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 Annual Sports and Cultural Festival <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersSportsandCulturalFest/>
 Old Petrian’s Alumni Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldpetrians/>
www.stoogle.co.za Please check out this amazing website! It has lots of valuable information for students, parents and teachers about all things related to students. There is also information about universities, open days, APS scoring system, career choice etc.

Message from the Acting Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

I recently read an article on the Business Tech website highlighting the top 10 Academic Independent Schools in South Africa:

"With the rising costs of education at the top of parents' minds, BusinessTech investigated how the top schools in both the public and private sectors compare when it comes to the performance of their pupils.

In the IEB exam, with 10,212 full time students from 200 schools writing the 2015 IEB matric exams 98.3% of matrics passed the exams, and 85.5% of those students qualified for Bachelor's entry".

St Peter's College is proud of the outstanding results that our Matriculants attained in their final Matric Examinations. Our 100% pass rate, as well as, the 97% Bachelor's pass is a wonderful testament to the high standards in academic excellence set by our academic faculty.

In the Business Tech comparison, our Matric results place St Peter's College as one of the top academic institutions in South Africa.

However, as we continually strive for academic excellence, at St Peter's College we will never lose site of the reasons why we teach. We don't teach purely to obtain excellent Matric results, we teach to nurture and grow young adults who will contribute meaningfully to society.

In the words of Etsko Schuitema who developed the 'Care and Growth' leadership model, "We don't use people to obtain results, we use results to obtain people".

In "Futurum Fortiter"



Mr Rui Morais
Acting Headmaster

Parent Talk

Self-esteem, a priceless gift

Date: Tuesday, 16 February 2016

Time: 07:15 am

Venue: MADDitorium

RSVP: Please respond online [here](#)



The way we view and feel about ourselves, has a profound effect on how we live our lives. These opinions of who we are, are shaped by life experiences - at home, at school, with friends; and affect our ability to think, to deal with life, to be resilient and to be happy.

Poor self-esteem has profound ramifications for our teens, from underperforming due to lack of self-belief, to anxiety and depression, and susceptibility to risky behaviour like drinking and drugs.

The talk aims to empower parents with knowledge and tools so that you can help your teens build their self-esteem. Helping your child to become the best version of themselves, is the greatest gift you can ever give them.

Some areas covered in this talk include:

- Understanding was self-esteem
- Signs of low self-esteem to look out for
- Why it is important
- Shaping self-esteem
- How to encourage your children
- The pillars of self-esteem
- Take home tips



Career Expo 2016

On Friday, 5 February St Peter's College had the great honour of hosting the 2016 Career Expo in the foyer of the MADD Centre. A range of local and international universities and organisations came to advertise the best they have to offer to our modern youth. To accommodate everyone's interests, there were many faculties on show.

Not only did the students of St Peter's College benefit from this Expo, but our school also facilitated time slots for neighbouring schools to benefit too. What an eye opener this Expo was, playing a crucial role for career decisions. Pamphlets were handed out and experts shared their insight, equipping students with information on the various universities. This Career Expo was even more successful than last year and will continue to grow and develop in the years to come.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)



SABC Education Career Indaba is back and will be taking place from 7-8 March at the Sandton Convention Centre. Career Indaba provides students, parents and teachers with practical knowledge on how students can succeed in their lives after school and studying.




SABC EDUCATION
Career indaba
 Making the difficult decisions easier

**Your official invitation to SABC Education
 Career Indaba's annual Parent Networking Evening**

This dedicated parent evening gives you the opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with top employers and education institutions about the right career and study path for your child.

Take this opportunity to network with other parents and get expert advice from our guest speakers.

In partnership with:



Date: 7 March 2016

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

Time: 17:00 – 19:00



To register visit: www.careerindaba.co.za/register
For more information contact us: zara.eckles@spintelligent.com

Academics

Grade 8 and 9 Mathematics



This year, all our Grade 8 and 9 students are using VizierMaths. VizierMaths is a web-based system that helps make Maths fun and accessible (and far less scary). It represents one of the ways in which the College continually strives to remain at the forefront of using technology smartly.

