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### Message from the Headmaster

Dear St Peter's family,

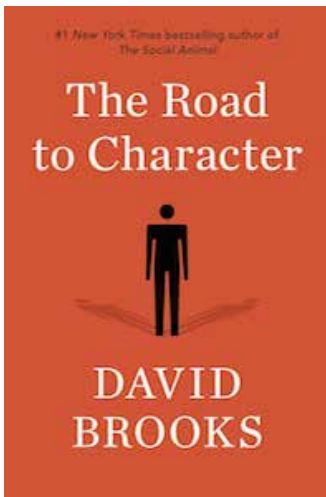
#### THE RESUMÉ TRAP: PROCESS and PRODUCT

My **sincere thanks** go to many members of our school community who played a part in the resounding success of our **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports and Cultural Festival**. The printed programme carried a title that explained the "St Peter's ethos is the reason", and in characteristic St Petrian style an over-riding sense of happiness prevailed. Well done to everyone for hosting our 45 visiting schools so well.

Over the same weekend the annual **SAHISA conference** for Heads took place, which I skipped but have since heard there were some superb presentations. The closing breakfast address was given by the Director of the King David schools group in Johannesburg, **Craig Kacev**, and with permission from the conference organiser I wish to share some of his wisdom.

Some of these comments are important given the season we are soon to enter, with the Prefect leadership selection process and Co-Curricular and Academic Prize Giving events that will soon take place.

**Marc Prensky** (more famous for his book on *Teaching Digital Natives*) wrote a piece in which he argues that "learning" is not the goal of our students, for if this was the case then school would be about becoming learned i.e. knowing lots of information. Rather he suggests, the real **goal of education is becoming**, and he defines this as becoming a good person or **becoming a more capable person**. In the process of becoming we ask whether children are becoming something more than they were before, better thinkers, more able, making the world a better place and the like. There is nothing wrong with having more information but that is a means not an end. This focus helps teachers realise that they are teaching students and not subjects.



It is important to **distinguish between the processes of education, presenting opportunities for real growth of potential, as opposed to a narrow focus on the product**. As adults we regularly strive to achieve success in tangible ways that are recognized in the external world: money, fame, power, status, etc. In a school context this is often mirrored by students' attention to leadership/positions, the marks, the awards, the recommendations collected and the like. Whether it's as children or as adults, **these fixations on product can later on lead to the realisation that something important is missing from the journey**.

**David Brooks** in his recent book, *The Road to Character* captures the issue so well when he differentiates between **Resume virtues and Eulogy virtues**. The resume virtues are the ones you list on your resume, the skills that you bring to the job market like your degrees, awards and the like. Eulogy values are deeper. They are the virtues that are spoken of at a funeral, the ones that reflect the core you; whether you were kind or honest, brave or faithful or maybe all of the above. We all know that the

eulogy virtues are far more important and so **we must be cautious as teachers and parents about pushing day in and day out exclusively for better results, more badges or award scrolls and greater recognition**.

As schools we must be cautious about only emphasising one thing results – and falling into the resumé trap - which is the output side of the equation and forget that we are really **agents in character development**. Balance is best. We are committed to the lifelong process of committing our children to build real deep eulogy virtues so as to make sure that they are equipped to succeed in whatever role they find themselves in the future.

Best wishes for a pleasant Heritage weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr Murray Thomas  
Headmaster

## Academic News

### Textbooks for 2016 – Orders Now Closed

All textbook orders placed and payments received have now been processed. Thank you to all the parents who attended to this so diligently.

**NB:** The school shop can only assume that parents of students for whom we **did not** receive a signed quote, order or payment, will make their own arrangements to obtain the necessary books from other source for their child for 2016.

### 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](mailto:deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za).

*Mrs Nerina Deeb*  
*School Shop Manager*

### Gate Passes

Please be reminded of the requirements for attaining a Gate Pass. Possible scenarios .....

#### For appointments made in advance

1. The Grade Head and CC the receptionist ([mfekhis@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:mfekhis@stpeterscollege.co.za)) must be informed of the appointment, in advance via e-mail. This must happen at least **24 hours** prior to the appointment. No telephone call will be accepted as notification of an appointment.
2. The 24 hour notice period allows for the receptionist to prepare a Gate Pass.
3. On the morning (by the latest 07:30) of the appointment, the gate pass may be collected by the student.
4. It is the student's responsibility to have the Gate Pass signed off and the missed work recorded by all the relevant teachers.
5. The Grade Head must sign the Gate Pass once **ALL** relevant teachers have signed.
6. The Gate Pass must be returned to reception by the latest **09:30**.
7. The Deputy Heads will approve the Gate Passes at **09:30**. All Gate Passes submitted after **09:30** will not be processed.
8. Thereafter the receptionist will sign and release the student to the parents.
9. The Gate Pass must be submitted to the guards at the gate.

