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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents & Students,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the start of Term 2 on Monday, 06 May 2019. My wish is that you have relaxed, are recharged and ready to start the new school term.

I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you in the new term. All signs point to another incredible and productive school term. The beginning of a new school term, like the dawning of a new day, reminds us that the future holds infinite possibilities. I hope that your Easter break was relaxing, filled with adventures and good health because you deserve it. The opportunity to refuel is a necessary component of the important work that you do. I know that we are about to begin a great school term filled with hope, vision, and excitement.

Welcoming of New Staff

Each term brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Jeffrey Chimwanda to the Maths Department. Jeffrey comes with a wealth of experience and joins us from Dominican Convent. With Sarah da Silva taking her 4 months maternity leave and then deciding to become a stay-at-home mom, Helen Chappel will remain in a locum position until the end of Term 2. Daya Lutchman is also on maternity leave and Tebogo Maneli will also be staying on as a locum until the end of Term 2.

With the resignation of Rohan Jubber, alumnus Dominique Gaydon who has a BA in Fine Arts, as well as a PGCE will be taking over Rohan's position in the Arts Department. She will also be supporting Steve Tudhope in the PBL Centre which has become an extremely busy, creative and productive space.

Please join me in welcoming the new staff to the College.

"In Futurum Fortiter"

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Holiday School Activities

Once again St Peter's College was a hive of activity these holidays and I am deeply indebted to the many members of our staff who give of their time so willingly to ensure that our students are the recipients of the many experiences on offer.



Our 1st Team Netball girls participated in the annual St Stithians College Easter Festival and performed admirably. Thank you to **Izak Botha, Sue Maher, Gwyn Zimmerman and Ian Havenga** who managed the team over this weekend.

The senior rugby boys attended a pre-season training camp at Konka. The boys underwent rigorous training and preparation for the upcoming rugby season. Thank you to **Brian Armitage, Steve Tudhope, Louis Levinson and Nardus Badenhorst** who accompanied the boys on the camp.

St Peter's College remains a training venue of choice for professional sports teams. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the quality of our sports facilities and the work that goes into preparing our facilities under the auspices of our Head of Operations **Lynda Kirkland**, the sports office under the expert guidance of our Acting Director of Culture & Sport **Izak Botha**, Head of Sport **Dave Short**, as well as, **Mgochi Muchachari** and his grounds staff. It is always a pleasure to walk around and admire such pristine and expertly manicured grounds and fields. Thank you to all who invest so much in this labour of love.

St Peter's College hosted the following Super Rugby teams who trained on de Klerk Field, the Jaguares, Queensland Reds, NSW Waratahs and will be hosting the Canterbury Crusaders.



The Queensland Reds scrumming with some of our eager rugby players providing resistance.

Thank you to the SPC community who came together to support the victims of Cyclone Idai in Beira, Mozambique, especially to **Sandy van der Wel** for coordinating this drive.



"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."

Albert Einstein

I accompanied **Izak Botha** to watch The **Heartbeat of St Peter's College** participate in the sixth **"Sounds of Celebration"** show which was staged at Emperors Palace on April 16. This year's theme, Heal the World, emphasized the roles that ordinary citizens play in creating meaning from confusion and harmony from noise.



The show presented over 180 young performers in a kaleidoscope of sound and movement as well as students performing on various instruments. Thank you to **Antonio Lottering** for organising for our students to perform in this prestigious event

The St Peter's College 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Boys and Girls Hockey and 2nd Netball teams all participated in the highly prestigious St Dunstan's College Easter Sports Festival. It was a privilege to accompany **Brian Armitage, Louis Levinson, Izak Botha and Dave Short** and to be on the side of the sports field supporting our boys and girls. Thank you to these gentlemen who gave up their Easter weekend to coach and manage our students.

Our enthusiastic Second Netball Team at the St Dunstan's Easter Festival



Thank you to **Izak Botha, Alex Trapani, Vuyelwa Walugembe, Crystal Miles, Lome Robertson and Antonio Lottering** who



accompanied 80 St Peter's College students on the MADD (Music, Art, Drama & Dance) cultural tour to the USA. One of the highlights of the tour was undoubtedly the opportunity that some of our staff and students had to attend **Trevor Noah's "The Daily Show"** in New York. This is the largest SPC touring group in the history of the College.

