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## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE NEWSLETTER



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### Useful links

Our website: <http://www.stpeters.co.za/college>

College Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Stpeterscoll/>

Old Petrian's Alumni Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldpetrians/>

**Message from the Headmaster**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

You would have received the following email from our Deputy Headmistress of Student Affairs, Mrs Odelle Howard notifying you of our intention to start random drug testing our students:

*"St Peter's College is a drug free school and we are concerned with the scourge of drug abuse that is facing our society. As a result, we have decided to run random drug tests to protect our children and to look after their well-being. Our policy is not punitive but one of rehabilitation. For more information please read the Substance Abuse Policy that is found on the College website under Student Affairs. Should you object to having your child tested, please ensure that you forward your objections in writing to the Headmaster, Mr Morais, by Wednesday, 22 March 2017".*

I would like to bring to your attention our Substance Abuse and Prevention Policy which you will find on the St Peter's College website under the following link:

[http://www.stpeters.co.za/uploads/college\\_files/Substance\\_Abuse\\_and\\_Prevention\\_Policy\\_-\\_Jul-15.pdf](http://www.stpeters.co.za/uploads/college_files/Substance_Abuse_and_Prevention_Policy_-_Jul-15.pdf)

I want to highlight some of the important points in our Substance Abuse and Prevention Policy:

1.5. The purpose of this policy is two-fold:

1.5.1. to protect and assist any individual Student by outlining the approach taken by the College to rehabilitation and counselling.

4. Rehabilitation and Counselling

4.1. It is policy not to condemn Students but to support those who need help. Where possible, this will be managed in a way that least impacts on the Student's school career.

4.2. Students who voluntarily request help and/or those referred by Parents or teachers will be sent to the school counsellor. The approach will be one that is nonjudgmental and non-disciplinary. The school counsellor will provide assistance in recommending the best possible course of rehabilitation. An appropriate agreement for rehabilitation will be drafted by the College, and signed by the Student, the Parent/Legal Guardian, the Head and the counsellor. The confidentiality of the Student and the family is paramount throughout this process.

**Why do some schools conduct random drug tests?**

A recent article by the National Institute on Drug Abuse highlighted the fact that random student drug testing seeks to decrease drug use amongst students via two routes:

1. *They hope random testing will serve as a deterrent and give students a reason to resist peer pressure to take drugs.*
2. *Drug testing can identify teens who have started using drugs and would be good targets for early intervention, as well as identify those who already have drug problems, so they can be referred for treatment. Using drugs not only interferes with a student's ability to learn, but it can also disrupt the teaching environment, affecting other students as well.*

If you have any concerns around our policy or approach to Substance Abuse and Prevention, please feel free to email me on [moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za)

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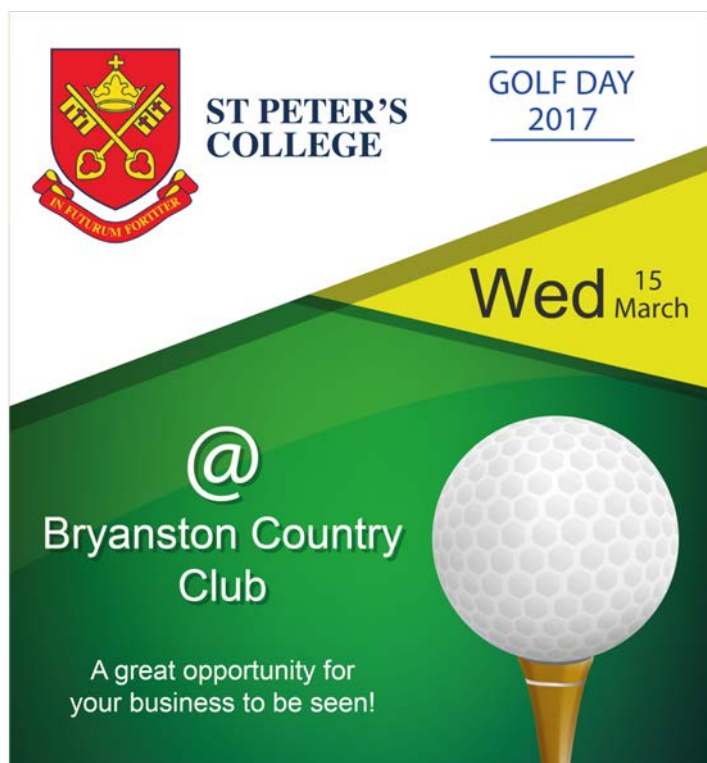
Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster

