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[St Peter's College: Annual Sports and Cultural Festival](#)

Students and staff gave the Boks a great send off on Thursday after their last training at the College Watch the videos and see more photos on the College Facebook page.



Message from the Headmaster

Dear St Peter's Family,

LEADERSHIP, LEARNING and IT UPGRADES

Welcome back to our Advent Term – we look forward to a busy season of growth for all.

I'd like to extend a particular welcome to **4 new students** and their families who have joined St Peter's this term: Ratanang Rapudi and Aphiwe Ngobese in Grade 8, and Andrew Cheng and Joseph Passchier in Grade 10. We trust that they will each **enjoy the opportunities** our College has to offer and realize much of their **potential** in this space.

Speaking of new arrivals, at our Eucharist chapel service on Tuesday we were introduced to the new assistant priest at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Sunninghill, the **Revd Sammy Masemola**, who has returned to South Africa after a lengthy period of ministry with the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. We deeply appreciate the spiritual direction St Stephen's offers our College, and wish to thank **Revd Claudia Coustas** for the valuable part she has played; Claudia moves to a new position in 2016 as the school chaplain at her alma mater St Mary's School, Waverley.

Within the family of St Peter's schools we are very excited about the announcement that has been made regarding the appointment of one of our College parents, **Mr Darrel Webb**, to as the **new Head of the Girls Prep School**. Darrel will take the reins from **January 2016** when Mrs Trish Attlee retires. Our warm congratulations go to Darrel and his family and we look forward to the continued growth and success of the Girls' School under Darrel's leadership.

Leadership and learning are important themes occupying College staff and student minds at present.

Following their leadership development experience earlier in the year, a large number of **Grade 11 students** will interact with students across all Grades to present their ideas and candidacy as possible prefects to be appointed for the 2015/16 year. **St Peter's sees all our students as change agents who can develop the skills and outlook to make our world a better space.** In this sense, we foster a picture of leadership that is learned and practised, where senior students act as positive role models who fully embrace the College values and participate actively and positively in the life of the school. I have always spoken of as our students as the 'culture carriers' of this school, which can be seen in both obvious but also less obvious ways. We look to all our students to make a genuine commitment to live as **servant leaders**.

Finally, our teachers attended a **Google** training time during our in-service day on Monday, and will continue using all the weekly **Professional Development** sessions this term to expand the skillset that this integrated learning platform allows.

*In addition to the teacher training and transfer thrust I am pleased to announce that the College has signed an agreement with Netology to **significantly expand our wireless capability**. Please see the details below from our IT Manager Christine Boxall.*

Best wishes to all for the term ahead.

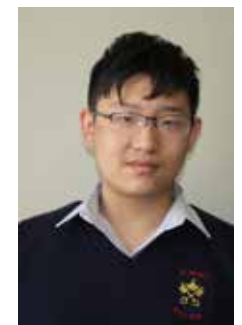
Sincerely,



Mr Murray Thomas
Headmaster



Aphiwe Ngobese



Andrew Cheng



Joseph Passchier

IT Update

Exciting upgrades planned for Internet Access at St Peter's College

St Peter's College has decided that in order to facilitate the successful implementation of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in 2016 the following changes will be made.

All management of IT will be **outsourced to Netology**, this includes servers, Wi-Fi and day to day IT events. Netology will also provide a **technician** on a daily basis to help staff and students with their basic IT needs.

The **Wi-fi infrastructure** will be entirely replaced with a state of the art **Ruckus** installation which will be monitored and installed by Netology.

Also a new **fibre internet** link upgrade from our current 20mbs to **100mbs** with a 1 to 1 contention rate will be provided by Bitco.

As regards the recommended device students can use at the College, **minimum basic specifications are being researched and separate communication** will be sent later this year with the relevant details.

These changes will be implemented before the end of 2015, and supported by the ongoing training of staff and students.