We use VizierMaths not only in our classrooms, but also to assign homework to students. Your child can use the system at home to, at their own pace, do any of the following:

- Apply Maths concepts learnt in class (practising)
- Help close any gaps in their Maths understanding (remediation)
- Prepare for tests and exams (revision).

Our Grade 8s and 9s have already become familiar with VizierMaths. The Grade 8s completed their Mathematics baseline assessment in VizierMaths and both grades have done their first tutorials and homework assignments in the system. It is especially encouraging to see how many students are using VizierMaths over weekends and in the afternoons & evenings.

As a parent, every hour that your child spends on VizierMaths is effectively an hour of (expensive and often ineffective) private tutoring saved. In addition, the system is fully aligned to our Maths year plan and teaching methodology, so you know that your child's efforts are aligned with what our teachers are doing in the classroom.

If your child is in Grade 8 or 9, you have free parent access to VizierMaths. You can brush up on your own high-school Maths or view a report showing your child's activity (including homework) on the system. To log in as a new St Peter's parent, simply go to www.viziermaths.com and use the following login details:

Username: **parent1XXXXX** (replace **XXXXX** with your child's 5-digit student number)
OR **parentXXXXX** if you had a subscription in 2015

Password: password

We will continue to update you on the usage and impact of VizierMaths over the coming months.

Santie Louw

HOD: Mathematics

Cultural

Choir

On Friday, 5 February, the St Peter's Choir had the privilege of being a part of the special occasion wishing a convoy of 20 trucks well on their journey as they left the FNB Stadium for drought stricken areas in South Africa. The convoy extended over 3km and the millions of litres of water were taken to bring much needed relief to so many.

Thank-you for making yourselves available at such short notice, we are so grateful for your enthusiasm and participation.

The Minister of Water Affairs and various government dignitaries, a large media contingent, the Operation Hydrate Volunteers who have worked to tirelessly to make this happen, corporate sponsors and the public attended this exciting send-off. The choir was commended for their enthusiasm and participation. Well done to Choir Captain, Devryn Panaino, for delivering a touching speech, delivered impromptu in front of the crowd.



Lomé Robertson

MIC: Choir



Drama

On Saturday, 6 February the four Saints schools (St John's, St David's, St Peter's and St Stithians) celebrated the use of our bodies to tell stories and explore concepts - physical theatre. This art form has become so popular at the College that two years ago we decided to launch our own in-house physical theatre company, Birds of Flight. This year we showcased a reworked piece based on Stravinsky's "Fireworks" suite. We added more height, flight, physical strength, glitzy costumes and just pure spectacle. We once again created a stir and created a strong impression. Well-done to the passion and commitment shown by Zantia Bainbridge, Luke Christelis, Daniel Duke, Jamie Edwards, Cameron King, Sebastian Long, and Chris Mukheibir.

Dario Doneda

MIC: Drama

Tour de Math

On 28 January, seven Grade 10s piled into the St Peter's College bus, accompanied by Ms Louw for the first round of Tour de Math; armed with our most valuable weapons, our calculators.

After stopping at McDonald's, a Tour de Math tradition, we arrived at St Stithians College. Preparing ourselves for an intense hour filled with math we were ushered into the hall in pairs where we were then grouped with another pair from a different school.

We arrived at our assigned desks which held an innocent looking question paper. Within a few minutes of us being seated we were told to begin.

If we were under any illusions as to the difficulty of the paper they were quickly dispelled. With long questions that involved ratios, probability and geometry, the hour quickly went by. To our utmost relief we were told to hand in our answer papers and leave the hall.

During the few minutes we spent waiting outside the hall debating how we had all done. We were once again led into the hall for the results to be announced.

Sadly none of the St Peter's College pairs came in the top three, but there was still hope. As per usual the lucky draw followed. It seems luck was on our side, as two of the participants from our school won calculators. It was a wonderful night and well done to all who took part.

