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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Winter has most certainly descended on the Highveld and we have experienced some very cold days with a most welcome bout of rain.

The grim weather did not dampen the excitement and spirit in the College over the last week; we had the **official opening ceremony of our Hockey Astro Turf**, the **Hockey Awards Dinner**, as well as, the **Springbok Rugby** team training on FW de Klerk field.

The hockey astro turf construction was the culmination of many months of hard work on the part of many members of St Peter's College community. I want to thank the following people, without whose contribution, this project would not have come to fruition:

1. Mr Mike Ilsley our Chairman of Council and the St Peter's College Council.
2. Mrs Tania Else our Chairman of the Parents' Association and the PA for their substantial financial contribution which made the build possible.
3. Mrs Heidi Müller, our Business Manager, who made sure that we stayed within budget, together with Mrs Cecilia Neto and her Operations Team.
4. Mrs Laura Jansen who heads up the Building Committee. Laura has overseen the building of two very successful and extensive capital projects at the College, namely the MADD Centre and the Astro. Her input has been invaluable!
5. Mr Les Whittal and his Hockey Parents Committee who have driven a number of fundraising initiatives.
6. Ms Saranne Hudson, our Director of Sport, for ensuring that all the requirements of our hockey fraternity were catered for.
7. Finally to the contractors, Greenfields, for a very well run and professional project.

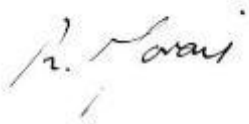
The **official opening tournament** took place on Friday, 10 and Saturday, 11 June 2016. Friday was the inaugural Prep Schools Festival, followed by the College Festival on Saturday. I want to thank Ms Saranne Hudson, Ms Andrea Balzer (MIC of Girls Hockey), Mr Ryan Hammond (MIC of Boys Hockey), Mr Isaac Ntjilo, Mr Mugochi Muchachari, Ms Jenette Reitsma and the College Drumline, together with Talia Rosengarten for her wonderful rendition on the saxophone, as well as, our hockey committee for putting together a most memorable event. I also want to thank Father Sammy and St Stephen's for conducting the service for the blessing of the astro; it really was a very special occasion.

The week culminated with the **Springboks** training at St Peter's College, it is always a wonderful opportunity for our students to watch their sport heroes at close quarters, and to have the opportunity to interact with them, take a few selfies and obtain some autographs.

I wish you a wonderful long weekend as we celebrate the 16th of June. Youth Day is celebrated in order to recognise the role of youth in the liberation of South Africa from the Apartheid regime.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Message from Deputy Headmistress: Academics

Dear Students,

My wish for you as we approach this examination season is that the fire of learning has been lit this term and that you are ready to show your mettle. Sadly, too often we view learning as the tedious chore of filling the pail.

The quote is taken from WB Yeats, who was the first Irishman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in 1923. Mr Yeats wrote 399 poems in his lifetime which is a momentous achievement.

You may ask what this has to do with examination preparation and the writing of examinations. I encourage you not to see the preparation for the examinations as a tedious chore. **Be inspired as if you are working towards your own Nobel Award. Set yourself a realistic goal and work towards this goal.**

Preparation is key. The Grade 8s attended a study skills session today. The aim of this session was to prepare them for their first formal examinations at the College. By now all students have received an examination breakdown and examination preparation should have started.

Parents, from 27 June there will be no tests or assessments and this will assist your child to focus on examination preparation. Please encourage your child to seek help from the relevant teachers in the week before the mid-term break. The week from 27 June - 1 July 2016, students are required to go home directly after school to study. I do not want students sitting idly in the car park. RC2 and RC3 will be set up as supervised study venues. This venue will be supervised until 16:00; however the venue will remain open until 18:00.

The only co-curricular activity planned for the week of 27 June 2016 is rugby. This will involve 40 students.

Grade 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend Winter School during the mid-term break as it presents a wonderful opportunity to study.

I would like to take this opportunity to will all students much success in the July Examinations.