Congratulations to SPC student **Warwick Meth** who played for Orlando Pirates in the Rotterdam Cup during the April holidays.



"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - Pele

Staff News

Congratulations to **Daya Lutchman** who has welcomed a healthy and perfect baby girl named Zuri. May she fill your hearts with happiness and many smiles. Best wishes from all of us at St Peter's College.

So proud of our Head of Music **Antonio Lottering** who performed at the Ticketpro Dome in the largest event he's ever



played at and the highlight of his musical career, the **Andrea Bocelli Concert**. He performed with the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra and the Symphony Choir of Johannesburg. Guest artists that featured were Anastasiya Petrushak on Violin, RnB singer Beverley Knight, the amazing soprano Maria Aleida as well as his son Matteo Bocelli.

"What a honour and privilege to perform with this amazing artist. A highlight in my musical career". Antonio Lottering

Well done to **Mathew Kirkland** on running PB Parkrun (22:10) and 7th overall, a 1600m river/sea swim in seriously cold water, as well as, a podium finish for the swim.

Not to be outdone, **Rakubu Sokana** completed the Run Zone 100km over 3 days in preparation for the upcoming Comrades Marathon. He ran 50km, 30km and 20km over 3 days.



"Comrades is a long distance, you can't be serious the whole time. You need to enjoy your race." – 2017 Winner, Bongmusa Mthembu

Congratulations to **Christelle van Schalkwyk** who competed in the Action Netball IPT Tournament where her team won both the 6's and 7's in the open, as well as, in the over 30s tournament. Christelle also won the MVP player in both tournament finals.



Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit!!!

Congratulations **Steve Tudhope** on completing the iconic London Marathon in 3h06min as he ran in the steps of **Pheidippides** the first Marathon runner.



"Of all the races, there is no better stage for heroism than a marathon."

Thank you to ALL our academic staff who have been busy over the Easter break with marking, and preparation for the upcoming Academic Programme in Term 2. Their commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Alumni News

- Congratulations to Alumnus **Michelle Ncube** on being named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Rookie of The Week at the Bethune-Cookman University.
- Alumnus **Kaleigh Telfer** was one of 72 women invited to participate for the first time in the history of Augusta in a tournament prior to the Masters won by Tiger Woods. Kaleigh played superb golf and finished in 12th place.
- Congratulations to alumnus **Zantia Bainbridge** who has been selected for the South African senior women's water polo team who are playing in the EU Nation's Cup in May.

Facilities Update

If you drove past the school or utilized our facilities this break, you may have noticed numerous maintenance projects, as well as, the cleaning of all our facilities. A huge thank you to **ALL** our maintenance, cleaning and support staff who always go above and beyond to ensure that our teaching spaces are always in pristine condition.

In closing, I know each of us wants to make a difference in the lives of our students. As we move forward into the 21st Century, I invite you to think about something written so long ago but something that still resonates today:

Emerson said, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

I am confident that we will blaze a trail filled with success and accomplishment as, together, we **"Empower our Students for Life"**.

Message from the Wellness Desk

TOUGHLOVE Talk: Monday, 3 June at 07:30 – 08:30

The ILP/LO Department has embarked on a substance awareness campaign with the Grade 11s. Various speakers, activities, groups will be addressing students. On Monday, 3 June, Tough Love will be addressing the Grade 11s during Block period (07:30 – 08:30).

Please note TOUGHLOVE® is a loving solution for families that are being torn apart by unacceptable behaviour, be it drugs, alcohol, substance, verbal or physical abuse. TOUGHLOVE® offers effective, practical support for families and loved ones affected by abuse.

We are excited to invite **all parents, caregivers and interested parties** to attend the talk as it will be interactive and an opportunity to understand and become proactive against substance abuse.

Mrs Laila Jeebodh-Desai
Educational Psychologist

World Challenge News

World Challenge 2020 - Costa Rica

I hope you took the time to read the article "World Challenge through the eyes of a parent" written by Mrs Carolyn Cope in the last Keyhole in Term 1.

Many of your questions regarding what World Challenge means for your child would perhaps have been answered. I have included a short article, in this edition of the Keyhole, written by Kayleigh Koekemoer, who went to Vietnam (South) in 2017. How World Challenge changed my life. Please take the time to read it.

"Everything you have ever wanted to achieve, is only on the other side of fear".

A big thank you to those parents who have already sent in the application forms for the 2020 World Challenge Tour to Costa Rica.