Kim Williamson (Grade 10)

Visual Art

Amy Hannigan (Grade 10) won Doodle of the Week in the Scripto Doodle Competition. She was awarded a hamper of products to the value of R1000.

Avril Swanepoel

HOD Creative Arts

Art Task Team Outing to the Goodman Gallery, William Kentridge, "Notes towards a Model Opera"

One of the most disappointing aspects of being a young artist nowadays is not in fact, accidentally drinking paint water, but rather the amount of times we get told we 'won't ever make any money with an Arts Degree.' I think this is terribly sad, because those words alone can end up crushing a dream.

This is why it's so important to see what is happening around us in the art world, and an easy way for us to be exposed to this is through the Art Task Team. Not only do we get to participate in numerous events and competitions, as well as workshops, but every term we enjoy at least one outing to some of the finest galleries in Joburg and Pretoria.

We frequently visit Rosebank to investigate the Everard Read Gallery, as well as Circa Gallery. Getting to see the amazing things that South African artists are producing is a most rewarding experience, because it shows us that you CAN actually make it in the art world, if you are willing to work hard.

On Wednesday, 10 February 2016 we all loaded into a bus and drove to the Goodman Gallery in an anticipation of seeing an exhibition by one of South Africa's best – William Kentridge. We were handed an information leaflet of the exhibition,

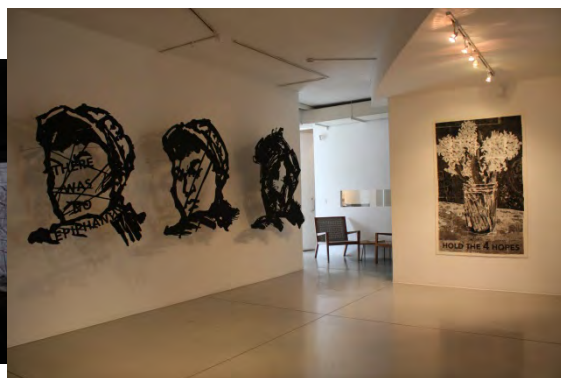


called Notes Towards a Model Opera, and then proceeded into a room to watch a triple projection that immediately assaulted the senses. Starting off slow, with gentle music, the artwork speeds up and ultimately crescendos into a chaotic piece. The artwork is extremely complex and eclectic, commenting on the social and political history of modern China. The symbolism within each image was so meaningful and really quite beautiful to watch. Kentridge collaborated with the dancer, Dada Masilo to produce the work.

Thereafter, we walked around the remaining rooms of the Gallery, admiring the tangible pieces (cardboard portrait cut-outs and paintings of Kentridge's characteristic typewriters) that were made either in response to the film/projection or created to be utilised in the film/projection. I suspect everyone enjoyed the show, no matter how advanced their knowledge of art. I would definitely recommend this exhibition to anyone!



Jemma Mould (Grade 11)



Sports

Basketball

Saturday's Basketball Game- 6 February

On Saturday, 6 February we hosted a basketball fixture at home, with the weather starting off a bit chilly and then quickly warming up. The boys' teams played against Jeppe Boys and the girls played against Redhill. The games went smoothly with just a few minor injuries. The spirit built up from St Peter's College and the other schools, as well as the scores, served as an encouragement to shout louder. Basketball has grown to be one of the biggest sports in the College, so we sincerely urge all parents to come support their children at these Saturday fixtures.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)

<p>AISJ Tournament: 28 - 30 January 2016 1st Team Girl's WON the Plate with a result of 48 - 14 in the final. Congratulations to all the girls for bringing home their second trophy! 30 January Vs St John's U14A lost by one basket 16 - 14 U14B won 15 - 13 U15A lost by one point 17 - 16 U15B lost 18 - 10 2nd Team lost 14 - 29</p>	<p>6 February Boys vs Jeppe U14A boys won U14B boys won U15A boys lost U15B boys lost U16 boys Won 1st Team lost narrowly by 4 baskets</p>	<p>6 February vs Redhill U14A girls won U14B girls lost U15A girls won U15B girls lost U16 girls won 1st team won</p>
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Cricket

Cricket is a fast growing sport at the College and with the success of the 1st Team's previous season, winning the league and earning a promotion, all the players and coaches are raring to go for another productive and equally successful season of high school cricket.

