of families who may prefer to keep children at home despite the official reopening of campus in the not too distant future. For this reason, the online curriculum continues to be developed and will be in place for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, we will have to postpone our 70th Jubilee community celebrations that were scheduled for 19 and 20 June. We will, however, ensure that we get together for some form of celebration as soon as we are able to. There will, in time, be much to celebrate...

I must take time to express a particular vote of thanks to our teachers at this time. They are preparing and delivering the online lessons with great professionalism and care. I am sure that many of our parents will empathise with the fact that,

for many of them, this means that teachers children are having to learn great independence and be resilient in their own learning. Mom or dad can't be teaching the class online and their own child at the same time. On the positive side, however, this means that they can fully understand parents' frustrations when it comes to balancing work/home demands during lockdown. Please remember that, during these difficult times we all need to be flexible regarding deadlines and, as I often say in staff meetings to "...share the love..." with all. It is a privilege to belong to such a caring and resilient community and I thank all of you; parents, teachers and boys for upholding the St Peter's values at all times.

Stay safe and stay positive

Rob Macaulay

COVID 19 OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

St Peter's is known for the warmth and compassion we demonstrate within our communities. We also understand that many of our families are not in a position to give at this moment. As we are in lock down and the school is not allowed to open, here are some suggestions, should you be looking for ways to give:

St Peter's is supporting the Gift of the Givers and we are donating R10 000 to them to use at this vulnerable time because it is part of our Christian Ethos.

Should others wish to give financially, we suggest they donate directly to the Gift of the Givers. Banking Details as follows:

Account name - Gift of the Givers
Bank - Standard Bank
Branch code – 051001
Account number – 052137228
Reference - Covid-19.

Should you wish to donate food, there is an organisation, SAHarvest, who with Fidelity are delivering food parcels to the needy. They have a drive-thru drop-off at the Lonehill Vet on the corner of Lonehill Boulevard and Crestwood Drive. Boxes will be placed in their car park on these specific days and times. All you need to do is drive in, deposit your food donation in the box and drive off.

Saturdays	09:00 – 12:00
Sundays	09:00 – 10:00
Mondays	09:00 – 13:00

Should you wish to donate clothing, please hold on to it for delivery to Reception at St Peter's when pupils return to school. Our Heads of Pastoral Care will distribute it.

Finally, should you be needing a food parcel at this time because of your circumstances, please don't be too proud to ask, just drop me an email at fatherrichard@stpeters.co.za and this will be dealt with in absolutely confidentiality. You are our family and at times like this we need to support each other.

Love and blessings

Fr Richard

NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT ALL OF US!

St Peter's Prep Schools has an article in the Waterfall Magazine, pages 22 to 25: [Waterfall Issue 5](#)

70th CELEBRATIONS



During the 90's, the exiled King of Albania, entrusted the education of his heir to St Peter's. Prince Leka or 'Lekkie', as he was known, was a lanky fellow with a diffident and retiring manner. His name on all documents, as well as his signature on work were identical:

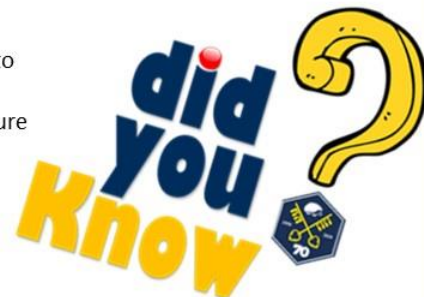
HRH Leka of Albania.

While at school, Lekkie was always accompanied by two bodyguards, ex special forces soldiers wearing holstered 9mm pistols. During the day they read countless novels and willingly assisted at functions, no doubt to relieve the boredom. A romantic liaison even developed with a single teacher.

When his mother, Queen Susan, would visit me, one of the bodyguards would first search my study, even checking behind the curtains before he announced her and ushered her in. Fortunately, no small boys with ill-intent were ever encountered.

Lekkie went on to Sandhurst and was married a year or two back in a glittering ceremony attended by various European royal families.

Greg Royce



FROM THE PRE-PREP

Applications for St Peter's Pre-Prep

At the beginning of this year, St Peter's opened up a Pre-Prep catering for Grade 00 and Grade 000 children. For Grade 00 children are 4 turning 5 in the year that they start and for Grade 000, the children are 3 turning 4 in the year that they start.

We are in the process of contacting parents whose children have been accepted for the start of the 2021 year. If you currently have a child in either the Boys or Girls Prep and would like to take up the opportunity for a younger sibling to attend the Pre-Prep, please contact our Admissions Officer, Nonhlanhla Majokane via email: nmajokane@stpeters.co.za



COMMUNITY SHARING FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Please note that the google form link is open again. Please complete your details if you HAVE NOT done so before. An updated contact list will be shared Mid May.

The link and original letter explaining the objective can be found on the Communicator under Resources: BOYS/GIRLS: General Information.

Here is the link to the form: <https://forms.gle/j92Bn5mSd4HQSUp67>

SIMPLE STEPS FOR IT SUPPORT

ITHELPDESK@STPETERS.CO.ZA



1 LOG A SUPPORT TICKET

Email: IThelpdesk@stpeters.co.za
Please include a clear description of your problem and your telephone contact details. A Ticket number will be sent to you by return email.



2 YOUR TICKET WILL BE ASSIGNED

Your request will be reviewed and assigned to one of the IT Staff.
You will receive this information automatically via return email.
Please keep this email.



3 UPDATING YOUR TICKET

All communications need to be done by replying to the automated email. Please, do not change the subject or remove the Ticket Number as these help us.



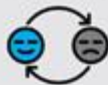
4 IT WILL CONTACT YOU

IT will contact you, either via the Support Desk email or telephonically.
Telephonic conversations will be added to the Support Ticket.



5 CLOSING YOUR TICKET

When your issue is resolved, your Ticket will be closed by the Support Desk and you will be notified via email.
If you are unhappy with the solution or if your matter has not been resolved, please respond to this email and your ticket will be re-opened and escalated.



6 ESCALATION

Unresolved and re-opened Tickets will be escalated to a Senior IT person.



7 UNABLE TO LOG A TICKET

Please contact the following IT members, telephonically or via WhatsApp
Dieter Gloss +27 72 625 9163
Connor Fraser +27 72 626 9517



WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT ISSUES RELATING TO SLOW OR FAULTY FIBRE/ADSL (INCLUDING MOBILE, 3G/4G/LTE). PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER DIRECTLY