Mrs Shelly Matthews

Deputy Headmistress: Academics

Communication**Access to Student's marks through the schoolMAGIC Parent Portal**

I have received positive feedback from the parents who have already signed up for 'schoolMAGIC' and have viewed their child/ren's marks online. If you still need to register, please consult the guidelines sent with the previous Keyhole. The guidelines are also available on the Communicator App under Resources.

Please take the time to review your child's results and discuss any concerns you have with their teachers at Parent Consultation Evening.

The Parent Consultation Evenings are listed on the online calendar but here is a reminder:

Grade 8: Monday, 27 June, 16:00-18:30

Grade 9 and Grade 10: Monday, 20 June 14, 16:00-18:30

Grade 11: Wednesday, 29 June, 16:00-18:30

More about SchoolMAGIC:

You will only have access to your child's results and not the whole class. Respective teachers have uploaded the term's assessments. You will only be able to view these results once the results have been released to the portal. The staff will have 10 school days from the day of the assessment to release results to the portal. This allows the staff to return the work and discuss results with the students before releasing the results to the portal.

Parents are reminded that they will view the raw results i.e. results for individual assessments and not the weighted final result that will appear on the report at the end of term. A parent can view results at any time and therefore will be better informed of their child's performance throughout the term.

Shelly Matthews

Deputy Headmistress: Academics

*Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.*

-William Butler Yeats

The St Peter's Schools' Communicator and Mobile App

Some parents still need to sign up for the St Peter's Communicator App. It is imperative that you have this app in order to receive important communications from the College related to your child/ren. The Calendar tab shows the College online calendar so you don't have to access our website to check the calendar. The Resources tab holds documents such as the cycle test/examination schedules, Keyhole newsletter, policies and codes of conduct etc.

The App is available for download to your **desktop computer** and from the App Store on your **mobile phone**. The phone App is most useful as Alerts will pop up on your phone when we have to communicate something urgent to parents eg. Game cancelled.

I am hearing from many parents wanting to download the St Peter's App from the App Store/ Play Store (Communicator St Peter's) and requesting a password, only to find that their email address cannot be found. This is because the Google Form sent out to parents a number of times, has not been completed. This was the first step in the process.

Only once you have filled in this form, will you be eligible to get a password. This is to ensure only parents are on this app and that it is a secure forum. Please fill in the form if you have not yet done so. Here is the link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/DjeL93Ohf8>. PLEASE ALLOW 24 HOURS FOR THIS DATABASE TO BE UPDATED. Apologies, to those parents who have already filled in this form, there is no need to do it again.

If you have not downloaded the new version yet, please do so urgently by following the steps outlined below.

Desktop:

1. Register your email address for authentication by completing the online form here <http://goo.gl/forms/DjeL93Ohf8>.
2. Download the Communicator App here: <http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>. If you have the old version installed, then please uninstall it and reinstall the new version.
3. Select St Peter's Schools from the drop-down list of schools.
4. Personalise your selection. You need to please select College General News and then your child/ren's grade and the co-curricular activities that they are involved in. You will then receive communication pertinent to your child.
5. Please click on "Request a Password" when prompted to do so and check your email for your password. Remember to check the inbox of the email address that you captured on the Google form.
6. Save this password as it will be needed for when you authenticate your other devices as well.

Mobile Phone App:

1. Go to your App download area on your phone and search for "Communicator St Peter's".
2. Download the app.
3. Register and request the password using the email address you registered with on the Google form. Use the same password you received for your desktop version if that's what you downloaded first.

Any technical advice/issues, please contact d6 Communicator directly:
021 880 0185.

If you would like me to help you, please contact me to set up a time and I will gladly assist you.
marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za or on my direct line 087 00 00 319.

Ms Theresa Monoyoudis
Marketing Manager

2017 Prefect Applications



The 2017 Prefect application campaign is underway. This week, our students reviewed some of the Grade 11 applicants' video interviews.