The 1st and 2nd team boys have a T20 tournament over the half term against a variety of different schools which should both be a highly competitive and good experience for players involved. Our coaching is handled by the Strikers Cricket Academy, a group of experienced, knowledgeable and determined cricket coaches who have managed to amp up the College's level of cricket drastically in the short one and a half years that they've coached us.

Our new young gun U14 side has been a hot topic as they have managed to win all of their games with ease whilst breaking St Peter's records at every opportunity. They shall be a very interesting side to watch for the future. Our new MIC of cricket has done a fantastic job implementing new traditions and a mentor system in which each first team player is paired with their U14 counterpart. We all hope the season ahead is as successful as the last and enjoyable for all the boys taking part.

Anthony Kieser (Grade 11)

1st Team Cricket Captain



Cricket Results:

1st Team – Wednesday, 10 February

*St Peter's College 124-4, Bridgehouse 125-4

SPC Lost

The U14s have completed the season with having won every single match!

Charl Bloomberg

MIC: Cricket

U14 – Wednesday, 10 February

SPC 147/3, CBC Boksburg 50 All out.

SPC wins with 98 Runs

Equestrian

The SA Junior Equestrian Championships are usually held in December after school breaks up. We welcome to the College, **Erin Dos Santos** who was last year selected to represent Gauteng in the Open Showjumping Team at the SA Junior Champs in December. The Gauteng Team won the SA Open Team event.

The final High-Performance National Rankings for the Open (1.30m) Show Jumpers were announced in January 2016.

Congratulations to our two St Peter's riders, namely **Erin Dos Santos** and last year's captain, **Cameron Dawson**, who were ranked 3rd and 9th respectively.

Imogen Imbert competed at a show at Fourways on 17 January and achieved 1st place in the 70cm and 1st place in the 80cm. In the show at Sunlands on 24 January, she placed 1st in the 70cm and 1st in the 80 cm again. (It is a great achievement considering Imogen's parents recently bought the horse for her) What an amazing start to the year...

SANESA Qualifier 1 Results (6 and 7 February at Eton Farm)

Sarah Kickhöfel played an Intermediate Polocrosse game and scored two clean goals for her team.

Imogen Imbert: Prelim Dressage 2A:

1st place, 2 B: fifth place

9th place in 80 cm Equitation

4th place in A2 80 cm Competition

1st in 80 cm Competition

Chanel Thomas: 15th in 80 cm Competition

Andrew Thomas: 2nd in 80 cm Hunter,

1st in Working Riding Level 3

Chiara Reddy: 99th in A2 90cm Jumping

Erin Dos Santos: 7th in 90 cm Jumping (on Toby)

Two 3rd places (on Clementien) in 1.20cm

Amy Shackleton: 8th in A2 Jumping 90 cm

8th in 90 Jumping Competition

Tie 9th in 80cm Equitation

Kayla van der Burgh: 5th for 80 cm Equitation

15th for A2 80 cm

9th for 80 cm Competition

We are proud of our riders. They set a high standard and represent St Peter's giving their all and placing in almost every class that they compete in. The team never ceases to make us proud and we wish them all the best for Qualifier Two in early March!

Joan Delpont

MIC: Equestrian

Squash

Two of our Squash players represented St Peter's College at the Central Gauteng Junior Open Tournament on 30 January 2016 at the Wanderers Sports Club. Congratulations to **Joshua Gatton** who placed 14th and **David Malan** who placed 22nd.

