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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As part of our drive to deliver the best possible education for our students, St Peter's College is constantly striving to develop and grow our staff and expose them to international trends in the education sphere.

In light of this, a number of our staff will be attending the **IAFOR International Academic Forum Conference in Dubai** over the half-term period. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose members of our academic faculty to new and modern trends in education. Our academic faculty will be represented by the following members of staff:

- Mrs Shelly Matthews – Deputy Head: Academics
- Mr Steve Tudhope – Director of IT
- Mr Zak Botha – Director of Cultural Affairs
- Mrs Charmaine Sandnes – HOD English
- Mrs Joan Delport – HOD Afrikaans
- Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk – HOD Social Sciences

Conference Theme: 'Educating for Change'

Why are we in teaching and learning if not to be able to help enrich the lives of our students? Educational institutions at all levels, and of all types, should continue to strive for social change in today's world. Beyond the apparent simplicity of our conference theme, however, there is great scope for wide-ranging responses to the question of just how we go about educating for change, by examining the inherent challenges and responsibilities faced by educators the world over.

Within the classroom itself, bridging the gap between policy, theory and practice, whether traditional or virtual, teachers and professors de facto become, at varying levels, agents for change. Beyond providing students with resources for study in given fields, they also support them by often being seen as acting not merely as mentors, but also as role models.

This conference, part of IAFOR's global conference series on education, in its broadest sense brings together teachers, researchers and distinguished professors from around the world to share their insights. The goal is to broaden awareness of different contexts in the pursuit of synergies and solutions.

Mrs Avril Swanepoel, our HOD of the Arts and Culture department will also be attending an **international arts conference in New York** over the same period.

Our Heads of Department have just completed 4 days of **leadership training and development** in Term 1. It is important that as a College we stay abreast of best practice in the education sphere and that we invest in our most precious commodity, our human capital.

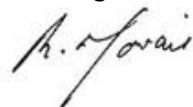
Over the half-term break the College will be a hive of activity as we host the **Old Petrian's Water Polo and Cricket Tournaments**. I wish Mr Armitage, Ms Hudson, Mr Badenhorst and the sports department all of the best for this weekend. I invite you to come and enjoy the weekend's festivities and to come and support our water polo and cricket players. Our U19A basketball team will be playing in the St John's College basketball tournament this weekend and I wish them a most enjoyable and successful tournament. If you are travelling and making use of the opportunity of a long weekend to take a well-deserved break, I wish safe travels.

Just a reminder that **Monday, 20 March** is a **school holiday**, hence you will have the pleasure of enjoying a long weekend as Tuesday, 21 March is Human Rights Day.

Have a wonderful half-term and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, 28 February.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Parents' Association Notice

Annual Golf Day

The annual St Peter's College PA Golf Day is once again taking place at the Bryanston Country Club on Wednesday, 15 March. There are still some fourballs available and if you would like to play, but you are not part of a fourball, please contact Tania Else, who will find partners for you. The cost of a fourball is R3,600 or R900 per individual player. This will include your halfway house as well as dinner.

This is the PA's main fundraiser, and we would be most grateful to our parent body if anyone could donate ANYTHING towards making this event a success. We need prizes, goodie bag items, fourball prizes, raffle prizes or something awesome to auction. If you feel you can contribute in any way, please contact Tania Else on telse@telkomsa.net or Inonge at maleshoane@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you bring your A Game to this fun event.

Tania Else

PA Chairlady

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Academic News

2016 Academic Prize-Giving Awards

On 31 January 2017, we celebrated the academic achievements for 2016. As stated at the Prize-Giving Awards ceremony, we highly regard the Diligence Award, as it honours students who have worked consistently throughout the year by giving their best. Every term, each subject teacher awards a diligence symbol to each student in every subject. This appears on the student's report. The diligence symbol is not aligned to the result, but rather to the student's attitude and work ethic in the subject. The software computes diligence for an entire year for each student. Only a 4 and 5 for diligence is recognised. There is no subjectivity in this process. Unfortunately, there was an error in the software. History and Geography as well as the MADD Subjects were calculated in containers. This was the first time that we had used containers. The computer failed to recognise these subjects and therefore did not include the Diligence symbols in these subjects. I explained the error and apologised to the affected students at Headmaster's Assembly on 13 February 2017 and I would like to convey my apologies to the parents who were not present when their child was honoured for their diligent efforts.

A special mention goes to the Grade 9 class of 2016. This grade appeared to not to be as diligent as the other grades due to the limited number of diligence awards. This is untrue, both the rectified number of diligence awards and academic awards are an indication that this is a grade with as much potential as any other grade in the College. I am very proud of this group, as are all the other staff at the College.