Mrs Christine Boxall

IT Manager

School Shop

Textbooks for 2016

Textbooks For 2016 – Deadline – Tuesday 15 September 2015

Quotes for textbooks for Grades 9, 11 and 12 and Order Forms for Grade 10 for 2016 which were in your child's s Term 2 report/envelope collected on last day of term, need to be handed back to the register teacher by no later than Tuesday 15 September together with the payment confirmation. In order for us to ensure the process runs smoothly and that your child gets his/her books on time, we urge you to adhere to this deadline. No late orders will be accepted.

Grade 11's - Matric English And Afrikaans Setwork Books For 2016

Those who placed orders and paid for these books in July may collect Coriolanus and Toulopers. The Hoopvol and Toulopers Guide should be delivered in the next week or two. Only those who paid the extra R150 for Wolwedans, may collect these. Please refer back to the email regarding this from Mrs Joan Delpont sent on 13 July 2015 if you are not sure about these books.

School Shop Accounts

Statements have been sent out to those who for some reason have a debit balance. Please check the statement and contact Mrs Wheeler on Extension 209 on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday if you have any queries or concerns regarding the statement or by email at wheelerc@stpeterscollege.co.za.

EFT Payments

Please note that the School Shop account number is different to the School Fees Account. Please always use the following account for payments to the School Shop for uniform, textbooks or stationery:

St Peter's College PA

Standard Bank Rivonia

Branch Code 001255

A/C # 420095144

All EFT payment confirmations must be emailed to Nerina Deeb at deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za .

Mrs Nerina Deeb

School Shop Manager

Annual Sports and Cultural Festival

Remember our legendary Annual Sports and Cultural Festival is taking place for the 12th time this coming Friday, 18 September to Sunday, 20 September. We will send out the final schedules early next week.

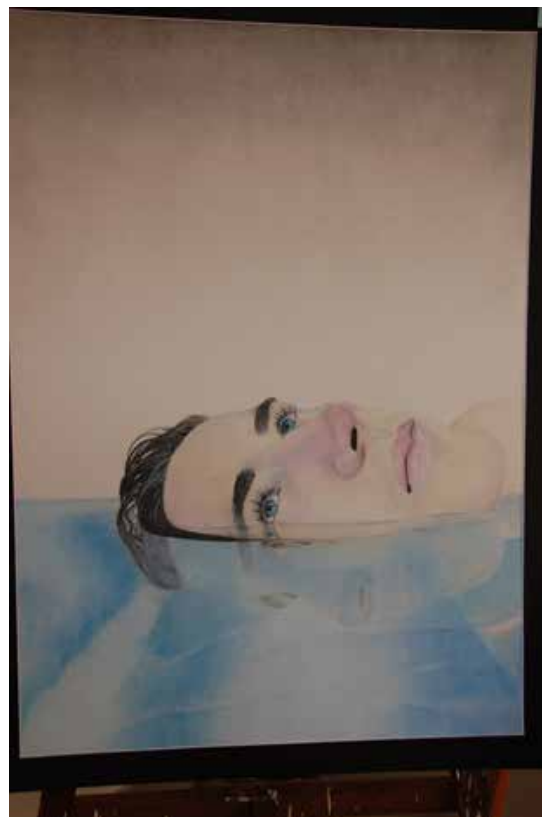
The **Music Chill Zone** at the Sports and Cultural Festival will offer Seattle Coffee, Amici Pizza and delicious treats. Come along, pick a bean bag and chill out while listening to music and enjoy a mini pizza. This year we have a huge gazebo and more couches and bean bags. On Saturday we will provide an area for spectators to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and homemade treats while they enjoy to our music programme.

Visual Arts

Pretoria Eisteddfod

During August some Visual Art students entered the Pretoria Eisteddfod with great success. The following certificates were achieved. Katherine Westcott (Grade 12), who achieved an A+ for her Drawing, ultimately won the Fine Art Category and was the Overall Winner in the High School Section.

Hoffmann	Meghan	A
Hoffmann	Meghan	A+
Hoffmann	Meghan	A
Mohan	Rahul	A
Morrell	Sarah	A
Mould	Jemma	A+
Nikitov	Nikola	B
Panchoo	Kirithi	A+
Van Wyk	Jemma	A+
Westcott	Katherine	A+



Trips and Tours

World Challenge Trip to India

Reflection on India Tour 2015

Man, that was tough! I'm not even going to lie. On this tour, there were a few times when I actually just wished I could crawl into a little cocoon for a little while, whenever it got tough.

