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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 write my Keyhole message from Brighton in the UK. Brighton is a seaside resort in the south-east of England and is often referred to as the "hippest" and happiest place to live in the UK. Perhaps if I get the opportunity to see the sun shine, even just once, I might agree with that statement. I arrived in the UK on Monday, which is the middle of their summer season, and every day has been cold and rainy.

I am staying in a hotel across the road from the world famous Brighton Pier, and am here together with the Rector of the St Peter's Prep Schools, Mr Greg Royce, to attend a conference hosted by the **International Academic Forum** - the themes for the conference are '**Education and Social Justice: Democratising Education**' and '**Convergence and Divergence**'.

Three hundred delegates representing forty different countries are attending this forum for scholars and practitioners in the field of Education. Research on the on the conference themes, as well as, in the fields of **Technology in the Classroom**, and **Language and Learning** are being shared and discussed.

The conference runs until Sunday. I look forward to sharing feedback with the College staff, parents and students on the various conference presentations which explore and question ways in which **education can transcend borders of space, identity, culture and more**; and to consider the ways in which **education can develop, or hinder, social justice**.

I might add that it's not all work, so I was pleased to have received a call yesterday afternoon from St Peter's College Alumni Rory O'Flaherty, who is now residing and teaching in Brighton, as well as, his sister Caroline and their mother Elsjé who happened to be here on a visit. I met up with them and it was wonderful to catch up and reminisce about their time at the College.

I wish you all a wonderful and well-deserved half-term break, although for our students it's a great opportunity to get in some vital exam preparation.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

The installation of our new headmaster

Fourteen years have come and gone for a man who has worked hard, stayed dedicated and loyal to his school. He has been passionate about our school since the day he walked through our doors and the passion is still burning.

On Friday 24 June, St Peter's College had a very special assembly in which **Mr Rui Morais** was installed in his permanent position as our new headmaster.

The choir and orchestra set the atmosphere of anticipation and excitement with their outstanding performance before, during and after the whole assembly. There were also many special guests who were privileged to share this moment with Mr Morais, which included The Very Reverend Xolani Dwlati, Father Trevor, Members of Council, Mrs Vanessa Morais (his wife) and Miguel Morais (his son) amongst others.

After the memorable sermon from Rev. Xolani about Mr Morais taking St Peter's College to new heights according to God's will, the ceremonial procedure of installing Mr Morais began. We had communion thereafter and then Mr Morais gave his acceptance speech.

Mr Ilsley, our Chairman of Council, ended off the assembly by first thanking Mr Morais for accepting the job and then quoted a famous quote from Mr Nelson Mandela which states, "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world." That just speaks to the fact of how teachers are such a powerful tool to shape the future of the younger generations in line with Christ's vision (as Rev. Xolani mentioned) and we as a school will support and help Mr Morais reach that vision and goal.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)



School Shop News

Stationery Packs for Exams

These packs contain the following items:

- Clear zip up bag
- 2 blue pens
- 1 clutch pencil
- 1 eraser
- 1 20cm ruler
- 1 highlighter

Available from the School Shop for **R50**.



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.

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.

Musical Events

Choir Winter Festival

On Wednesday, 22 June, the College was proud to host its first ever Choir Festival. The College choir performed alongside the choirs from **St Peter's Girls and Boys Prep Schools** and **Kearsney College** in front of students, teachers and parents.

After each choir had performed, all three schools performed a mass choir item called 'Sanctus'. To end the wonderful evening, the Kearsney College boys' choir performed a gum-boot piece which received a standing ovation!

The evening was one where all three choirs could showcase their amazing talent and passion for singing and familiarise themselves with the other choirs. Well done to all three choirs who performed, and a massive thank you to Mrs Robertson for organising the wonderful evening.

Sithuthukile Madonsela (Grade 10)



Winter Soiree

Monday, 20 June saw the Music Department's annual Winter Soiree, where musicians from Grade 8 all the way to Matric were given an opportunity to showcase their remarkable talent.

Some highlights of the evening were the beautiful Acapella performances by the **Barber Shop** and **Beauty Shop**, the polished and professional **Choir**, 'groovy' **Marimba Band** and riveting **Drumline**.

Our wonderful Matrics will not be forgotten! This was their last soiree at the College and they performed like real stars, despite their looming exams. Their talent will truly be missed next year!

Well done to all the students who performed and we can't wait to see more!

Alessandro Gueli (Grade 11)

LIV Choir

On Friday, 27 May, the various College music ensembles took part in a soirée with LIV. Prior to the performances, the College Choir showed the LIV family around campus, we got to know one another and shared a quick meal. Then all the fun began!

This was an evening that will be in the hearts, minds and spirits of many, for a very long time! It was such a beautiful, heartwarming night.

The College ensembles that took part in the show were the Grade 10 and 11 marimba bands, the jazz band and the choir. It was great to see how everyone's talents shone through their instruments! We ended the evening with the indescribable LIV performance.

LIV is a family of vulnerable, orphan children based in KwaZulu Natal, who choose not to look at their harsh circumstances but rather to give glory to Jesus for loving each and every one of us.

