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**Message from the Deputy Headmaster**

Dear Parents and Students,

As 2015 draws to a close, I look fondly on what has been another busy but rewarding year at St Peter’s College. We have launched and implemented a number of initiatives in support of our continued pursuit of excellence in the academic, cultural and sporting spheres, without ever losing sight of our Anglican roots.

The strive for excellence at St Peter’s College and the introduction and implementation of initiatives would not have come to fruition without the support and input from a committed council, academic staff, central support services, parents and students.

Over the past 5 years the Bachelor’s level pass (university entrance) has steadily increased to an impressive 95% in 2014. The College supports students in order for each child to attain to his/her full potential. There are a number of support structures, from daily clinics to Academic Action Plans that assist our students to obtain the best possible academic results. A focus to extend our top students is a priority in 2016. We, as a College demand each child’s best effort as well as their continued dedication and it is evident in the number of excellent results from both our top students, as well as, those who struggle along the way.

In order to support and facilitate our continuous drive for academic excellence, we have this week completed the installation of our new wireless infrastructure and high speed internet. This will assist us in the implementation of new and current IT strategies, as St Peter’s College strives to become the leader in a modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Grade 8 students of 2016 will be required to bring a laptop to school, as part of the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ policy. Each student receives a St Peter’s College email address and is a member of a Google Classroom in each subject. This allows teachers to set work and communicate with students through this virtual classroom. During Orientation, the Grade 8 students will register for the Vizier Maths and Lector SA reading programme, as well as, write a Mathematics and Languages Baseline Test. The Grade 8 students will have a weekly lesson to assist them in becoming familiar with the functionality of Google.

We opened our world-class MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) Centre at the beginning of 2015 and it is a wonderful addition to the College. The MADD Centre has become the Arts and Culture hub for excellence from which a variety of Arts and Culture Initiatives have emanated. Visual Art Exhibitions, the Inter-High Dance Competition, the 'Olivia in Mzansi' musical production, various drama productions and music performances from our choirs, the orchestra to the rock band, have given our students a variety of platforms to engage and flourish in a creative space.

In support of our ongoing drive for sporting excellence, the College Council has approved the building of a hockey astro. The astro build commences this coming Monday, 23 November and it will be ready for the start of the hockey season in May 2016. The astro will further enhance our outstanding sport facilities, from our grounds which are the preferred training fields of the Springbok rugby team when they are based in Johannesburg, to the Wahoo Indoor Aquatics Centre.

While current and prospective parents often comment that St Peter's College is such a happy place, discipline is an important aspect of College life. With all the choices and dangers our children face, it is imperative that our Code of Conduct is constantly reviewed and kept up to date with the trends happening in all schools eg. the inclusion of the Search and Seizure Policy and the Drug Testing Policy.

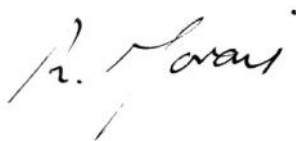
Nine members of the Grade Head Committee underwent an intense counseling course during this year. This will result in us offering a broader support system for our students who may be undergoing any emotional or social difficulties. These members of staff have been trained in basic, group and trauma counseling skills and are able to assist students and staff who encounter anxiety and stress. All the counselors will be supporting and working together with our registered School Counselor, Mrs Ryder-Nimb.

I wish all our students well in the examinations currently underway, as St Peter's College embraces continued growth and change in the pursuit of excellence in a flourishing educational space. I thank you for your ongoing support as we look "Bravely into the Future".

I welcome your feedback and should you have any comments or queries, please feel free to email me on [moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za).

If you wish to meet with me please contact Lynda Kirkland on [kirklandl@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:kirklandl@stpeterscollege.co.za) or (011) 807-5315 to set up an appointment.

#### In "Futurum Fortiter"



*Mr Rui Morais*  
*Deputy Headmaster*

#### **School Shop Hours Dec/Jan**

Please note that the School Shop will close at 11:30 on Friday, 4 December. We will be open only for the handing in of blazers for braiding on Tuesday, 8 December from 09:00 to 11:30.

The School Shop will open on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 January from 08:00 to 15:00. Blazers that were handed in for collection can be picked up after 11:00 on the Monday or on the Tuesday.

*Mrs Nerina Deeb*  
*School Shop Manager*

**Visual Art News**

**College Students' Art Selected for IEB Exhibition**

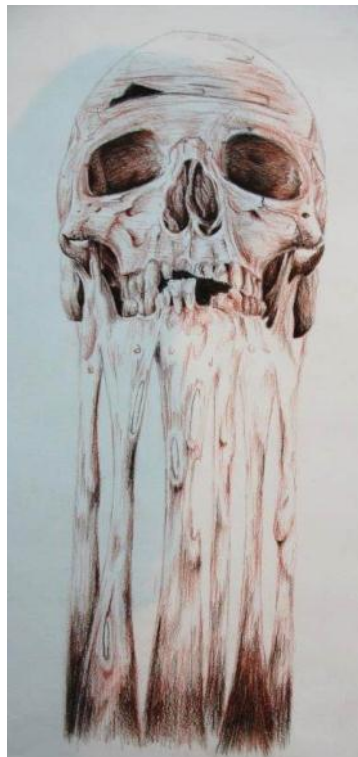
Recently, Nicola MacLeod, Tymon Pinto and Danielle Rubbers represented St Peter's College at the Grade 12 IEB Exhibition held at St John's College.