#### In cases of emergency

Cases of emergency include as examples, a death in the family, an accident and traumatic experiences.

1. A telephone call will be accepted as a notification. Please contact the receptionist should you wish to remove your child from school immediately.
2. The receptionist will process a Gate Pass and have it approved by the Deputies.
3. In an event of you as a parent being unable to fetch your child, please inform the receptionist of the details of the person collecting your child.
4. Thereafter the receptionist will sign and release the student to the parents.
5. The Gate Pass must be submitted to the guards at the gate.

#### An ill or injured student

1. A telephone call will be made by the receptionist to the parent as notification of an illness or an injury. Students are not permitted to contact their parents directly in place of the receptionist.
2. If a student does not follow the process, a Gate Pass cannot be processed. This may inconvenience the parent.
6. If a student extremely ill, we do not require the student to obtain the teachers' signatures. This will be signed off by one of the Deputy Heads and stamped and signed by the receptionist.

*Mrs Shelly Matthews*  
*Deputy Headmistress: Academics*

## Annual Sports and Cultural Festival

Raw determination lights in the eyes of players, tension radiates as the penalty shot just misses and the crowds roar with untamed excitement as the final basket secures the win. Emotion stings the air and everyone is simply alive with spirit. A hearty, warm welcome to the heart of our St Peter's College Sports and Cultural Festival!

This is an event that has a proudly reserved spot in the diary every year and with absolute reason! It is the College's biggest festival, bringing 45 schools together to celebrate the colour and competition on both the sports grounds and in the MADD Centre ...and even beyond – into intense chess matches, beautifully written speeches and vibrant music! 2015 has proven to be no exception...

On Friday, we were all freed from the academic side of things (enough to put a smug grin on the faces of most!) in order to support, participate and just get involved in the festivities. The Grade 9s, however, had their Entrepreneurship Day, and were given the opportunity to show off their goodies and attempt to lure our visitors. Well, they certainly pulled out all the stops... from a gleaming silver McLaren, to homemade funky tie-died shirts and then a limited edition of striped Eos (the latest and greatest teenager craze: imported lipbalm!) Success was simply inevitable and the promise of profit became more of a glorious reality with each new customer!

The basketball courts saw many incredible lay-ups and some pretty impressive skill. There also proved to be truckloads of raw talent and lots of serious eye-candy for the ladies both there, and on the soccer fields! Netball, which only started on Saturday, was just as fantastic. All in all, the spectators were treated to countless, truly memorable games and the participants had the divine privilege of challenging renowned rivals and playing against some of South Africa's top high schools.

Moving into the cultural sphere of things, one can simply say it was rather awesome! The street art took the cake though as it really held its own! Students came up with the most creative and inspiring chalk masterpieces. 'The Power of Education' was the prescribed theme and was uniquely woven into each extraordinary design. However, if art wasn't quite your cup of tea, the Music tent was just around the corner. Throughout the weekend it pulsed with electrifying rock, silky jazz blues, the sweetest of melodies and again, lots of raw talent! A number of ensembles and individual musicians did St Peter's proud and provided the perfect background beat for those on the Luthuli fields.

This weekend, St Peter's College was also the host of the annual Inter-high Dance Competition. It is an extremely prestigious event and after watching just a few routines, it can be said that the dancers were indeed of the finest quality! Each school can be exceptionally proud of their innovative and just exquisite performances!

And then to the perhaps unsung heroes of the tournament: our devoted chess team and our brilliant orators. You guys were marvelous!! Many public speakers raised some thought-provoking points as to the trials and tribulations of our modern existence while others spoke about whatever they felt passionately. Chess made a profound debut, as 2015 was indeed the first time the game had been incorporated into the Festival.

This year's Sports and Cultural Festival gave new meaning to the word 'Brilliance'. Each performer and player shone with brilliance and with the honour of wearing their school badge; providing the perfect entertainment for a brilliant weekend! Cheers to the brilliance of many more such occasions!