## Parents' Association Notice

### Annual Golf Day



- Four balls to participate on the day (R3,600 per fourball)
- Sponsorship of a hole @ R4,000 per hole
- Prizes, raffle prizes or any goodies to auction
- To contribute in any way, please contact Tania Else on [telse@telkomsa.net](mailto:telse@telkomsa.net) or Inonge at [maleshoane@gmail.com](mailto:maleshoane@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you bring your A Game to this fun event.

*Tania Else*  
*PA Chairlady*  
*082 782 0804 or 011 468 2523*

## Student News

### Shavathon

On Thursday, 23 February St Peter's College hosted a Shavathon/Sprayathon event on campus. This was well supported by students and staff. We had 416 students participating and raised R23,750 for CANSA on the day. A big thank you to Shannon Webb for co-ordinating the event, and to the school community for their support.

*Mr Claudio Marangoni*

### Shavers and Sprayers

On Thursday, 23 February 2017, St Peter's College held its very first CANSA Shavathon/Sprayathon. Needless to say, the day was "buzzing" with excitement and anticipation. The purpose of the drive is to raise awareness for those who have been affected by cancer, whether it's a friend, family member or themselves.

To take part, students or teachers donated R50, which went towards CANSA's research. This entitled someone to either have their hair shaved or sprayed. Many brave students took part in the shaving and even some teachers did too, like Mr Marangoni and Mr Lottering. Most of the students and teachers, however, sprayed their hair. With many funky designs from shimmery silver and fluorescent pink to bright and eye-catching rainbow, the school was looking very colourful for the morning.

While the students were having their hair shaved, their friends would stand around watching in awe and amazement at their peers' courage and determination. It was heart-warming to see most of our students participate in this event. Sheer joy and lots



of laughter was spread around the school throughout the day, and we raised over R20,000 for a very worthwhile cause. I had the privilege of taking part in the actual hair spraying and I could say it was the most fun I have had this year!

The wonderful person who organised this day is Shae Webb in Grade 11 who happens to be the CANSA Youth Ambassador. It took hard work and persistence to organise everything so she deserves a big thank you from the school! We hope to have another Shavathon/Sprayathon in the future so that we can spread the love and good will once again!

*Lara McDonald – Grade 11*

### Youth Chapel: 2 March 2017: Grade 10

To **rise up**. A concept that is often associated with overcoming adversity, and achieving your goals. On Thursday, 2 March, the Grade 10s of 2017 did just that. The Grade 10s set out on a mission to illustrate to the school a message of overcoming in all aspects of life. They decided to stick to a very simple, yet effective assembly and focused on the message of their service.

The service was opened by Sarah Yaman and Lauren Mukheibir singing Hillsong's – Break the Chains. The item set the perfect mood for the service and caught everyone's attention. The Bible reading, taken from Isaiah 60, verse 1-10 linked closely with the theme to convey the message of **rising up**. The service was concluded by Nyasha Ndisengei, Tiyaandza Mtetwa and Sicelo Mgaga, who concluded the message by speaking of hopes, visions, dreams and wealth – all of which are given and received by God. Their message had a personal feel as they linked their message to personal experience.