*Nicola MacLeod*



*Tymon Pinto*



*Danielle Rubbers*

### Santam Art Competition

Congratulations to **Jemma van Wyk** and **Promesse Nkgongolo** for receiving merit awards for their submissions to the Competition. We are also extremely proud of **Meghan Hoffmann**. Her artwork was one of 12, nationally, that have been selected by Santam to be presented in their annual calendar. Meghan won R3,000 for the school Visual Art department. **Meghan Hoffmann** was also recently announced as the winner of the Free 4 All Jockey Competition where students were required to try their hand at clothing design. Her designs will be made into actual garments that will be distributed commercially.

*Mrs Avril Swanepoel*  
HOD: Creative Arts

### Outreach Programmes

#### Learn to Swim Outreach

The prize money the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Water Polo Girls won for outreach at the Roedean/Old Mutual Tournament last year has enabled us to start the Learn to Swim programme. We worked with children from Hearts of Hope in February and now, twelve children from the Kliptown Youth Programme.

Eleven of the College water polo girls arrive on Saturdays at Wahoo to teach the little ones to keep themselves afloat and eventually swim. They are also assisting with kitting the youngsters out with towels, costumes and tog bags.

It has been a rewarding project that the girls from St Peter's College have experienced. We hope to carry this on going forward and encourage others to participate. Swimming is a life skill and should be promoted in less privileged areas to avoid unnecessary drowning!

*Leigh Penney, Swimming Coach*



*"All the children really interacted well and I think between our girls and them there is a connection and we are already seeing results."* Leigh Penney, Swimming Coach  
Thank you to Leigh Penney for driving this project and coaching the girls to help others in this way.

### Grade 11 YOUnity Drive

Congratulations to all the Grade 11s for a most successful YOUnity drive. R571,000 was raised with another possible R55,000 still outstanding. Thank you to the 94.7 cyclists for their kind donations.

We hope to have a finalised amount before the end of the school year. Special mention must be given to the YOUnity committee for their enthusiasm and in particular to Daniel Martin for being the main driving force.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the Clothes to Cash drive and to the students and staff who purchased a YOUnity T-shirt.

The following amounts were collected by the various grades:

Grade 8	- R25,983	Top student: Emily Botha
Grade 9	- R24,957	Top student: Matthew Garrett and Matthew Amner
Grade 10	- R24,705	Top student: Michelle Ncube
Grade 11	- R25,420	Top student: Naledi Motlame
Grade 12	- R5,040	Top student: Amber Godsell

There was a healthy competition between the various Register Teachers as to which class would collect the most money or be the first to hand in all their money. By mutual agreement, the Grade 11s were not taken into consideration for any of these prizes.

The winners are as follows:

Grade 8LHO First class to hand in all their money (R7,138-00).

Grade 10AMO Collected the most money (R7,618-00).

Congratulations to Emily Botha, Cassidy Barwell and Julia Schroeder who were the top 3 students to collect the most money towards the YOUNity drive.

We would like to thank the various companies and private individuals who kindly made donations to this very worthwhile cause in the form of prizes or money.

Thank you to Ms Meyer for all her dedicated assistance and support.

We look forward to showing you the fruits of the YOUNity Drive after the Grade 11s complete their building in Tembisa the last week of school.

"IT STARTS WITH YOU"

*Ms Sonja Theron*

### Sports News

#### Equestrian

The Equestrian Team ended the year off on a high note at their 'End of the Year Dinner' on Saturday night, 7 November. The team and parents celebrated another successful and victorious year in a true country feel in the foyer of the MADD Centre. The menu was loaded with Chicken and Chilli Con Carne, salads and rolls with special 'horsey cupcakes' for dessert. The evening was loaded with laughter, gratitude and praise. We said thank you and goodbye to this year's Captain, Cameron Dawson and thank you to our Vice-Captain, Amy Crossley for their exceptional leadership.

The riders have worked so hard and have been so committed, spending hours riding every day. They are passionate about the animals and the sport and it has been a privilege to be part of such an amazing team once again. Thank you again to the committee for their contribution and support to make this a successful event. A special thank you again for my lovely gifts, and the love and support from parents and riders. Looking forward to a promising 2016!

*Joan Delpont*

*MIC: Equestrian*



#### Water Polo

Friday, 30 October vs St John's College

U14 SPC vs U14 SJC Lost 2 – 13

U16 SPC vs U16 SJC Lost 0 – 9

1st SPC vs 1st SJC Lost 2 – 9

### Motocross: Matthew Kruger on the top step of the Podium

Congratulations to Matthew Kruger on a great season in 2015 placing consistently on the podium in all National and Regional Motocross Races. Matt has managed 4 podiums out of 7 Race finishes overall in the South African National Motocross Championships and 4 out of 4 Podium finishes at Regional level. Matthew claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Northern regions MSA Motocross Championship and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the MSA National Championship. Matthew claimed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and the Motocross Championship in the WOMZA National Championship series sponsored by SUNOCO RACE FUELS. Matthew also managed to claim 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the GREASE- TECH WOMZA Northern Regions Regional Motocross series.



### Michael Backus – Golf Champ



Well done and congratulations to Michael Backus, our wonderful Sports and Grounds Assistant who won the Special Olympics South Africa Golf Championships held on 2 November 2015.