The following students were honoured with Diligence Awards:

Grade 8	Grade 9
Eden Backman	Keshin Bheema
Matthew de Villiers	Ethan Brent
Kumbirai Dziruni	Julia Campbell
Nicholas Els	Kelly Chalmers
Aiden Enslin	Daniel Cunningham-Scott
Jessica Goulding	Nicole Diepeveen
Anastasia Hadjidemetriou	Tamsin Gallichan
Bonolo Mahlangu	Dane Groves
Simphiwe Majokane	Jessica Harris
Sarah Moralee	Kirsten Hope
Chloe Morrison	Joshua Jandrell
Connor Roberts	Kosmas Joannou
Dhiya Singh	Marios Joannou
	Erin Lai Thom
	Ntando Mabuya
	Shréyan Maharaj
	Tatum McCraw
	Kailin Naidoo
	Zanele Ngubane
	Jordyn Nitch
	Tanya Paul
	Darren Piaray
	Julia Schroeder
	Tsai-Yu Shih
	Kerry Tucker
	Anthony van Kerckhoven
	Abigail van Staden
	Megan van Staden
	Robert Walker
	Sarah Yaman

The following students are congratulated on their **Cross Key Awards**:

Grade 8 - Josh Nalder

Grade 9 - Luke Leatherbarrow and Robert Walker

Grade 10 - Smangaliso Dube and Courtney Sandham

Grade 11 - Jemma Mould and Daniel Schurbohm

And last but not least, Tadiwanashe Zororo was awarded **Half Colours for Academics**. This young lady is an 8 Subject Student. She is congratulated on this wonderful achievement.

Mrs Shelly Matthews

Deputy Head: Academics

Student News

Youth Chapel – Spiritual Committee

Chapel and Eucharist Services are very formal. We enter the hall with the preconception that we're going to be seated in a stuffy hall, having to listen to a long and winding sermon. This should not be the attitude we have when we're off to offer ourselves to our Lord. Luckily, The Spiritual Committee is determined to change the stigma around Chapel and make it a time where we not only grow in faith, but in relation with God. One of the mandates for the Spiritual Committee this year is to run a Youth Chapel Service (YC) every two weeks, where every week is led by a different grade. We've already had two very successful services led by the Matric students and the grade 11s.



"It's the little things that count" – this was the theme for the Matric YC. The message spoke about how even the smallest of things can make everything okay. We learnt to appreciate the things that we take for granted and rather thank God our Almighty Father for the seemingly small blessings that He has graciously bestowed on us. We had a reference scripture which came from Luke 13: 18-21. We were ministered to by Khanyi Ndlovu as she sang beautifully a song that correlated with our theme. The energy in the hall was incredible, and the College seems to be warming up to this 'Youth Chapel Service Thing'. It's wonderful!

Two weeks later the Grade 11s blew us away with their very deep message about love and worthiness. Their theme was "He still loves me." The group that led the YC came up with a very creative way to minister to the school, by making their service a talk show, which was called "Confession Time". In this show, we witnessed different episodes of how we fall short of one another's trust, kindness, friendship and many more. After each episode, was a scripture reading that spoke about 'loving thy neighbour' and 'how to be better'. After Confession Time had ended Vuyo Tshwele wrapped up the service with a very heartfelt and relevant message that spoke about sharing love, being love and being receptive of love. She spoke about how God is so merciful that **He still loves us**, even though we are always falling short of His Glory. It was a very good message. Finally the Grade 11 YC closed off with Beyonce's famous song "He still loves me". By the way the chapel band did an AWESOME job with that song and the entire school absolutely loved it!



We look forward to the next Youth Chapels and the enthusiasm that The College has towards them.

Pelo Mpuu (Grade 12)

Peer Tutor Committee

The Peer Tutor Committee is a group run by Grade 12 students, to aid other students with their studies. The programme is aimed at all grades, and seeks to set up a 'one-on-one' time where students who are struggling with any subjects, can get help from their Grade 12 tutor. During the lesson, concepts which the students do not understand, can be thoroughly explained, students can get help with their homework and revise work for cycle tests. This creates another learning time outside of the classroom, though far more relaxed and interactive, which makes learning far easier. The one-on-one nature of the programme also means all focus is directed at the student, to ensure they understand their work. Sometimes the tutors can actually get a concept across in a simpler way than the teacher can, because they would have

been taught it before, and interpreted it in their own, 'student-friendly' way. Studies have shown that peer tutoring is one of the most successful learning experiences for both student and tutor.