Mrs Anchen Müller

MIC: Squash

Swimming

The St Peter's College Night Gala

On Friday 5 February, St Peter's College hosted their annual Night Gala. This prestigious event included some of the top swimming schools in South Africa, not only from Johannesburg. Uplands College and Penryn College from Mpumalanga, came all the way to participate, as well as Hyde Park High, Helpmekaar, St Stithians and St Dunstan's from Johannesburg. Not only did co-ed schools compete; St John's College and St Dominic's as well as St David's and St Teresa's, came together to participate as two teams.

The gala was a huge success. Many of the St Peter's College swimmers managed to achieve medals for first, second and third place. However, St Peter's were very unlucky when it came down to the relay races and, very narrowly, came second overall to St Stithians Girls and Boys College.

Whether you were swimming your race, sitting on the stands supporting or outside waiting to be called upon, the atmosphere was wonderful. The sounds of laughter, excited and nervous conversations between competitors, the cheers from the crowd, the buzzing of the starting call and the upbeat music being played inside, all came together to create a very enjoyable evening.

Not only were the swimmers able to compete and show off their talents, the gala gave all the children a chance to interact and get to know others from different schools. The Mini-Donut tent was a huge hit amongst all the kids. The sugar had them very excited and left them scurrying in between all the different tents allocated for different schools, trying to share all their stories and catching up with old friends. However, all the excitement began right in the beginning when the St Peter's Drum line boys filled the Wahoo Aquatic Centre with their incredible beating. The vibrations echoed through the centre and left many of the guests amazed.

The successful gala was most definitely enjoyed by the swimmers, spectators and the organisers. We look forward to next year's Night Gala!

Tasmin Waite (Grade 11)



Bryanston Gala – 4 February	St Peter's College Night Gala – 5 February	Crawford Sandton League Gala – 11 February	Helpmekaar's Golden League Invitational – 9 February
1st St Peter's College 283	1 st St Stithians 1,186	1 st SPC	1 st St Peter's College 330
2nd TrinityHouse 265	2 nd St Peter's 1 147, 50	2 nd Crawford Sandton	2 nd Fourways 297
3rd Bryanston High 224	3 rd St David's & St Teresa's 924, 50	3 rd Trinity House	3 rd Trinity 268
4th Krugersdorp High 217	4 th St John's & St Dominic's 914	4 th Curro Aurora	4 th HMK 260
5th Hyde Park High 211	5 th St Dunstan's 752		5 th Aurora 246
	6 th Helpmekaar 718, 50		6 th Dainfern 236
	7 th Uplands College 715		7 th Deutsche Schule 184
	8 th Penryn College 417, 50		8 th Hyde Park 112
	9 th Hyde Park 362		

*Saranne Hudson
MIC: Swimming*



Gauteng Schools' Aquatics

Rui Morais
St Peter's College

SA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS- 2015

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate your school on the selection of Jamie Edwards as one of the Team Captains' of the Gauteng Swimming Team who participated at the SA Schools Championships from the 10-15 December 2015.



GAUTENG SWIMMING TEAM CAPTAINS FOR 2015
attending the Honours' Function at Wits on behalf of the Team
from L to R: Brandon Pillay, Joa Van Niekerk, Idah Rampatla ,
Jamie Edwards and Sean Moodley.

Jamie, proved to be an outstanding leader and her mature approach to her duties as captain was widely admired by the Gauteng Team Management. She was able to motivate and interact well with fellow swimmers of all ages. Her out-going, fun-loving personality and her willingness to help others didn't go unnoticed. Not only was she utterly reliable and responsible as captain but she contributed gracefully to our medal tally, placing in all the events she swam in. Jamie is a true ambassador of St Peter's and Gauteng Swimming.

I wish this talent young lady well in her future endeavors in swimming.

Kind regards.

Cathy George

SA SCHOOLS' Vice-President
Gauteng Schools' Aquatics Chairperson



Gauteng Schools' Aquatics

Rui Morais
St Peter's College

SA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS- 2015

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate your school on the selection of Sean Moodley as one of the Team Captains' of the Gauteng Swimming Team who participated at the SA Schools Championships from the 10-15 December 2015.