But these times didn't last long, thanks to the support from my team and the memory of all the Saturdays I spent working to raise money for this experience.

And what an experience it was! I have never been overseas before, and for my first time I can definitely say I got bitten by the Travel Bug, and I know that I am going to travel as much as I possibly can from now on.

India was so many things. It was crazy, confusing, hectic and tragic, and sometimes I felt like my heart was breaking – when we saw the huge amount of poverty, the living conditions of so many people. In South Africa, we see this kind of stuff, but never in such a huge scale and in so many areas.

But India was also beautiful, in a wild way. The bright colours, the architecture, the landscapes; so many stunning things to appreciate. I'm glad I took so many photos, and I know I will look back on them one day and remember everything.

So for some feedback for World Challenge, I would like to say I really did enjoy the programme and what they offered. I'm still shocked I survived that hike, and I feel proud of myself, really. I appreciate that World Challenge is all about us, about independence. It was so stressful at times, but I quickly realised that it was time to put my Big Girl pants on and be responsible for a change.

I am so proud of myself for this. I am so excited to be able to tell friends and family "I did that!" and "I've seen this!"

I would definitely recommend World Challenge to anyone. Whether they are already independent or not, everyone can learn something from this.

I would like to thank both Ms Theron and Ms Meyer for supporting us and motivating us through all the rough times, and also to our guides for leading us through everything, especially when things went wrong.

I cannot wait to see more of the world now.

Jemma Mould

Grade 10



French

During the holidays, 6 French students departed on the very first French Tour to Zululand and KZN. The goal? To speak as much French as possible while discovering the French Presence almost in our midst.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in and around Dundee. The students had a guided tour of iSandlwana in French by Elisabeth Durham, and visited the Prince Imperial Monument in Uqweqwe. Afternoons were spent doing various role-plays and games. Evenings unleashed inner wordsmiths over the scrabble board.

On Wednesday the students visited Noyi Bazi, a clinic in Pomeroy run by Augustinian Sisters. Sœur Madeleine gave a guided tour, explaining the work that they do at the clinic. Onwards to Pietermaritzburg, where the students had lunch at Glenn Flanagan's house. Glenn, recipient of the Légion d'Honneur, gave a presentation on her research of developing a French Tourism Route in KZN. The Wykeham Collegiate welcomed our students for a games evening and delicious coq au vin.

Thursday saw the students baking chocolate scones at Ilda Inglis's house following by games. The afternoon they visited the French-missionary-built St Mary's chapel. The evening rolled on to a traditional cassoulet at Ilda's house with prepared role-plays.

Friday, and the long journey home! Un grand merci to the students and those involved in making this tour possible.

Ms Jenette Reitsma

French Teacher



French students in Pietermaritzburg with Glenn Flanagan, Légion d'Honneur recipient and Aurore Liebart, visiting French Teacher.



On Wednesday the 5th of August, the Grade 10 French learners gathered for a **French Evening** with guest speakers Ryan Hammond (St. Peter's College teacher) and Nissrine El Gharous from Morocco. They played several games, including a Treasure Hunt around school and afterwards enjoyed some traditional Moroccan eats and tea that Nissrine brought with her.

Finland

My eight week exchange to Finland was one of the most life-changing experiences I could imagine and I cherish every minute spent in that country. The journey was unbelievable; every day a new and interesting thing to try. For about three weeks I stayed with a young family that lived two hours away from the nearest city. These three weeks I spent mostly on a bike where every day I would go explore different parts of the tiny town I lived in (except for the one day where there was a bear warning).

The next five weeks were a blur of meeting American exchange students, visiting lakes, travelling with my new friends to Estonia, and meeting my new host family. Those last weeks were the highlight of my exchange and I would do anything to relive those experiences. Don't get me wrong, I was homesick. No one tells you how hard it is to be alone.