Posters are situated around the school with the contact details of our peer tutors, and their respective subjects. All your child needs to do is email the tutor they would wish to see, and arrange a time slot with them. This is an extremely beneficial programme for your child, and we really encourage the students to take advantage of this great opportunity!

Alessandro Gueli (Grade 12)

Grade 9 Camp

The expectations of the Grade 9 camp to Chameleon Academy in Mountain Sanctuary Park was that it was going to be like any other camp experience with teamwork exercises, mud, obstacle courses and a very early curfew...

Chameleon Academy was anything but that! There were: fun hikes; swims in the river; survival course; kloofing and geocaching!

Upon arrival we were greeted by a man by the name of Stevovo who lead us along the winding dirt paths to a wide open grass area where we would be setting up our tents. We grabbed our bags, tents and sleeping mats and ran to get the best possible spot for our tents. The campsite was well kept and organised, the view was impeccable from the side of the small mountain, trees surrounded us and the beautiful sunrises and sunsets were easy to see from the campsite.

Once everyone was settled in, the grade was split up and we were each informed on our separate activities. The walks and hikes were lots of fun and were enjoyed by the majority of the grade. The paths were clear and bent through trees, long grass, rocky terrain and at last a river! The boys were eager to dive into the clear river water. The girls, with caution, jumped into the water and we all splashed around. The survival discussions were very informative and fun to talk about while walking through the thick bush.

Geocaching was an enlightening experience as we were taught how to use a compass effectively and how to perform the activity. The rules of the game were to find as many checkpoints around the mountainside. These checkpoints were hidden in trees, bushes, under rocks and on signs. Some checkpoints were worth more points than others as to how tricky they were to find. The best way to find the checkpoints is to use the compass and find, using the co-ordinates given, the direction each checkpoint is. From the moment it started teams were sprinting off into the bush!

Kloofing was an exciting experience that the whole grade enjoyed. Since arrival, the grade was excited to do this activity. After a long walk the group reached a canyon with a strip of water below and we slowly descended till we were in the shallow water. Then down the river we went, we made our way down the thin body of water, hopping from rock to rock, splashing through the shallow water, swimming through the deep water, sliding down rocks and jumping off of rocks to the deep water below. The experience was riveting and thoroughly enjoyed by students and teachers too!

After the activities we were able to walk down to the big blue pool and swim. The pool also had a great view and students enjoyed sun-tanning and swimming. Before, between and after activities was breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dinner was especially enjoyed by the grade as we were split into groups of threes, fours and fives and given a gas cooker with pans and pots that fit into each other to cook with. We were given simple ingredients such as smash, mince, onions, noodles etc. and had to cook it for dinner. It was so much fun cooking together with friends while the sunset was in full view and the smell of food in the air!

We were then instructed to shower and get ready for sleep. On the second day it was raining continuously and people were drenched in water, we then did activities inside that were just as fun! During that night some people were swimming in their tents as some got flooded with water due to the rain.

The Grade 9 camp was preparation for the Grade 10 camp where we will go hiking in the Drakensberg mountains. We will need to bring our own bedding, tents, food and clothes for the hike and cook our own food. Grade 9 camp was a fun experience and the whole grade thoroughly enjoyed it and we are now prepared for the next year to come!

Sabrina Jansen (Grade 9)



Grade 8 an 9 Valentine's Social

The evening of Friday, 10 February marked the day of extreme excitement for the Grade 8s and 9s.

Six o'clock arrived and the hall, marvelously decorated with all things red and pink, was overflowing with dancing teenagers, dressed for the occasion. That time of the year had arrived again – The Valentine's Day Social.

MAC's Music, our mobile DJ for the night, definitely fulfilled everyone's expectations as the music they played was met with hearty cheers and students singing along at the top of their voices. An occasional ballade was thrown into the mix, and the atmosphere transformed into a more romantic and Valentine-appropriate vibe.

Towards the end of the evening, the Grade 8s and 9s waited with baited breath while the Matric Dance Committee members announced the Best Dressed and Cutest Couple prizes. And within the blink of an eye, it was pumpkin hour and the social was over. Was it really already time to head home?

A huge thank you goes to the MDC and Mrs Müller, who willingly gave up her Friday evening to oversee the whole event, for making it a very successful evening. Many bonds were made and lots of fun was had. The evening perfectly reflected true Valentine's Day spirit, and it will continue to be talked about until next year.

Erin Lyle (Grade 12 – MDC)



Co-Curricular News

Dance

The Dance League crew had a fantastic start to their year with some good performances in the **Dance Street Summer League**.