It was beyond incredible to witness how happy they were whilst performing, and this put perspective to a lot of things - how unfortunately, we aren't satisfied with the things that we take for granted. On a more optimistic note, how much joy comes from pure worship! It was spectacular!

Their performance was a journey where we, the audience, were able to witness their lives through dancing and singing and praising God. It was amazing and brought tears to the eyes of many people in the audience!

For more information about LIV please visit their page at www.liv-village.com

Pelo Mpuru (Grade 11)

Inter-House Dance Competition

On Monday, 27 June the annual Inter-House Dance and Movement competition took place. All three houses compiled a programme that had to use different styles as well as an improvisation piece of music handed to them less than a week before performance.

Lourie started off the evening and set a very high standard for Bishop and Oriole to strive for. The panel of adjudicators consisted of Ms Lindy Liebmann, an examiner for the IEB, Mr Matthew Ross of St Stithians and our very own Ms Bonsile Mabaso, a reigning Ballroom Champion.

- **Best Solo** was awarded to **Anastasia Strouthos** for a Contemporary Dance that also tested her mettle as her music stopped halfway!
- **Best Duet** was awarded to **Nikayla Chetty** and **Maxine Ross** for their Bollywood number.
- **Best Group** went to **Nikayla Chetty, Phetolo Ramosebudi, Iviwe Skulu, Chebwa Chiluba and Mawande Nzima** for their Barbie Girl routine.
- **Best Improvisation Performance** was awarded to **Bishop**.

When Sir Peter made his way onto stage it became apparent that the **overall winning house was Lourie**. Well done to Maxine Ross and her team!

The Dance Department will now gather to do auditions for the Inter-High Crew in the last week of Term Two and also prepare for the very first Dance Camp to be held 22 - 25 August in the Krugersdorp area.

Mr Zak Botha

MIC: Dance

Supporters came in their house shirts to gain points for their team and the dancers performed in their house shirts.

We welcomed a few guests which included the head of dance of St Stithians, as an outside adjudicator.

The support was phenomenal but not as much as each of the individual dancers. The types of dances ranged from tap dance, to hip hop, to traditional, to contemporary etc. Lourie danced first, followed by Bishop and then lastly Oriole. The entire Grade 8 group then did a performance at the end, which they definitely killed!

*Well done to all the dancers, you really made your teams proud!
Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)*



Investment Club

Why it is never too early or too late to invest

On Wednesday night, 22 June, Mr Devin Shutte, the CEO of My Wealth Investments presented to the Investment Club team.

Devin invested in his first share when he was only 10! His many years' experience in investing has helped him in the long run and he actually has his own strategies of how to invest to make sure you get your maximum return. When he matriculated he went on to study BCom Financial Analysis at Stellenbosch University. Devin later went on to complete his honours in Portfolio Management at UCT.

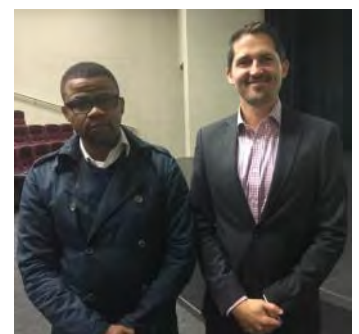
In the hour that he spent with us, we learnt that it is never too early or too late to invest and earn money. He also spoke about:

- the three shares he believes are great investments currently;
- how the different events happening in our country can affect the strength of our currency;
- once you receive a huge return on a share that you have invested in, what you should do next etc.

This was a very informative and enlightening talk. Most of the parents that came also benefited and found it interesting, so I would like to encourage more parents to join us the next time we have a guest speaker.

Please feel free to contact Devin Shutte for advice in terms of investing. Email: devins@regenesys.co.za

Promesse Nkongolol (Grade 11)



Mr Sokana and Mr Shutte

Arts and Cultural Events

Art Task Team Outing to Galleries

On Wednesday 22 June, the Art Task Team went on an outing to visit three art galleries.

The first was the familiar **Goodman Gallery** which was actually celebrating its 50th anniversary. The theme was *New Revolutions*. There were many art works of different mediums (even videos) and with different meanings behind them. The artists come from different parts of the world (Brazil, Angola, Iran etc). Some highlighted the unequal power structures and socio-political constructs and others shaped the landscape of contemporary art in Southern Africa.

We then moved on to the **Everard Read Gallery** which also houses a variety of artists and different mediums (but mostly beautiful sculptures and statues). The main artist featured was Lionel Smit, and he was actually in the art gallery at the same time that we were there.

The last gallery we visited was **Circa Gallery**, which was absolutely phenomenal. It consisted of mainly sculptures and statues.

These artists are honestly so talented and, I am sure, inspired the whole Art Task Team. We look forward to more outings in the future.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)



Grade 8 Drama Evening



Grade 9 Drama Evening

All the late rehearsals and long hours guaranteed that the Grade 9 Drama Evening was a huge success. Though the events leading up to the night were challenging, the first few rehearsals were generally relaxed. We got to understand what we were meant to do and also got to know our peers better. Initially we formed bonds with our Grade 11 directors, so it was great to get to know the other directors.