But throughout everything, I still had a fabulous time; learning the language, trying all their ice cream flavours, and taking public transportation that works. Finland and exchange were absolutely one of the best decisions I've made, and I highly recommend them both. But, if you think a Finnish summer is going to be as lovely and warm as South Africa, you have another thing coming.

Morgan Else

Grade 10

France

During these August holidays, four of our Grade 10s went on a cultural tour to France, the purpose being not only to improve our French, but also to immerse ourselves in the culture of the country. We were joined by pupils from other leading private South African schools and European International schools. We were based in Antibes at the Campus Horticole where we attended morning French classes and in the afternoons we had the opportunity to explore our beautiful surroundings.

After a week in the south of France near Nice we were beginning to feel like locals as we ordered pizza whilst we sat on couches on the beach with the gentle waves lapping around our feet. During the second week we flew to Paris to explore the most romantic capital on earth. Having visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Sacre Coeur and the Champs Elysees, we left Paris to visit Euro Disney situated outside of Paris. Overall, this was an amazing experience with some of the best sightseeing on earth mixed with a little shopping and a taste of European student life. It was a privilege to be ambassadors for St Peter's College.

Dani Knight

Grade 10

Hungary

Going on exchange is an experience on its own. You have to do a lot of research and mentally prepare yourself for the change and journey you are embarking on. Learning about Hungarian people and Hungarian culture taught me about a new type "Europe", unlike the Europe we imagine in our heads. It wasn't all bicycles and recycling. I saw Hungary the way locals would, flaws and all. I met my fair share of difficulties and challenges that I never thought I would have to face, but I also got the chance to fall in love with places and friends unlike the kind I'd come to know. I know the people I experienced will always be part of who I am as I grow up. Hungary is a magnificent place with the occasional dose of wonderful people, but as I come back to what is familiar, I realise that home is where my heart is. This exchange was the most challenging thing I've had to face on my own, but I'd hop back onto a plane to another in a heartbeat.



Sitara Pearce

Grade 10

New York

It was more than just an experience, it was the opportunity of a life-time. I met 161 people from 37 different countries, talk about diversity. There were people from Pakistan, Australia, Egypt and even a few Columbia and Honduras. I got to experience different cultures from all over the world, but that is what New York is all about.

I have travelled to quite a few places but New York is definitely my favourite. This trip was about more than just meeting people from different cultures it was about getting the experience of going to a university in America. I studied at one of the smaller colleges of Columbia University. Each student chose a major and minor subject which we would study for a month using New York as our classroom.

The Finance students visited Wall Street, The Engineers studied Brooklyn Bridge. More than just getting the experience we were given information about applying to some Universities in America. The Oxbridge Program is run all over the world, from London to Paris to Spain, but I do not regret choosing New York. I met friends who will last a life time because true friends are never apart - Maybe in distance, but never in heart.

Tiffany Theron

Grade 10

Co-Curricular News

Equestrian

Simulator Seat Workshop

On Monday, 31 August the Equestrian Team met at CHG Equestrian in Kyalami where the team had the opportunity to ride on Trinity, the simulator. What an experience! Three huge screens with an arena and jumps in front of you and a very willing "horse" for the journey... When our host Charmaine, asked for a volunteer to go first, everyone avoided eye contact and was nervous to go. But, soon everyone claimed a chance to experience and learn more!

The team did a jumping course on the simulator, while a computer analysed their seat and drew a graph which was printed out for every rider. The riders had the opportunity to ride again and improve on the pointers from Charmaine. Charmaine discussed every rider's weak and strong points and pointed out factors to focus on to improve their posture. Everyone watched, encouraged each other and took pictures. The first rider started at 8:00 and the session ended with me riding a dressage test and also having my seat analysed. The riders were excited to see the teacher in action and found it entertaining when the simulator almost cantered off with the teacher at dismount! It was indeed a beneficial exercise for all the riders and the team spirit was awesome to experience!