During the process of putting together the service the Grade 10s illustrated what it meant to **rise up** to the challenge and to overcome adversity. They took the theme with open arms and made it into their own. Their service was one to be remembered, for not only the brave spirit and enthusiasm that was present but also for the deeper message that was portrayed. The students involved not only did the theme justice, but made their Grade, and the College very proud.

*Talia Rosengarten - Spiritual Committee - Grade 12*

### Warning for Matrics - Writing your ORT: Beware of fake news

Writing your ORT can be very challenging if you use unreliable sources. It is important that you evaluate your sources all the time. Recently the media releases fake news and propaganda that has no truth in it and is meant to mislead you.

Please look out for the following before you use any source of information:

- What is your topic?
- What is the URL?
- Is the extension appropriate to the content?
- Who is the author?
- Is there contact information for the author?
- What are the author's credentials?
- Does the site appear to be professional?
- Are there typos and other errors?
- What is the purpose of the site?

Read more on fake news on the following sites:

<http://ewn.co.za/2017/01/27/important-notice-how-to-spot-a-fake-news-story>

<http://www.easybib.com/guides/10-ways-to-spot-a-fake-news-article/>

<http://blog.ed.ted.com/2017/01/12/how-to-tell-fake-news-from-real-news/>

*Ms Rachel Shika- Librarian*



## Co-Curricular News

### Basketball

#### Boys Results

DATE	VS	U14	U15	U16	1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM
25/2	Parktown	Rained out			
4/3	St Davids	C 11-0Lost, B14-12lost	A 40-30W,	A30-15W, B24-13W	L28-37
1/3	CBC	W16-3	24-17W		W 32-19

#### Girls Results

DATE	VS	U14	U15	U16	1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM
23/2	Pretoria Girls	W 36-0	L 17-10	-	-

### Chess

DATE	VS	FIRST TEAM	VS	B TEAM	VS	C TEAM
14/02	Dainfern College A	Won 4:0	St Stithians	Drew 2:2	Wendywood	Won 3.5:0.5
21/02	Heronbridge A	Won 4:0	Dainfern College A	Drew 2:2	Beaulieu College A	Lost 0.5:3.5
28/02	Crawford Lonehill A	Drew 2:2	Dainfern College C	Won 4:0	St Davids A	Lost 1:3

### Cricket

St Peter's College hosted its second annual T20 tournament over the half term and it was a great success. Despite the challenging weather conditions, all the matches went fairly smoothly and the St Peter's College first team came out victorious! Dinamika Kollege was the runners up. None of it would have been possible without the hard work and organization put in by Ms Hudson and the close collaboration with St Peter's Prep to ensure we had fields and pitches prepared for the games.

*Anthony Kieser: Cricket Captain*



### Eco-Pets

The Eco-Pets are still collecting bread tags and bottle caps for wheelchairs. We are making good progress towards our target of 15kg and 150kg respectively, but we still need your support to complete this goal in 2017.

The Eco-Pets are also collecting used printer cartridges. These are then recycled by an outside company.

Please drop off any of the above products with Mr Claudio Marangoni in SCU1, or drop off at reception and I will come and collect them.

We have also registered in the Eco-school programme this year. Looking forward to many exciting green adventures.



Please diarise **Saturday 25 March**, from **20:30-21:30**, to participate in **Earth Hour**. Turn off all lights during this time and reflect on the impact you are having on our planet.

*Mr Claudio Marangoni*

### Equestrian

Andrew Thomas, one of our captains, rode at Hollyberry during last weekend and placed first and second in Dressage. Erin Dos Santos rode at the Pre-Easter Show and placed eighth and ninth in the 1.30m Show Jumping. Well done to these riders, we are proud of you!

The Equestrian Team will be competing in their second SANESA Qualifier this coming weekend, 11 and 12 March. We wish them all the best. Be safe and enjoy!

*Mrs Joan Delport*

*MIC: Equestrian*

### Netball

On Saturday, 4 March the netball girls played in the Krugersdorp 'Best of the West' Festival. With it being so early in the pre-season, we achieved some amazing results and had good team spirit.