As the Drama Evening grew closer, the stress started to increase and so did the length of the rehearsals. This put a strain on our enthusiasm. We were exhausted physically and mentally. Once the Drama Evening arrived, we were both happy and sad that it was coming to an end; happy because all the late Tuesday practices were over and sad because they had been fun.

In the end the long hours and the late nights were worth it. The Grade 9 Drama Evening was an amazing evening, and the entire MADDitorium was filled with friends and family. We are very grateful for the support given and really believe that all the hard work was worthwhile.

Ratanang Rapudi (Grade 9)



Grade 11 Drama Practical Exam



The Grade 11 Drama students before their Drama practical exam on Wednesday, 29 June. The theme was 'Steampunk'.

LOC: Light of Change

On Monday, 20 June, **Mrs Michele Horwood**, **Tadiwanashe Zororo** and **Shannon Louis** of the Grade 10 Light Of Change (LOC) committee were invited to attend the hand-over of brand new school bags to the children of **Ekukhanyisweni Primary School in Alexandra**. These unique bags were made entirely of recycled plastic bags that have been collected by LOC from the St Peter's College students.

The children at this school were extremely welcoming and showed such appreciation for the school bags. They sang songs and the school's own dance group even performed for everyone. It was truly an amazing thing to have the opportunity to see how all the hard work of the committee and the plastic bags are making such a difference in the lives of these school children.

The plastic bag total is over an incredible 8,000 bags! We wholeheartedly thank each student who made the effort to bring in as many bags as possible. You are making a positive impact on the lives of these children and we encourage you to continue bringing in your plastic bags!

Shannon Louis (Grade 10)



Netball Awards Brunch 2016

This past Saturday, 25 June, the netball girls, coaches and parents were invited to the annual netball awards. This year was the first year that the awards were hosted as a brunch, as opposed to the previous years which were dinners.

Medals were awarded to our 1st team, u16A and 2nd team who came third, second and first at the netball play-offs last week Wednesday.

'Best attacking player' and 'Best defending player' were also awarded to the deserving player in each team. April Donnelly (1st team vice-captain) gave a speech on the overall success of all the netball teams and the great memories made throughout the season.



Afterwards, the netball girls, coaches and parents helped themselves to the delicious breakfast buffet while the 'fun' awards were awarded. Thereafter, each captain from every age group gave a small speech and presented their team's coach with a small gift on behalf of their team. Fun games were played and five lucky girls went home with a brand-new netball ball. Overall this year's netball awards brunch was massive fun and a huge success! Thank you to the netball girls and coaches for a successful season and Ms Van Schalkwyk for organising this wonderful event!

Sithuthukile Madonsela (Grade 10)



Upcoming Events

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](https://www.facebook.com/clothes2good) 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

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

Congratulations to the following riders for going through to Regionals:

Amy Crossley (Grade 12)	Andrew Thomas (Grade 11)	Imogen Imbert (Grade 10)	Chiara Reddy (Grade 8)
Amy Shackleton (Grade 11)	Erin Dos Santos (Grade 10)	Kayla van der Burgh (Grade 9)	Sybil Ramjuthan (Grade 8)

We are proud of these riders and wish them well!



Well done to Erin Dos Santos who jumped in the Nissan Winter Classic in Shongweni on 18 June 2016. She had two good warm-up rounds and placed 3rd, in the very competitive, 1.30m Championship Class.

Mrs Joan Delpont
 MIC: Equestrian

Squash

Mrs Müller

MIC: Squash



Congratulations to the **2nd team Squash players** for placing second in their league. Daniel Schurbohm, Damien Rubbers, Caitlin Bartie, Ethan Bainbridge and Thomas Chalmers, thank you for your hard work and dedication



Keith Bartie played in the **Waterfall Squash Tournament** that took place from February to June 2016.

This is a bi-annual tournament held in the Waterfall Estates in Midrand. The league comprises 5 divisions, A, B, C, D and E each with 10 players (50 in total). All the divisions are made up of adults except for Keith who played in the D league.

Congratulations to Keith as he won the D League and will now be playing in the C league. This is a great achievement given that he is the youngest male. Most of the other players have been playing for years.

Well done to the following students who attended and passed the **Gauteng Squash Level 2 Marking and Refereeing course**, held at St John's College on 29 May 2016. They are: Keith Bartie, Caitlin Bartie, Mekashin Reddy, Tommy Chalmers, Ethan Bainbridge, Damien Rubbers, Teagan Leroni and David Malan.



Ethan Bainbridge played his last match for St Peter's on 24 July 2016. He went out with a bang and ended his last game by breaking his racket on his opponent's leg.



I want to thank our two wonderful coaches, **Desi Ledl** and **Mathew Kirkland** for their dedication and passion for Squash. Your hard work and long hours are appreciated! Thank you!



The squad enjoying McDonald's to celebrate a successful season and the 1st team winning their league.