The Equestrian Team riders were awarded as follows at the 2015 SANESA Finals for Gauteng, Johannesburg Metro Region:

Regional Full Colours for :

Level 1 & 2: Andrew Thomas

Level 2: Sarah Kickhofel

Level 4: Mikaila Fintelman

Level 4: Amy Shackleton

Regional Half Colours:

Level 1: Nolo Maripane

Level 1: Kayla van der Burgh

Level 2 & 4: Imogen Imbert

Level 4: Caitlin Goodman

Level 4 & 7: Amy Crossley



Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

Oratory

St Peter's College participated in the Gauteng Debating League Championships on 8, 9 and 10 August. The Junior Debating Team reached the quarter-finals, where they were unfortunately beaten.

The Senior Debating Team reached the semi-finals where they narrowly lost to Bophelo Impilo who went on to win the Championships.

We have now qualified for the Gauteng Schools Debating Provincial Rounds. The Juniors debated on 6 September and will debate again on 20 September. The Seniors will debate on 12 and 13 September. We wish them all the best in their quest for Debating glory!

Ms Hayley Robinson

MIC: Oratory

Tennis

Holiday Clinic

From 31 August until 4 September 10 to 16 College students took on the tennis courts. Benjamin and his team were training our present team as well as the up and coming tennis players of the College. The players had fun on the courts as Benjamin's boom box blared music across the courts. The players played to their favourite songs while they were taught how to serve, volley, smash and score.

We had four days of fabulous spring weather and on the fifth day the chilling temperatures sank in on the courts and find its rest deep into the bones of the freezing players, but hot chocolate from Julie warmed their hearts and souls and the passion for tennis flamed up again.

Tennis at the College is most probably the best exercise that you can offer your child. We have one Girls Team and one Boys Team. Each team consists of 6 players. The Girls Team moved up into a higher and more competitive league. Their competition includes prestigious monastic schools.

I sincerely would like to encourage you to enrol your child into the tennis at the college. Not only will it ensure that they stay fit and ready for the demanding academic third term, but this might create the opportunity for us to enrol a B side for both the Boys and the Girls Teams. The coaches are also the best that you can get!! Their ability to work with teenagers is first priority. They know the hearts and souls of our teenagers which is a bonus for these passionate coaches. Not only will your child learn how to play tennis, but they will also feel loved and cared for.



Tennis is synonymous for Michelle. **Michelle Ncube** is in Grade 10 at the College and playing her way to the top of the world. Over these past holidays, Michelle played in the International Tennis Federation tournament in Zimbabwe. In the first ITF, she played two tough qualifier matches which she won to make it into the main draw. In the second ITF, Michelle made it through one qualifier match to make it to the main draw. Her skills on the court were brilliant and she beat the 8th seed from Burundi. This win earned her ITF points and she has an ITF ranking of number 1669.

Having a ranked player at our College, is such an honour. Michelle is going to participate in more ITF tournaments to improve on her ranking. She is only in Grade 10, so watch this space.

Mrs Cornel Malan

MIC: Tennis

Swimming

Congratulations to Sean Moodley who was included in the South African team to swim Junior World Champs in Singapore in August 2015 (15 to 18 yrs). Sean swam 4 events, and a relay. He swam 4 personal best times, including a SA youth time for the 200m backstroke. The competition was amazing with over 680 swimmers from 88 nations. This was an eye opening experience for the South African team, who came back fired up for the next big event.

Sean has been included in the SSA team to swim Junior African Championships 2015 in Cairo in October 2015.



MEN'S 300M BACKSTROKE		EVENT 17	
RESULTS HEAT 2			
1(5)	MONTANO RAFAEL	ESP	28.57
2(3)	PEERIS D.	FIN	28.64
3(6)	MOODLEY SEAN	SA	28.64
4(1)	ALVAREZ DRYAN	CUB	28.99
5(7)	TALAN ALFREDO	PUR	29.03
6(4)	DA SILVA CARLOS	PUR	29.33
7(8)	FRANCISCO D.	ARG	29.24
8(2)	WONG HOK ZAO	HKG	30.37
9(9)	AGA K.	IND	30.71
10(1)	BAVUSUP MAEN	INA	31.27