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- 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,

I've often said that the biggest problem in South African sport, and the underachievement of our national sports teams, lies at the doorstep of our school system.

Schools in South Africa have developed a 'win at all costs' culture. It's all about results, not developing the individual as a sportsman in their particular sporting code, often to their detriment. Winning sport teams have become the most powerful marketing tool for South African schools. This has led to a cold war styled 'arms race' where the schools with the best recruitment policy in the form of scholarships, (*I know of schools spending millions of rands annually on certain sporting codes*), are the ones who obtain the results on the sports field. This then becomes a determining factor for when parents choose schools for their children.

The Euro 2016 Final was won by the Portuguese National Football team, and as a proud supporter, I need to give credit where it's due - nobody has ever heard of **Aurelio Pereira** but he's undoubtedly the greatest football talent spotter of all time, and he runs the Sporting Lisbon FC Football Academy. He has unearthed and developed some of the best players in the world as juniors:

Paulo Futre, Simao Saborosa, Luis Figo, Joao Moutinho, Nani, Ricardo Quaresma, Rui Patricio, William Carvalho and a certain **Cristiano Ronaldo** to name but a few. In fact, 10 of the 14 players that played in the Portuguese national team in the final against France have come through the hands of Aurelio Pereira and the Sporting Lisbon FC Academy.

What is the lesson we can learn as South African Schools? Aurelio Pereira's philosophy is not to win games, the Sporting Lisbon FC junior teams have actually not won many trophies, his philosophy is to develop players who will go on to play for the National Team. The Sporting Academy is known as being possibly the best in the world - not because of the trophies they have won, but the players they've produced who have gone on to play for Portugal.

Will we ever get it right in South Africa? Somehow I don't think so - but in the interim we will keep falling behind teams such as the All Blacks in the sporting arena.

Aurelio Pereira I salute you - I wish we had more educators of your calibre in our school system in South Africa. There a few, but not enough.



In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'R. Morais'.

Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

School Shop News

2017 Textbooks

Towards the end of Term 2, we will be sending out information regarding the ordering of textbooks for 2017. Please take note that the textbooks will need to be paid for at the time of ordering, so please budget for this for early September.

Grade 11 Reminder to Pay For Textbooks Now

An email was sent to all the Grade 11 parents regarding the English, Afrikaans and Life Science books that need to be ordered so that the students can commence their 2017 Matric Syllabus in Term 3 this year. The deadline for the ordering of the books is Friday, 15 July 2016. Thank you to those who have already paid. Please give this your **urgent attention** if you have not yet done so.

Passion of St Peter's Rose

We still have some of our Passion of St Peter's for you to purchase at a special price of R110 per bush. Please contact the School Shop to reserve these for you.



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.

School Shop Hours

Please note that the School Shop hours are as follows:

Mon, Tues and Thurs 07:00 to 15:00

Wed and Fri 07:00 to 13:00

Students may only shop before school, during break, lunch and after school and not during their lesson or prep periods. Parents and students are requested not to disturb the staff once the shop is closed as this time is used for admin purposes should the staff still be in the shop.

Grade 11 Visual Art Practical Exam

The St Peter's College environment was somewhat altered on 29 June 2016. The school landscape was scattered with a number of enthusiastic young artists equipped with canvases, paints, palettes and easels.



The reason for this being ... the Grade 11 Visual Art students were tasked with a rather unusual Practical Examination. They were extracted well out of their comfort zones, from the sunny Visual Art Studio and working with pencil on paper, to having to produce a small, *Pleinairism*, *Impressionist* painting over the 6 hour examination.

Pleinairism means that the students were required to complete their oil on canvas artwork in the 'open air', observing the changing effects of light and therefore colour. They were also required to apply the traditional *Impressionist* techniques of optical mixing and the short, quick brushstrokes.

I am exceptionally proud of the Grade 11 Visual Art cohort for producing truly wonderful and unique artworks for the examination. Secretly... although I know they will never admit to it... I think they enjoyed the challenge!

Mrs Avril Swanepoel
HOD: Creative Arts



Grahamstown Tour 2016 – The Shocking Truth

During the mid-term break, 49 pupils and 6 teachers travelled to the Annual National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. Our first shock came at the departure time set, nonetheless the group left St Peter's at 05:00 on Sunday, 3 July to travel to the quaint village of New Bethesda. Four provinces and eleven hours later, we arrived to spend two nights in the hamlet best known for Helen Martins' *Owl House*. Not only did we get to see the famous house that inspired Athol Fugard's 'The Road to Mecca', other stops also included a visit to the local graveyard for scary story-telling, creating site-specific drama, a donkey-cart ride and as much food as we could eat.



Another early departure on Tuesday, 5 July, saw the group bid farewell to the dust of New Bethesda at 06:00 and arrive eight hours later in Grahamstown. By now a combination of excitement and anticipation could not successfully dampen the flu bug that had joined our party of travellers. Our residence, *Amina Cachalia*, augured a four-day exploration of the arts with a strong emphasis on feminism and the necessary empowerment of women. The incomparable Mr Doneda had booked shows and walk-about that sated every musician, artist, dancer and thespian on tour with delights as if from a forbidden garden.