*Hannah Leatherbarrow (Gr10)*

### Chess

This is the first year chess has been included at the St Peter's College Sport Festival. Over 12 schools entered the tournament each entering a team of 6 that would compete for the number one position overall. St Peter's College entered two teams at the festival since we were the hosts.

The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Prestige

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: St Peter's A

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Crawford Lonehill

8<sup>th</sup> Place: St Peter's B

Player of the tournament: Ernest from Prestige College

Thank you to all the players for their commitment and dedication to the tournament.

It was an all-round success thanks to Ms Walugembe. We look forward to taking 1st place next year!



### Public Speaking

Instead of hosting a debating tournament, this year it was decided to have a public speaking festival. There were nearly 100 speakers that took part, speaking about a topic of their choice. It was a very interesting day filled with topics that were unique, funny, and for the most part thought-provoking! St Peter's did really well in the event, having many speakers from the College and showing the confidence that we embody as a school!

Waterstone was the overall winner taking home the trophy, and St Peter's College came second. All of us from the College thought it would be really nice if we, the hosts, allowed another school to win this year so that we can win for the next 10 years without any questions being asked. Dhyan Saravanja was the winner for the juniors and Tadiwanashe Zororo was the runner-up. CJ Christodoulou was the runner-up for the seniors.

Well done to all the speakers and we look forward to taking back the trophy next year!

*Daniel Martin (Gr11)*



The public speaking component of the Sports and Cultural Festival was a mouthful for many people, literally! From Barbie dolls to the government, every single speech was music to the adjudicator's ears. It was quite a rough competition, and we were up against many talented schools. In the end, Dhyan Saravanja in Grade 9 won the category for best junior speaker, and St Peter's College came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Well done to all the speakers!

*Shreyan Maharaj (Gr8)*

### Basketball

Michael Mount managed to win both the boys' and girls' cup this year. The St Peter's boys' 1<sup>st</sup> team won three of their games and lost four, unfortunately not making it past the group stages. Our girls' 1<sup>st</sup> team won three and lost four of their matches, landing them in the quarterfinals where unfortunately they lost to Norkem Park High. Well done to all who took part and to the organisers for a wonderful basketball tournament.

*Kim Williamson (Gr9)*

### Netball

Netball was one of the most popular girl's participation sports over the weekend. It exists in a culture where sport plays an important public and social part of life. The netball was well supported by 22 participating schools, sporting students, teachers, coaches and parents. Our girls qualified for the quarter-finals which was a great achievement and all the teams are to be congratulated on their efforts over the weekend.

*Chesnay Havenga (Gr10)*

### Soccer Girls

On Friday, 18 September, the annual Sports and Cultural Festival got off to a start - a time when all the hard work and training is finally put to the test and every player is pushed to their greatest potential. And so on that Friday the 1st team soccer girls had their first few games where we played Mondeor, Enjabulweni, and lastly, Dainfern. We won all three.

There was great support and cheering from the sidelines as we did a clean sweep and beat our last pool match against Waterford. That placed us 1<sup>st</sup> in our pool which led us to play Kliptown in the quarter-finals. Nerves and passion were evident on the field but this only contributed to another victory which then took us into the semi-finals. On the final day of the tournament (after not sleeping the previous night) we lost to Kwa-Bekhilanga. Everyone was quiet in the change room and there were many tears, but this



only made us want to fight more for the final match. The last game was nail biting as it came down to penalties, but we played with so much heart that we ended up taking bronze. The bond that we created throughout that tournament and the feeling of what a team really is will remain with us forever.

*Joslyn Lategan (Gr11)*

### Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Day 2015

The Grade Nines held an entrepreneurship day across the first two days of the action packed Sports and Cultural Festival. It was an eye-opening experience into the business world for all the Grade Nines. We all learned a vast amount about how difficult, stressful, yet fun, running a business can be.

There was a wide variety of stalls, ranging from customised t-shirts to playing X-box. All the students had to design a name, logo and slogan for their group along with keeping track of sales and money on the day with receipts and stock taking. Every group had to brand and leave their mark on all their products to ensure people knew from where they got their awesome purchases!

There was music being played amongst the stalls which ensured a fun-filled experience for the customers and even for the shop keepers! I didn't realise how much of a people person I was until I worked at my stall with my friends over those two days interacting with people from other schools and environments.

At the end of the two days after all the money had been counted, 10% of the profits that every group made was donated to the House Build Programme for 2016 – YOUunity. It was a very unforgettable two days with memories most of us will cherish forever.