<b>U14:</b> vs Oprah - won 6-4 vs Phahama - won 10-0 vs KHS - won 6-5 vs Parktown - won 6-5 vs Potch - lost 4-6	<b>U15:</b> vs Phahama - won 9-4 vs KHS - lost 9-10 vs Oprah - won 19-8 vs Potch - lost 3-16 vs Parktown - won 15-5 vs St Andrew's - lost 6-8	<b>U16:</b> vs Oprah - won 7-3 vs Randburg - drew 8-8 vs KHS - lost 6-15 vs Phahama - lost 1-6 vs Parktown - won 9-6 vs Potch - lost 1-7	<b>U17:</b> vs KHS - won 10-5 vs Phahama - lost 12-6 vs Potch - won 17-1 vs KHS B - won 13-8
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We would like to congratulate the following girls on making the team touring to Mauritius:

- Simone Lategan
- Courtney Sandham
- Julia Campbell

*Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk*

*MIC: Netball*

### Oratory – Public Speaking



Well done to Shrýan Maharaj, Ryan Pillay, Kailin Naidoo and Yuvish Premall, who participated in an Impromptu Public Speaking Evening at St Benedict's College on 8 March 2017. They did very well and achieved a B. We are very proud of you all.

## Swimming

It was a bright and early start for the St Peter's College swimming team on Wednesday, 1 March as we travelled to Ellis Park for the 2017 A league Inter-high gala. The atmosphere on the day was electric, both on poolside and in the stands.

Being the defending champions, we knew there was quite a lot of pressure on us to retain the trophy, but we also expected the competition to be extremely tough, which it was.

St Peter's showed their true fighting spirit right until the end, but congratulations to Northcliff High who pulled off a great victory. St Peter's came second, Crawford Sandton third, Trinity House fourth and Fourways High fifth.

It was a superb performance from the whole team, bringing home a number of medals:

- Golds x 19
- Silvers x 4
- Bronze x 14

Congratulations to our record breakers:

- Jamie Edwards : Open girls 50m Freestyle
- Mixed 17&U relay team: 200m Freestyle Relay

We would like to thank Jackie Edwards and Diane Campbell for their help with our awesome Inter-high 'Snappy' T-shirts. Also special thank you to our incredible Drumline for providing some spectacular entertainment on the day, as well as to our Grade 8s who were cheering us on from the stands, ably led by our amazing Spirit Committee, Mbali, Liam and Ayabulela. Thank you as well to Ms Hudson and all the swimming coaches for their endless support.

*Jamie Edwards – Grade 12*



## Tennis

### Girls Tennis: B Inter high

On Saturday, 4 March, the Girls B-Inter-high tennis took place. Jessica Harris, Justeene Hallowses, Laura Lyle and Nicole Diepeveen represented St Peter's College.

We arrived at St Andrew's for an early start and some exciting tennis. In the first pool, we were confronted with tough competition, playing against some of the big girls' schools, namely St Mary's, St Andrew's and Brescia. We played our hearts out realising that every point counts and ended 5<sup>th</sup> in the pool out of 7 schools.

From there we took a long trek to Northcliff High where we played another few matches. The second round saw us competing against all the 5<sup>th</sup> placed schools from the first round and we landed up being placed 18<sup>th</sup> out of 26 schools.

A huge thank you goes to Ms Margarete Malan for accompanying us. We were pleased with our result but most of all enjoyed being part of the tournament.

*Nicole Diepeveen- Grade 10*

DATE	AGE GROUP	VS	RESULT		TOTAL	
21/2	1st	St Doms	rained out - try to reschedule for 7 March			
28/2	1st	Holy Rosary	SPC 43 - Holy Rosary 39	Beaulieu 43 - Holy Rosary 39	86 / 78	Win



### Boys Tennis: Inter-high

The boys came 13th out of 25 schools. Thank you to Lynne who accompanied them.