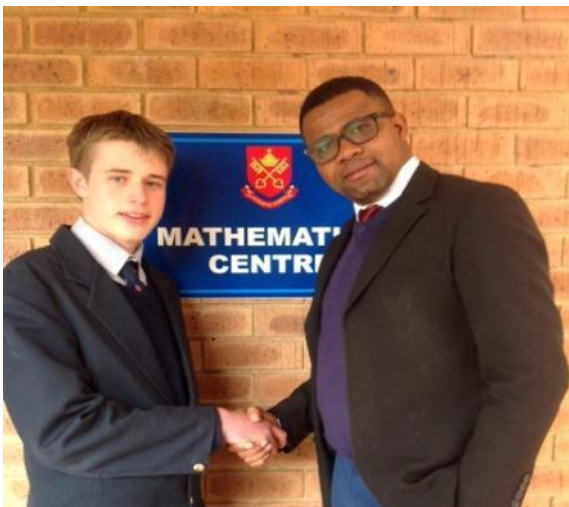
Mrs Odelle Howard

Director of Student Affairs

The Prefect Applicants sharing their vision for 2017.

Student Achievements

- **St Peter's College Mathematician at National Level**



Well done to **Joshua Jandrell** (Grade 9), who has achieved entry into the prestigious **third and final round of the South African Maths Olympiad**. This Olympiad is the biggest in SA and more than 85,000 pupils took part in 2016.

Joshua, the **Top Performer in Gauteng** in this second round, also managed to be in the **Top 100 Performers countrywide** and therefore, qualified for the third and final round of the National Olympiad.

Creative problem solving skills are very necessary and very marketable in today's technically oriented market place. This market place is now global and South Africa needs to be very competitive. Hence we need expert problem solvers. Practice in problem solving will help to train our future leaders of technological development.

Mr Wilson Sokana

Mathematics Department

- **Erin van Aswegen** has been selected to play UBL league basketball for AISJ. Well done Erin on your achievement to play for the 'AISJ Eagles' at the AISJ level.
- **Tamsin Gallichan** competed in the **Provincial Artistic Gymnastics**, Level 8, and 13 to 18 years. She placed 1st on Vault, 2nd places on Bar, Beam and Floor. Overall she placed 1st. She has qualified to compete in the National competition in Durban on 1 July. We are very proud of Tamsin achievement.
- Congratulations to **Nolwazi Sibanda**, who took part in the GMCA (**Gauteng Majorette and Cheerleading Association**) provincial championships held at St Dominic's In Boksburg on 4 June 2016. Eleven teams took part in these games and both her Noordheuwel teams were tops, achieving 1st (gold) place in Co-ed and 2nd (silver) place in the All Girls sections. They were also crowned 2nd in 'Champion of Champions', achieving silver.



Inter-House News

Just a quick update on the Inter-house Leader Board:

1st Place: Bishop with **920 points**

2nd Place: Oriole with **902 points**

3rd Place: Lourie with **826 points**

Nothing is set in stone and there are still many events and opportunities to claim that number one spot. The confirmed dates for the **upcoming Inter-House events** are as follows:

23 June - Current Affairs Quiz

27 June - Inter-House Dance Competition

1 August - Inter-House Events - Chess, Basketball, Netball

2 August - Inter-House Events - Soccer, Rugby, Tennis, Water Polo

4 August - Inter-House Athletics

Mr Nardus Badenhorst

St Peter's Schools Fun Run and Walk

The **St Peter's Schools Fun Run and Walk**, organised by the Prep PA, was hosted on Sunday morning at the Prep Schools' campus for the first time.

With just short of 700 participants, the event offered three distance options all of which incorporated some trail running/walking through the PWC Bike Park, followed by a meander through the campus.

The event was about participation, fun and getting out for some family exercise on a chilly Sunday morning. It was brilliant to see so many pupils running their own Comrades (and even some parents!), albeit over a much shorter distance. The hallmarks of distance running were clearly evident – passion, determination, camaraderie, teamwork and good old **St Peter's grit!**

Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible and the teachers who operated the water table and the Boys Prep School Sports Department for their invaluable support.

Appreciation also to Dis-Chem for the donation of goodie bags and to James Gilbert for the miniature rugby ball stress balls and key rings, all of which were distributed to finishers.

All in all, a very enjoyable and fun event.