Some highlights include *The Inconvenience of Wings*, the latest play from the acclaimed playwright, Lara Foot; a dazzling performance by the trio of *Swing City*; the powerful photo exhibition of *Somnyama Ngonyama* by Zanele Muholi and the masculine statements made by the *Feathers* dance showcase. In total, the group attended 28 shows in less than three days. What a feast! We even had compulsory study sessions to prepare for the Mid-Year Examination.

A last early-bird special saw our weary group depart from Grahamstown on Saturday, 9 July before cock's crow aka 04:00! Yet, the "fun" was not over: on our return journey, our trusted yellow submarine suffered a flat tyre. After exploring the Wimpy crate, yes it was in a crate, and the Colesberg KFC at the service station for a slightly longer brunch than planned, we set off again. Relieved parents collected their young but wiser ones just after 20:00. The final shock, we were home and no longer engulfed in the arts but the daily hum-drum of Jozi!

Mr Izak Botha

Cultural Co-ordinator



Grade 10 and 11 French Tour to Lesotho



On Saturday 2 July, a handful of Grade 10 and 11 French students ventured to **Morija**, Lesotho for a *séjour français*, to immerse themselves in a French culture that, believe it or not, exists a mere 7 hours away from school!

The programme, run by bordelaise **Brigitte Cathala**, encompasses a myriad of activities designed to introduce students to life in Morija, its French roots and show the students that they are capable of speaking just French (for the most part!) for 5 days.

Their stay included writing songs about bad dates and breaking up, completing a treasure hunt to find dinosaur imprints, watching *Les Intouchables*, eating delicious French meals, trekking to the top of Thaba-Bosiu the mountain fortress of Moshoeshele, and spending an afternoon in the capital with **Rémi Béghin**, director of the Alliance Française of Maseru.

Un grand merci à tous ceux qui ont participé.

Ms Jenette Reitsma
French Teacher



Annual Rugby Dinner 2016

On Thursday evening, 30 June, St Peter's College held the Annual Rugby Dinner. Every table was set up beautifully and the night was very enjoyable, with fun decorations including balloons, black and white checked table cloths and even a slush puppy machine!

Entertaining speeches by Mr Armitage and the Captains of each age group had the audience smiling, laughing and on occasion, tearing up!

The Awards Ceremony honoured the boys' dedication, passion and commitment not only to the sport, but also to their team mates. Judging by the number of boys who participated in Rugby this season, the sport is a favourite amongst the St Peter's College students.

The highlight of the evening was the video overview of the Rugby season. The great memories the teams had made, including war-cries and chants, showcased the spirit and enthusiasm the Rugby boys share.

The final touch was when the players formed a 'Guard of Honour' tunnel, leading out of the hall, paying a respectful farewell to the Matrics of 2016.

Lara McDonald (Grade 10)



Student Achievements

Tennis Aces

During the long weekend of June, **Michelle Ncube** and **Alvaro Legoinha** took part in the **Marks Park South African Tennis Association Tournament**.

Michelle came 4th in the **singles** and **won** the **doubles**. Alvaro came 8th in the **singles** and 3rd in the **doubles**. It is great to see St Peter's College students participating in this very prestigious Tennis Tournament.

Cornel Malan

MIC: Tennis



Michelle Ncube

SA Artistic Gymnastics

Congratulations to Tamsin Gallichan (Grade 9) for achieving Level 8, under 18 Champion for SA National Artistic Gymnastics:

- Overall 1st Place
- 1st Place Vault and Beam
- 3rd Place Bar

Upcoming Events

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.
NDC Fund-Raiser.
 RSVP By 15 July swanepoela@stpeterscollege.co.za

"Creating some winter sunshine"

Earth Expo – 11 August 2016

St Peter's College students are invited to attend the Earth Expo. This exciting event will focus on raising environmental awareness for students and the community. The day will have guest speakers and exhibitions on food, health, environment, transport and housing/ living solutions.

The first 1,000 students to bring a bag of clothes will receive a free Spekboom.

Event: Earth Expo

Date: Thursday, 11 August 2016

Time: 09:00 – 16:00

Cost: R30 (use school promotion code 'Clothes2Trees' and book online)

Venue: Monte Casino, Fourways

Clothes donated on the day will be recycled and funds paid by 'Clothes to Good' www.c2cx.co.za will go towards the Russel the Rhino project www.russelltherhino.com

More information on 'Clothes 2 Good' is available on www.c2cx.co.za and you can look us up on [Facebook](#) to see some of our current projects. Watch the [Story of Clothes to Good Video](#) to see the bigger picture!

For more information, please contact Ntsiki Mkhize, Clothes to Good Programme Manager on 012 663 4168 or ntsiki@c2cx.co.za