*Nicole Brent (Gr9)*

### Inter-High Dance Competition

Between 17 and 19 September St Peter's College hosted the Inter-high dance competition held in our very own MADDitorium.

Nine schools competed for a place in the finals to be held on Friday 19 September where the final dance-off would reveal the overall winner. The St Peter's dance team made it to the finals but we faced stiff competition especially from Hoërskool Florida who were judged to be the best overall dance team by a highly respected and qualified panel of judges. Our dance team won best make-up and both of our dance captains, Deven and Tino, won individual awards for their dancing.



We will be back stronger and better next year and are confident that the overall winner award will return to St Peter's. The dance team would like to thank Mr Botha, Miss Fraser and the captains for their tireless efforts to put St Peter's College on the map as a dance team to be reckoned with!

*Dani Knight (Gr10)*

### Music Chill Zone

There was a real festive atmosphere this year at the Chill Zone with many participants and spectators. On Friday we were entertained by our own talented musicians and DJ's and it was great to relax in the shade on the bean bags. Chip n Dip did a roaring trade.

Saturday dawned and it was freezing cold. Thank goodness Seattle Coffee was there bright and early. We are very fortunate at St Peter's College that we have an opportunity to showcase our music and culture. Eight hours of solid music and slices of yummy cake is a great way to spend the day! For me the highlights of the day were the Kliptown Youth Program's energetic gumboot dancers, the colourful outfits worn by the Dominican Convent choir and Sutherland High School's incredibly talented rock band. Their rendition of Nirvana's 'Smells like teen spirit' sounded just like the original. Thank you Ms Mullins, Mrs Robertson and the music moms who made this Chill Zone one to remember. Looking forward to next year!

*Dani Knight (Gr10)*



### Chase Foundation - Exchange Student

Dear Parents,

As part of our relationship with the Chase Foundation, we once again will be hosting an exchange student from Argentina, Elias Zalegas, who will attend St Peter's College from 24 January - 3 April 2016.

We are once again looking for a family to host Elias during the period of his stay at the College, preferably a family with a son in Grade 11.

Here is a summary of Elias' background:

Name – Elias Zalegas

Date of birth – 9 July 1999 (Age 17 years)

Father's name – Oscar

Father's Occupation – Technician

Mother's name – Gabriela

Mother's occupation - Pharmacist

Favourite school subjects – History, Philosophy, English and Physics

Least favourite – Math

Sport – Tennis

Gabriel is from Metan in the Salta province of Argentina. Metan is in the far North of Argentina and traditionally 99% Hispanic.

He has a passionate interest for new cultures and customs not to mention languages. He is currently learning Japanese. He will indeed apply all to his Academics and clearly shows that he will embrace all in South Africa.

In Argentina he does apply himself to his Academics taking time out to play the piano.

He would like to play tennis whilst in South Africa.

He does place emphasis on team work. He does have a very sunny disposition. He does consider himself a good leader and has the ability to resolve problems by himself; displaying exceptionally independence.

He holds his family and friends in high-esteem and enjoys meeting new people from different cultures. In his spare time not only does he play piano but he volunteers at his mother's pharmacy and enjoys watching Japanese cartoons and playing video games. And of course being with his friends (very sociable young man)

He knows that being accepted into our Academic and Cultural Program will ensure that not only will his Academics improve but his command of the English language. He has emphasized that he is exceptionally interested in all South African cultures.

Showing a very positive attitude to the Program is one of the characteristics the Chase Foundation always ensures, as well taking charge of the Program once accepted by the Chase Foundation. Elias clearly demonstrates all.

He is a student with high potential and has the capability of development on a personal level as well as in academics.

If you are interested in hosting Elias, please contact Mr Morais on [moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za)

## Co-Curricular News

### Cricket

Congratulations to Devyn Hadfield who has been selected by Diverse Sports, his Club league team, along with 22 other boys to play in a 5 match tour of Sri Lanka from 2 - 12 October. Devyn will Captain the U19 side. They will tour with an U17 side with both teams playing 3 x 50 over games and 2 x T20's. Three of the games will be played in Colombo and the remaining two games in Candy. We wish Devyn all of the best on this tour.

### Strikers Cricket Club

The Strikers Cricket Club has recently launched at St Peter's College; we are looking forward to being a part of the Cricket setup at the College. The Strikers Club is offering St Peter's students first option of being involved with the young senior sides.