I have done some research on tours to the Americas. The recent Culture to USA cost over R60 000 and was for 11 days. There is a school going to Peru and for a 12-day trip it costs R40 000 and all it entails is a hike. There is no leadership development or responsibility given to the students and no Social Responsibility project. The cost for the Costa Rica tour is for **3 weeks** and requires each student to take responsibility for a minimum of one day (depending on total attendees), each student will make decisions for the day. This all takes place under the careful and unobtrusive interference from the staff. Students take responsibility for the planning, decisions, money, expenditures etc.

Students are encouraged to seek assistance from fellow challengers and share ideas and opinions but then they are required to make the final decision. As staff, we do not reprimand students for errors, but rather encourage them to seek a solution and make decisions. In fact, we welcome errors as this is where true learning and growth takes place. Is this not what we as adults are required to do on a daily basis? I can guarantee you that your child will surprise you and themselves. Personally, I have learnt many life lessons from the students whom I have had the privilege of travelling with.

The safety aspect of World Challenge is top notch. I can attest to this from personal experience. Safety as well as personal development and growth is both the College and World Challenge's priority. If one puts all these aspects into perspective, then the Costa Rica Tour cost is reasonable

I have spoken with a representative from a school which went to Costa Rica during the April holidays and the feedback was that it is one of the best destinations and one not to be missed.

Should you still wish to complete an application form for your child or wish to discuss this tour further then please contact me therons@stpeterscollege.co.za. World Challenge is flexible regarding the application and payment plan. The payment plan is a guide for your assistance. It would be preferred if applications could be emailed to support@world-challenge.co.za or handed in to me by the end of May. Deposits are also required, should you wish to discuss payment please contact Colette support@world-challenge.co.za or after Tuesday, 28 May on cvoigt@world-challenge.co.za.

Ms Sonja Theron

MIC: World Challenge

Parent World Challenge

"Jobs fill your pockets, but adventure fills your soul"

I have received a few requests from parents regarding a World Challenge Tour for adults. If you are interested, then please drop me an email therons@stpeterscollege.co.za. The preferred destination for this tour would be India (South) but I am flexible regarding a destination. I would like you to also be challenged and to experience what your child will or has experienced.

There is no official date, yet, but It would in all likely hood be during April 2020 holiday and would be between 12 and 16 days. The duration would be your choice. Once I have final numbers, I will then be able to give more details. If I book this

trip this year, then there will be no increase in 2020. Please feel free to ask around if any other family or friend would like to go on a tour.

Tony Burns (World Challenge Head office UK) will be in SA and available to meet with you regarding the possibility of this tour on Sunday, 19 May at 15:30. This is an ideal opportunity for me to arrange an informal meeting at Nelson Mandela Square in Sandton City and for you to ask any questions. Please let me know if you are interested in meeting with Tony. Unfortunately, this is the only time that he has available as he arrives on Sunday, 19 May and flies to KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape and Western Cape, then back to the UK from Cape Town. We do require a minimum of 10 adults to make it viable.

World Challenge - A Student's Perspective

When I was 15 years old, I went on an adventure that opened my eyes and changed my life forever, that adventure was my World Challenge expedition to Vietnam. Before I went, I was just like any other 15-year-old teenager, still struggling to adapt from being a child, parent dependent and transforming into adulthood. The sixteen days I had away from my parents were extremely difficult at first. There was no one telling us what to do, or how to do it; we had to figure everything out for ourselves (only to realise afterwards, that the staff were monitoring everything and keeping an eye on the safety aspect of things).

I had to mature within those sixteen days to be able to deal with real-world problems that we faced. We had to rely on each other, and trust that each team member would do their prescribed job. We never wanted to let each other down, and from that we formed beautiful friendships.

I went on the trip only knowing one other girl, and I came back home with a family of friends who I know I can always trust. I truly believe that I grew as a person on my World Challenge Tour. I came back feeling more confident and independent.

There were times that I found extremely difficult and wanting to give up, for example when I hiked up a steep mountain in 35-degree heat with a heavy bag on my back. But I did not give up. I persevered, and I have come out stronger because of it! World Challenge changed my view of life and of myself for the better. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity, to grab it by the horns and not look back!