GAUTENG SWIMMING TEAM CAPTAINS FOR 2015
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Jamie Edwards and Sean Moodley.

Sean is a charming, good-natured young man whose warm, friendly manner and sincere humility earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow team mates and Team Management. He proved to be reliable and responsible: completing any task assigned to him from carrying boxes to assisting young swimmers to stay focussed during the Championships. Sean is a true gentleman with impeccable manners.

This young man has been a credit to his school and the Gauteng Provincial Swimming Team both in and out of the water. I wish him well in 2016.

Kind regards.

Cathy George

SA SCHOOLS' Vice-President
Gauteng Schools' Aquatics Chairperson
cgeorge@crawfordschools.co.za

Water Polo

Boys Results

Grey Bloem 1st Team Tournament – 28 January

vs. Selborne: 10-4 Loss
 vs. Northwood: 4-0 Loss
 vs. Crawford: 5-1 Loss
 vs. Kingswood: 6-4 Win
 vs. Parktown: 3-3
 vs. Pearson: 3-3
 14th Position

Crawford U14 Inland Cup

vs. Crawford: 11-0 Loss
 vs. KES: 10-0 Loss
 vs. St Alban's: 9-0 Loss
 vs. Parktown: 7-2
 vs. St Stithians: 10-0 Loss
 vs. Rand Park: 7-1 Loss
 vs. Parktown: 7-0 Win (11th position)



U14 Boys with their Coach, JJ van Dongen



Congratulations to our very own MIC of Water Polo, **Mr Nardus Badenhorst!** He was selected to represent South Africa in the Olympic qualifying team in the centre forward position. The Olympic Qualifier Tournament will take place in Trieste, Italy 3-10 April and we wish him and his team the best.

Tennis

Goodness the tennis season has got off to a busy exciting series of events. To start with we had the Gauteng trials. The girls set off first on the weekend of 30 and 31 January. These girls participated in the under 19 section: Michelle Ncube, Joslyn Lategan, Lauren Cooper, Jessica Webb. Mikaela participated in the under 15 section and placed 12th.

Michelle Ncube has been ranked 4th in South Africa and she is included in the provincial team of 6 girls. Her team will compete on national level and we are looking forward to a successful event.

The boy's trials were on the weekend of 6 February and they achieved the following positions:

- U19: Jason Raw 12th; Alvaro Legoinha 14th; Alexander Maack 16th; Peter Hoar 18th; Nicholas Hoffman 20th
- U15: Adriano Costa 12th

Congratulations to everyone who participated and held the St Peter's flag high... we are proud of you for your commendable sportsmanship. As far as league matches go we are forging ahead for what we hope will be an undefeated season! No pressure players!

Results

GIRLS A TEAM

Tuesday the 2nd of February against Jeppe Girls, we won 47/16

Tuesday the 9th of February against Redhill, we won all the doubles, but a storm set in and play had to be suspended.

BOYS A TEAM

Friday the 5th of February against Dainfern, we won 56/10

- On Saturday, 6 February the girls (positions 5, 6, 7 and 8) participated in the Girls Inter High B resulting in their best ever placing as number 13 out of 25 schools. Congratulations to Lauren Cooper, Tanya Paul, Jessica Harris and Nicole Diepeveen. We are really proud of them.
- On Thursday 4 February, we had our parent's tennis meeting. Thank you to all of those who attended. I would like to mention on behalf of the longstanding parents of tennis that for some time we have been working at growing our tennis teams. Our players have successfully performed in past years with their small committed teams. Their dedication to tennis as a whole is commendable and we are very proud of you, you all know who you are. This year started as mentioned before with a huge influx of new players and we are incredibly happy for tennis at St Peter's, however, new parents please bear with Cornel and Ben as they adjust and implement new schedules and structures.

Many thanks again Cornel and Ben for all you do in the name of tennis.



The weekly 6 o'clock training for the first team Girls and first team Boys

Sharon Maack

Tennis Parents' Committees