Vizier Maths Feedback

As you are no doubt aware, all of our Grade 8 and 9 students are using the VizierMaths e-Maths system this year. We thought this would be a good opportunity to update you on how the system is being used and address some of the common queries from students and parents.

At the end of May, we had a combined total of 264 students across Grade 8 and 9. For the 5-month period from January to May, our students used VizierMaths as follows:

	Sessions	Hours	Animations	Videos	Assignments	Assignment questions
Grade 8	7 352	6 615	518	3 734	2 599	63 811
Grade 9	4 106	3 310	195	1 070	2 020	31 905
Total	11 458	9 925	713	4 804	4 619	95 716

This means that, in a typical week, each student:

- Spends 2 hours on VizierMaths
- Views 1 'teacher-at-a-whiteboard' video
- Completes 1 homework assignment
- Completes 18 questions on VizierMaths.

Here are some quotes that illustrate why our students really enjoy using VizierMaths:

"I like VizierMaths because it is easy to use and easy to understand. The videos and animations are perfect when I am confused, they are easy explanations to understand. My favourite part is that it gives you your results straight away and if you get it wrong it explains it for you"

"I get my marks straight after I've submitted it instead of waiting for my teacher to finish marking it. I like it because it explains things to me making it easier to understand and it makes it easier to do my homework and tests."

"I have loved using VizierMaths because:

- 1) I can watch videos on maths topics over and over again
- 2) I can get a syllabus on what is going to be taught in maths.
- 3) I can easily revise and study for exams"

For our Maths teachers, one of the key benefits of VizierMaths is that assignments (including weekly tutorials and proof-of-preparation for tests and exams) are easily set and automatically marked. Results and worked solutions for each assignment are available to students as soon as the teacher releases the 'memorandum'. This helps free up our teachers to focus do what they do best.

Below are answers to the most frequent VizierMaths queries we receive. As always, please feel free to contact Mrs Louw if you have any other queries. The VizierMaths team is always open to feedback and several suggestions from students and parents have already been incorporated into the system.

Mrs Santie Louw

HOD: Mathematics

VizierMaths: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



	Question	Answer
Login questions	1. I forgot my username or password	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to www.viziermaths.com • Click on 'Forgot your login details?' • Follow the instructions
	2. My email address in VizierMaths is wrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your parent to log in to VizierMaths and correct your email address • See below if your parent doesn't know how to log in to VizierMaths • While your parent is logged in, they can also reset your username and password
	3. My parents don't know how to log in to VizierMaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find your 5-digit St Peter's College student number (XXXXX) • If you registered for VizierMaths in 2015, your parent's username is parentXXXXX • If you registered for VizierMaths in 2016, your parent's username is parent1XXXXX • Your parent's default password is password
Assignment questions	4. My animation or video shows 'not completed'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must watch the video / animation from beginning to end without skipping any part - VizierMaths checks very, very carefully to make sure you have done so • You may need to press CTRL-F5 to clear your browser cache
	5. The system changed my assignment answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VizierMaths does NOT change the answers you selected • The system deliberately changes the labels (A,B,C,D) every time you open or save an assignment. This stops one student from telling any other student that the answer is "C" • VizierMaths always 'remembers' the actual answer you selected (not the A,B,C,D label)
	6. The system won't let me save progress on my assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are inactive on VizierMaths for more than 1 hour, the system automatically logs you off (to make things faster for other users) – you then lose all work that is not saved • To be safe, you should save assignment progress regularly (every 15 mins or so)

Upcoming Events

Parenting Talk: Underage Drinking – A Sobering Reality



Empowering young people to make life-enriching choices; equipping parents for proactive parenting; inspiring families to thrive

Parenting Talk: Underage Drinking - A Sobering Reality

Did you know?

- Alcohol is the primary drug of abuse in South Africa and our consumption rate is twice the world norm.
- Studies show that people who drink before 15 are 4 times more likely to become alcoholics
- 35% of high school students drink at least 9 units a week

Whilst it is illegal to drink under the age of 18, we know our teens drink and that it's a part of the high school life. Alcohol can cause widespread problems including violent behavior, a drop in school marks, create a dependency as a coping mechanism and can even result in depression. Drinking interferes with good judgement, resulting in loss of inhibitions; making teens more susceptible to risky behaviour - driving under the influence, trying drugs or even sex.