Kayleigh Koekemoer

Grade 11 student

St Peters College MADD Tour USA 24 April- 7 May 2019

New York; San Francisco and Los Angeles

Eighty students and six teachers (attached addendum list of tour group) participated in the fourteen-day tour to three major cities in the USA to experience and learn about the Creative Arts. Not even the 15-hour flight could dampen the spirits. Of course, shopping also formed an important part of the students' free time!



The first stop was New York City. The accommodation at the centrally placed Pennsylvania Hotel linked the group ideally to all the activities planned. The visit to the One World Observatory as well as the 911 Memorial fountain was awe-inspiring and alerted all the visitors that America is very skilled at putting together a great presentation. While the rest of the group checked into the hotel, a small group of three teachers and two students attended a recording of the Daily Show with Trevor Noah. Marios Joannou was fortunate enough to ask Mr Noah a question during the show. Our Drama teacher, Mrs Miles, also took two students to watch an extra showing of the Musical "Mean Girls."

The second day started with a substantial breakfast at the deli across the road, then the underground transport system was attempted for the first time when the group split into four to do workshops in Music, Art, Dance and Drama. The Dance students visited the SLAM Studios of Elizabeth Streb and learnt to go a simple trapeze movement as well as how to fall and land the "Streb" way. The Art students visited the Guggenheim Museum and produced fantastic art work at the workshop within the Guggenheim. The Drama students attended a morning workshop at the famous Stella Adler Studios and explored so-called "Method Acting Technique." The music students explored rhythm and percussion at the Believe



New York and Stomp venue. The afternoon was spent at the renowned Apollo Theatre. This proved both educational as well as aspirational as three students were given the opportunity to perform on the stage. The evening was spent walking to the Musical "The Prom", which proved an excellent choice and introduction to Times Square etc.

On the third day, the group did a walking tour of the impressive Lincoln Centre which houses the Julliard School of Music and Drama as well as the New York Metropolitan Opera House, The New York Philharmonic and the jewel boxed New York Ballet. Time to shop and a visit to the Radio City Music Hall led to the evening's Harbour Lights Cruise where the Statue of Liberty was a

highlight. The evening ended with an unscheduled walk home as the coach company neglected to send our busses, but the students showed great resolve in walking back to our hotel in quite cold conditions.

The last full day spent in New York City, the group explored the rich history and heritage of HipHop in Harlem, New York. They learnt about Beatboxing, MCing, DJing, and the extraordinary tapestry of HipHop music and then went on to see the spectacular Singular Extreme Action show at the Streb Studio in Williamsburgh. The evening meal was spent at Ellen's Star Dust Diner where our waitrons sing while we ate traditional diner food.

On Monday, 29 April we left for San Francisco at 3:00 in the morning! After arriving on two separate flights, we booked into the luxurious Hotel Zephyr right across Pier 39, driving past the San Francisco Giants Stadium. Some students also took the opportunity to go watch the new Avengers movie, for a real American slice of life. The next day after a delicious breakfast at IHOP, we spent a most instructive day with four workshops and a panel discussion at the American Conservatory Theatre. The workshops covered Movement, Devising theatre, Auditioning skills and Voice work in Shakespearean texts. The evening was rounded off by attending the ACT production of the musical "Vanity Fair."

Our next day in San Francisco was spent visiting various highlights of the City on the Bay such as the Golden Gate bridge, Nob Hill, The Palace of the Legion of Honour, Golden Gate Park, the Mission Murals, Castro and China Town. Lots of opportunity for photos and shopping was given with the free time at the disposal of the group.

Another early morning wake-up call saw the group prepare to fly, again on two separate flights, to LAX. On arrival the group went on a coach tour of Los Angeles with lunch at the Hollywood and Highland Centre, the Le Brea Tar pits, Hollywood walk of Fame as well as the Ru Paul pop-up store! An iconic photo of the group with the Hollywood sign as backdrop was also taken. Our hotel was in Anaheim, close to the Disney compound.



Our second day in Los Angeles was spent at the Universal Studios Theme Park. Day Three and Four was spent at the Disneyland compound, enjoying the rides and attending a total of seven workshops with professional musicians, dancers, actors and artists.

Groups were escorted backstage under heavy security and were given a unique opportunity to witness behind the scene activities.

Each group also received a plaque of recognition from the Disney organization. Late in the evening our six-hour flight for New York City left.