Our first event was held at Redhill, where we faced some new faces and old nemeses from Redhill and Queen's College. Some students were performing for the first time and really made St Peter's proud with their performances. Many of our girls made semi-finals and final rounds for their age groups, while most of the boys had to deal with a straight final for their first outing. Congratulations to **Katiso Mochela** for winning the U/16 Girls category and **Zinhle Mthembu** for 3rd place in the Open Girls section.

Our second meeting was held on home ground, where we had wonderful support from our students as well as a large team to compete. It was great to see the amount of St Peter's shirts on the dancefloor. We faced Redhill again, as well as some strong competition overall, particularly from Randburg High. Despite having one school arrive very late, our dancers held their composure in some very crowded finals and produced stellar results across the board.

Congratulations to the following for achieving places in their respective categories:

Open Girls

Katlego Mojapelo – 1st Place

Lehlogonolo Maripane – 2nd Place

U/16 Girls

Katiso Mochela – 1st Place

Tamryn Govender – 3rd Place

U/14 Girls

Thato Makhubedu – 1st Place

Lauren Bowes – 3rd Place

Open Boys

Katlego Senabe – 2nd Place

Chebwa Chiluba – 3rd Place

U/16 Boys

Sicelo Mgaga – 3rd Place



We look forward to our next event after half term!

Mr Izak Botha and Mr Mathew Kirkland
MIC Dance and Team Manager



Cricket

DATE	AGE GROUP	VS	RESULT
11/2	1st Team	Aurora	Aurora won by 22 runs
18/2	1st Team	Bastion	St Peter's won by 7 wickets
11/2	U15	Aurora	St Peter's won by 9 Wickets
18/2	U15	Bastion	St Peter's won by 185 runs
11/2	U14	Redhill	Redhill won by 197
15/2	U14	Bastion	St Peter's won by 5 wickets

Equestrian

Results of Qualifier One: 11 and 12 February

RIDER	EVENT	RESULT
Imogen Imbert	1m A2 Show Jumping	1st
	1m Competition	9th
	Novice Dressage	3 rd & 6th
Amy Shackleton	1.10m Competition	7th
	1m Equitation	6th
	80's competition	15th
Samantha Meiring	80 cm A2 competition	6th
	3 rd in Competition	
Caitlin Goodman	Equitation & Show Jumping	Clear Rounds
Erin Dos Santos	Level 7 Competition	2nd
	Level 7 Equitation	1st
Kayla van der Bergh	90 cm Equitation	6th
Nolo Maripane	70 cm Equitation	4th
	80 cm A2 Show Jumping	10th
Mikaila Fintelman	1.20 m Competition	1st
	1.20 A2 Competition	2nd
Stella Sharp	70 cm Working Hunter	1st
Andrew Thomas	Novice Dressage	4th
	Working Riding Level 5	4 th
	Equitation 90 cm	6 th
	Competition 90 cm	6 th
	Working Hunter 90 cm	5 th
	Handy Hunter	1st
Chanel Thomas	90cm Working Hunter	1st
	1.10cm Competition	4th

Tennis

The Girls' A Inter High was held on Saturday, 11 February. It is usually the top four girls who attend this event. Michelle Ncube, Jessica Webb, Jessica Harris and Justeene Hallows took part. Couple One was on a roll and won all their games. Couple Two played their hearts out and managed to get great totals too. They competed against schools like St Stithians, St Mary's, Helpmekaar, St Andrew's and Brescia House. The girls made us proud and ended in the 11th position out of 25 schools.

On Tuesday, 14 February, the girls played against Kingsmead and were undefeated. On Friday, 17 February, the boys played against King's School Robin Hills and beat them by vast differences.

Date	Team	Versus	Score	Win / Loss
14 February	Girls A	Kingsmead A	73 - 53	Win
17 February	Boys A	King's School Robin Hills	79 - 20	Win

So far the tennis teams at St Peter's College have been undefeated. We are very proud of their achievements and I am convinced that they will achieve greatly for the remaining games.

Mrs Cornel Malan

MIC: Tennis

Water Polo

DATE	AGE GROUP	VS	RESULT
Boys			
11/02	U/14	Rand Park	10-1 Win
	U/14	St David's	7-2 Loss
	U/15	Rand Park	5-3 Win
	U/15	St David's	6-4 Loss
	U/16	St David's	6-4 Loss
	1st Team	Rand Park	9-2 Win
	1st Team	St David's	8-2 Win
Girls			
15/02		Rand Park & Roedean	TBA
		Old Mutual Final	TBA

Mr Nardus Badenhorst

MIC: Water Polo