This talk aims to create awareness in terms of what is going on as well as the effects alcohol can have on their brain development.

Some of the areas covered in this talk include:

- Why teens drink
- Facts associated with underage drinking
- Some consequences
- Suggested options on how to manage this at home

Date: **Tuesday, 21 June 2016**
Time: **07:15 - 08:00am**
Venue: **MADDitorium**

The Life Talk series of books will be on sale at R180 per copy.



About Life Talk® Forum

Our mission is to create happy, successful and fulfilled youth, guided by sound values. Life Talk is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness, stimulating discussions and seeking solutions to the challenges faced by parents and their children.

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Winter Music Soiree – 20 June

ST PETER'S COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PRESENTS

WINTER SOIREE

MONDAY | 20 JUNE

NO COVER CHARGE | 18:30 | MADDITORIUM
For more details contact Mr Lottering on lotteringa@stpeterscollege.co.za

2016 Winter Choir Festival – 22 June



ST PETER'S COLLEGE

Invitation: 2016 Winter Choir Festival

St Peter's College cordially invites you to the
2016 Winter Choir Festival



Date	Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Time	18:00
Venue	St Peter's College, <u>Dippenaar Hall</u>
Cost	No cost Drinks and snacks will be on sale from 17:15
Performances	St Peter's College Choir Kearsney College Choir St Peter's Boys Chapel Choir St Peter's Girls Chapel Choir

Investment Club: Invitation – 22 June**Investment Club into the future: EasyEquities platform**

It has been a great pleasure to announce the move to a new trading system called Easy Equities where instead of investing "fake money", you will invest real money. This is a much better option as when you invest your own money, you make decisions more carefully and your Capital (starting amount) is R300 instead of R100,000.

Easy Equities offers all companies to invest in and best of all you don't have to buy a full share to invest in a company, you can buy a portion of that share and still reap the rewards. Not only can you invest in everything on Easy Equities, but you can also buy pre-set bundles that have been suggested by professional traders, which will diversify your portfolio and ensure good returns, added on to that the fees that you pay are almost minimal, 64 cents for every R100 you invest.

This marks the next step in making sure that the youth of tomorrow, don't live their lives paying debt and instead prosper in life.

Christopher Christodoulou

Investment Club Captain

Presenter: Mr Devin Shutte (CEO of Regenesys Business School)

Date: Wednesday, 22 June 2016

Time: 18:00 to 19:00

Venue: St Peter's College, MADDitorium

Enquiries and RSVP: Seating is limited so please email Mr Wilson Sokana on sokanaw@stpeterscollege.co.za as soon as possible to book your place/s.

Paint Night – 2 August

St Peter's College

Paint Night

with Annette Wietzorrek

Date: 2 August 2016

Time: 18:30 - 21:00

Venue: MADD Art Studio

Join us for a fun evening ... beginners welcome.

Cheese & wine, hot chocolate & biscuits will be available.

All art materials supplied. R250 per person.

MDC Fund-Raiser.

RSVP By 15 July swanepoela@stpeterscollege.co.za

"Creating some winter sunshine"



Sports News

Equestrian

Well done to the Equestrian Team for their tremendous results achieved at the SANESA QUALIFIER 4 at Eaton Farm on 11 and 12 June:

Chiara Reddy: 4th in 90 cm show Jumping
 Kayla v.d. Burgh: 5th in 80 cm Competition
 Imogen Imbert: 1st in 80 cm Accumulator
 1st in Dressage
 5th in Dressage
 Nolo Maripane: 7th in Dressage
 3rd in 70 cm Equitation
 4th in 80 cm Accumulator
 1st in 80 cm Competition

Andrew Thomas: 2nd in Working Riding
 Caitlin Goodman: 5th in 80 cm Equitation
 Mikaila Fintelman: 4th in 80 cm Equitation
 Amy Crossley: 2nd in 1.20 Accumulator
 4th in 1.20cm Competition
 Erin Dos Santos: 1st in 1.30 m Show Jumping
 Amy Shackleton: 11th in Equitation

Chiara Reddy and **Erin Dos Santos** are congratulated on being selected for the **Gauteng Junior Champs** that will be taking place soon. We wish the girls all the best for the championship; we trust that they will enjoy the experience and that they will hold our name high.