The next morning, we checked our bags out and in again for the 15-hour return flight. Allowing our sore and fatigued bodies to arrive back in South Africa at 08:05 on Tuesday, 7 May 2019. Last minute delays with a staff member's baggage prevented a unified exit, but all were glad to see their loved ones again. Fortunately, the next day was set aside for National Elections so the group could try and address the serious jet lag issues.

Mr Botha would like to thank all the staff and students as well as the tour organisers for a wonderful experience. They were amazing!

Mr Izak Botha

Head of Cultural

Squash News

2019 Captains

We would like to congratulate the following students on their relevant appointments for the 2019 season.

1st Team Captain – Ezra Vergotine

1st Team Vice Captain – Kirsten Hope

2nd Team Captain – Darren Piaray

2nd Team Vice Captain – Carl Vemer

We look forward to their leadership for the season ahead.

Results

1st Team vs Greenside

St Peter's won 14 – 0.

Congratulations team on a strong start to the season.



Aron Pillay (Support); James McArthur, Kirsten Hope, Ezra Vergotine, Joshua Willson

Tournaments

We would like to congratulate James McArthur for competing in the Alan Stapleton Eastern Province Open tournament during the holidays.



James faced strong competition from some of the Eastern Cape's top u14 players and was returning from an injured elbow earlier in the year. James managed to place 2nd for the tournament in the u14 age group, which is a phenomenal achievement.

Mr Mathew Kirkland

MIC: Squash

St Peter's College School Shop News – 17 May 2019**Winter Uniform**

Below is an updated price list which includes, jerseys, scarves, gloves and tights for winter.

ST PETER'S COLLEGE UNIFORM PRICES APRIL 2019		
ITEM	PRICE	RECOMMENDED QTY
SCHOOL SHIRT SHORT SLEEVES 78 - 92	R 240.00	3
SCHOOL SHIRT SHORT SLEEVES 97+	R 260.00	
TIE	R 170.00	1
GREY LONG PANTS - BOYS - 26 - 30	R 230.00	3
GREY LONG PANTS - BOYS - 31 -38	R 260.00	
GREY LONG PANTS - BOYS - 40+	R 290.00	
BLACK BELT - BOYS	R 195.00	1
GREY SKIRT	R 180.00	2 to 3
GREY HIPSTER PANTS - GIRLS 60 - 88	R 240.00	2 to 3
GREY HIPSTER PANTS - GIRLS 90 - 98	R 260.00	
GREY HIPSTER PANTS - GIRLS 100 -108	R 290.00	
SLEEVELESS NAVY JERSEY	R 235.00	1
SLEEVELESS WHITE JERSEY (MATRICS)	R 250.00	1
LONG-SLEEVED NAVY JERSEY	R 250.00	1
LONG-SLEEVED WHITE JERSEY (MATRICS)	R 275.00	1
SCARVES	R 125.00	1
NAVY GLOVES	R 60.00	1
SCHOOL BLAZER - UP TO 38L	R 895.00	1
SCHOOL BLAZER - 40+	R 925.00	
CAP	R 85.00	1
GREY SOCKS BOYS (& FOR GIRLS WEARING HIPSTERS)	R 35.00	5
WHITE SOCKS GIRLS - LONG - MATRICS	R 50.00	2
NAVY TIGHTS (44 DECITEX)	R 45.00	3
NAVY TIGHTS THICK (78 DECITEX)	R 60.00	3
SPORTS TOP XXXS - L	R 220.00	2
SPORTS TOP XL - 4XL	R 230.00	2
SPORTS SHORTS	R 135.00	2
HOUSE T-SHIRT	R 100.00	1
TRACKSUIT PANTS - XXS - L	R 305.00	1
TRACKSUIT PANTS - XL - 4XL	R 325.00	
TRACKSUIT TOP - XXS - L	R 425.00	1
TRACKSUIT TOP - XL - 4XL	R 450.00	
TOG BAG	R 420.00	1
SCHOOL BAG	R 480.00	1
PRICES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE		

Textbooks for 2020

Grade 11's will start ordering books for their **Matric syllabus** in **June** this year. The remainder of their books will be ordered in **September**. All other grades will order in **September**. Please start budgeting for this.

Statements from School Shop

Statements have been sent out to those who for some reason have a debit balance. Please check the statement and contact Mrs Wheeler 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

Normal Shop Hours

Mon, Tue and Thu 07:00 to 15:00

Wed and Fri 07:00 to 13:00

Mrs Nerina Deeb

School Shop Manager