DATE	AGE GROUP	VS	RESULT	
28/2	1st	De La Salle	SPC 63 - De la Salle 36	Win

### Tour de Math

Another prosperous evening for our team, we arrived at King David Linksfield ready to tackle the paper. Despite a very rainy day, extreme weather conditions and a very cold atmosphere, **Joshua Jandrell** qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of almost 25 schools. This is an amazing achievement as he scored 175/200 on the paper.

Ethan Brent and Dane Groves won calculator skins, and Ruby Shih and Zanele Ngubane received Casio calculators. Well done to all of them for changing the cold atmosphere into one of warmth and celebration!

*Shréyan Maharaj - Grade 10*



*Joshua Jandrell (Gr10)*

## Water Polo

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Petrian's Water Polo Tournament

From 23 February to 26 February 2017, St Peter's College hosted the 13th Annual Old Petrian's Water Polo Tournament for open girls. Twenty eight schools across the country and Zimbabwe participated in this prestigious event at the Wahoo Aquatics Centre and St Peter's Girls Prep pool in Sunninghill, Sandton. The tournament started with the traditional dinner for the players, coaches and managers at the College on Thursday evening. The guest speaker, Gareth Samuel presented an inspirational talk about the history and the competitive nature of the magnificent sport. Water Polo is a competitive sport, and it is pleasing to see so many schools encouraging their girls to participate in the game. The support for the game is growing and incredible talent was on display at the tournament.

The teams were divided into four pools containing seven teams each.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
St Stithians	St Mary's Waverley	Crawford Lonehill	Pearson
St Dominic's	Stirling	Reddam House	Durban Girls College
Clarendon	Randpark	Kingsmead	St Peters College
Springfield	St Anne's	Kingswood	DSG
Pretoria Girls	Herschel	Collegiate	Chisipite
Roedean	Fourways	Westerford	Wynberg
Reddam B	Alexander Road	Maris Stella	Hudson Park

The three days were tough for all the players involved, with strong competition between the teams competing for the Shield, Plate, Bowl, Fairplay and Cup trophies. Pearson, Crawford Lonehill, St Stithians and Stirling competed for the Cup trophy in the semi-finals on the final day. The tense final was between Crawford Lonehill and Stirling. Stirling took the cup with a final score of 10 – 4. St Stithians and Pearson battled it out for third and fourth place and Pearson won 4 – 1.

It was a successful 2017 Old Petrian's Water Polo tournament, with a very high standard of water polo being displayed by all the players. The close outcome of the matches played is a clear indication of the high level of competitiveness. Appreciation goes to St Peter's College for hosting a well organised tournament that was played in respectable spirit by all participants.

Heartfelt thanks to Mr Nardus Badenhorst, the MIC of Water Polo at St Peter's College, all the coaches, players, umpires, organisers and the 1st team water polo captain, Tasmin Waite for a successful tournament.

#### Results:

Trophy Winners	
Cup Trophy – Stirling	Best Goal Keeper: Megan Martins – Collegiate
Plate Trophy – Durban Girls College 4Shield Bowl Trophy – Reddam House Constantia (A)	Best Attacker: Megan Hughes – Crawford Lonehill
Trophy – Rand Park High	Best Defender: Chloe Meecham - Stirling
Fairplay Trophy – Kingswood	