The team is waiting in anticipation for the League Results to be announced. St Peter's College is proud of the achievements of the riders and the passionate and dedicated manner in which they represented the College at the SANESA shows. Outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit made each event an unforgettable experience.

Mrs Joan Delport
 MIC: Equestrian

Erin Dos Santos has been selected for the Open Gauteng Show Jumping Team



Hockey

Astro Opening Tournament

On Saturday, 11 June, St Peters College hosted the HeronBridge derby day as well as the grand opening of our newly built Astro turf. The other winter sports such as rugby, netball and hockey on the normal field went on as per usual with all the fixtures kicking off at 08:00 sharp.

Our school welcomed Helpmekaar Kollege, HeronBridge College and Silverstars to play in the hockey tournament. There was an enormous amount of support from the College students throughout the day which just added to the excitement of our new Astro.

At 11:30 the Opening and Blessing Ceremony started. Ms Hudson cut the ribbon to open the Astro, we had an outstanding performance by our drum line and also Talia (in Grade 11) and Reginald (in Grade 9) played their instruments. Father Sammy then blessed and prayed over the Astro. The entire hockey tournament ended at 18:30 with a prize giving ceremony.

Results

For the girls, HeronBridge College was the runners up and Helpmekaar Kollege won.

For the boys, St Peters College placed second place and again the Helpmekaar Kollege placed first.

After that a few of the staff played a friendly game against the first team girls and to everyone's surprise the staff won 4-0. The first team boys then played against the old pets and our boys seemed to be in the lead.

The tournament was a huge success and we look forward to more of them in the near future.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)





Netball

Derby Day Results

Vs St Stithians

U14A lost 25-13
 U14B lost 16-12
 U14C lost 20-1
 U15A lost 21-8
 U15B lost 15-8
 U15C won 13-12
 U16A won 26-17
 U16B won 19-13
 U16C lost 10-2
 2nd team drew 19-19
 1st team won 26-14

Vs St Dunstan's – 8 June 2016

U14A lost 17-14
 U14B lost 14-10
 U15A lost 25-8
 U15B lost 20-10
 U16A won 22-16
 U16B won 25-7
 3rd team lost 8-0
 2nd team won 30-10
 1st team won 22-16

Vs HeronBridge – 11 June 2016

U14 A 18-14 won
 U14 B 20-7 won
 U14 C 3-14 lost
 U15 A 11-11 draw
 U15 B 15-9 won
 U15 C 6-9 lost
 U16 A 19-12 won
 U16 B 12-18 lost
 1st Team 28-14 won
 2nd Team 27-13 won

Congratulations to the following College Netball Coaches for attaining their Provincial Umpires Grading:
 Deyna Joseph, Nicolette Roux, Zunelda Bainbridge, Murili Focherini and Christelle van Schalkwyk

Another highlight in netball: Two of our coaches went for Superleague trials and I am happy to announce that:
 Deyna Joseph made U21 Centurion Bulls team and Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk made Ladies Centurion Bulls team.

Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk

MIC: Netball

Squash

The 1st and 2nd Squash Teams played against St John's on Wednesday, 8 June 2016. The 1st team won 13-4 and the second team won 13-7.

Congratulations to Caleb Vergotine, Teagan Leroni and Caitlin Bartie who were undefeated during their games.

Congratulations to the 1st Team Squash boys for winning the Gauteng under 19-C league! They had tough competition but their determination and perseverance culminated in a well-deserved win!

I wish the 2nd Team the best of luck as they prepare to play their last match that will determine who the league winners are on Friday, 24 June 2016.

Mrs Anchen Müller

MIC: Squash