**Results:**

SHIELD	PLATE	BOWL	CUP
<b>Quarter Finals:</b> Springfield 2 - Kingsmead 4 Randpark 5 – Wynberg 2		<b>Quarter finals:</b> Roedean 8 – DSG 3 St Anne's 1 – Westerford 2 Reddam A 8 – Alex Road 0 Chisipite 2 -St Dominic's 5	<b>Quarter Finals:</b> St Stithians 3 – Stirling 4 Crawford L/hill 8 – Pearson 7
<b>Semi-finals:</b> <b>SF1:</b> Springfield 2 – Kingsmead 4 <b>SF2:</b> Randpark 5 – Wynberg Girls 2	<b>Semi-finals:</b> <b>SF1:</b> Herschel 2 – Durban Girls 3 <b>SF2:</b> St Peter's 5 - Collegiate – 1.	<b>Semi-finals:</b> <b>SF1</b> Roedean 2 – Reddam A 10 <b>SF2</b> Westerford 4 - St Dominic's 2	<b>Semi-finals:</b> <b>SF1:</b> St Stithians 3 – Stirling 4 <b>SF2:</b> Crawford 8 – Pearson 7
<b>Final:</b> Kingsmead 2– Randpark 3	<b>Final:</b> St Peter's 0 – Durban Girls 4	<b>Final:</b> Reddam A 7 – Westerford 2	<b>Final:</b> Stirling 10 – Crawford 4

Tournament Team:	
1. Chloe Meecham – Stirling 2. Tegan Baker – Crawford 3. Hannah Muller – Stirling 4. Amy Joubert – St Stithians 5. Hannah Reid – Pearson 6. Tilabo Williamson – Kingswood 7. Brittany Mackenzie –St Mary's	8. Ashleigh Vaughn - Pearson 9. Megan Hughes – Crawford Lonehill 10. Bianca Prinsloo – St Stithians 11. Krystin Ibbotson – Stirling 12. Megan Swanepoel – Crawford Lonehill 13. Megan Martins – Collegiate

*Chesnay Havenga (Grade 12)*

**Reef Cup**

This past weekend marked the end of St Peter's College Water Polo season with both the boys and girls 1st Teams competing in their respective Reef Cup Tournaments, hosted at St Stithians College. The tournament took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so another busy weekend for our hard-working water polo players.

The **boys** won their pool match against St Alban's B and were just shy of a victory against Affies settling for a draw for their pool games. They unfortunately lost a couple of games on Saturday which pushed them into the running for 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place. Their final game was a nail biter which resulted in a penalty shootout; this succeeded in earning them 5th place out of 16 schools. They are commended for this great achievement.

The **girls** narrowly missed top of the pool by a close loss to St Dominic's which resulted in them battling Crawford in the quarter finals. After a tough game, which unfortunately resulted in a loss, they were pushed into playing for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> position. Our girls were on fire on Sunday pulling off a great win of 8-0 over the invitational side. They are congratulated on their continuous effort in this tournament.

Special mentions go to three of our students achieving the honour of being selected for the Tournament Team. Congratulations to Jessica Frame (Grade 10), as well as Christopher Webster and Brandon Morey (both matrics). Not only did Brandon Morey make the Tournament Team but he was also awarded 'Defender of the Tournament'. All in all it was a great end to a successful season for both teams. We wish them the best of luck in their winter training and later this year.

*Tiffany Theron - Grade 12*



## Reef Cup Results

### Girls

Vs Parktown Girls 13-3 Win

Vs Fourways 11-2 Win

Vs St. Dominic's 5-4 Loss

Vs Crawford 5-3 Loss

Vs Roedean 7-5 Loss

Vs Invitational Girls side 8-0 Win

Finished 7th Overall

### Boys

Vs St. David's Invitational 8-5 Win

Vs Affies 5-5 Draw

Vs Rand Park 15-2 Win

Vs St. Alban's College 8-2 Loss

Vs Reddam Bedfordview 10-5 Win

Vs St. David's Invitational 8-7 Win

Finished 5th overall

## Students' External Achievements

### Anastasia Strouthos – Dancing

Anastasia took part in Irish Dancing World Championships in Glasgow and Birmingham where she competed against some of the world's best. She came back home with 4 trophies and a bunch of medals, so all in all a really successful tour.

1. Overall 2nd place for her CC dances
2. Solo dances : 1st , 2nd, 3rd place
3. Group dances : 1st and 2nd place

Well done Anastasia!