#### Member Benefits

- All year round team coaching
- Up to 20% discount on
- Strikers Academy coaching
- Virtual Cricket
- Cricket Equipment
- Personal online profile
- Personalised Training and tournament kit
- Qualify for club team selection

**Strikers Club Details Location:** St Peter's College

**Practice day and times:** Thursday 17:00 – 19:00

**Match details:** GCB league, T20 tournaments, winter league, Hong Kong 6's

**Fees:** R1,075 (Admin, Registration and Kit fee once off); R 320pm (Coaching, balls, fields, scorers, umpires and affiliation)

**Register:** Click [here](#) the link below to register

**Contact:** [info@strikerscricket.co.za](mailto:info@strikerscricket.co.za) or visit [www.strikerscricket.co.za](http://www.strikerscricket.co.za)

### Equestrian

Three of St Peter's College's Equestrian Team attended the Gauteng Provincial Awards evening at Holy Rosary Convent, Edenvale on Friday, 18 September. Gauteng Jo'burg Metro came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Province with 8,428 points.



The team members who received their provincial colours:

- Andrew Thomas: Level 1 Show jumping, Level 2 Equitation, Level 5 Performance riding
- Caitlin Goodman: Level 4 Equitation
- Imogen Imbert: Level 2 Dressage , Level 4 Equitation
- Kayla van der Burgh: Level 1 Equitation
- Mikaila Fintelman: Level 3 Working Hunter, Level 4 Equitation



Kayla, Andrew and Imogen with their provincial colours certificates.

## Tennis

### Holiday Clinic

Here's to a very WARM welcome back to spring and our tennis season.

The tennis season kicked off with a clinic run by Benjamin, our coach, and his team during the last week of the holidays. As always the clinic was well attended even after the first day of Benjamin's fitness regime! The players were exhausted but exhilarated.

It is also exciting to see some new players who have joined our wonderful group of girls and boys who form part of a dedicated team. We hope everyone felt welcome and had fun. Please continue to support tennis ... it's not just a sport, it's a lifestyle.

At our tennis meeting last Thursday evening Cornel and Benjamin presented us with a very exciting opportunity for our players to travel to Portugal in April 2016 to attend a tennis academy. They will be exposed to European coaches as well as playing on astro courts. Benjamin is also working on organising a match or two. This tour is not restricted to A team players ... everyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful opportunity to be exposed to international coaching not to mention team building.



Tennis Tour 2016: Portugal, Algarve, Praia da Luz, Luz Bay Hotel

For further information please contact Cornel Malan at St Peter's College ([malanc@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:malanc@stpeterscollege.co.za)).

HAPPY DAYS PLAYING TENNIS AT ST PETER'S

*Mrs Sharon Maack*

*Tennis Parents Committee*

## Swimming

### Gauteng Schools Swimming Championships

Congratulations to **Alex Krastanov** who competed in 8 events and swam five personal best times. He achieved the following medals:

Silver – 50 metre backstroke

Silver – 100 metre backstroke

Bronze – 200 metre backstroke.

**Sean Moodley** swam 9 events, achieving his personal best in two events.

Medals: Silver – 100m backstroke, Bronze – 50m fly, Bronze – 50m backstroke

#### **Water Polo**

Well done to the 1st Team Girls who won against Pretoria Girls 9-3 in the latest round of Roedean Old Mutual Tournament on 19 September 2015.

Upcoming Events

**OJWA**  
**in MZANSI**

PERFORMANCES IN THE  
**MADDITORIUM** AT  
ST PETER'S COLLEGE

19, 20, 21, 27, 28  
October 2015  
@ 7pm

Ticket Price: R50  
Available on [www.webtickets.co.za](http://www.webtickets.co.za)

MDC AND PA WILL BE SELLING ON THE NIGHT

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## St Peter's Christmas Market

Date: Saturday 28 November 2015  
Place: St Peter's School, 105 Witkoppen Road, Paulshof  
Time: From 14:00 onwards

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the **St Peter's Christmas Market**.

A wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies! This market has grown in popularity each year. It is held prior to the St Peter's Sunset Carols which attracted over 2 000 people last year.

The aim of the market is to sell products which would appeal as Christmas gifts. Any ideas are considered! Food vendors and children's entertainment such as face painting, sand art, etc. are welcome.

All goods will be screened – to avoid repetition and the incidence of inappropriate goods.

The price per stall is R500. (St Peter's School parents will be charged R400)

Be part of this exciting event!

Please email: [carols@stpeters.co.za](mailto:carols@stpeters.co.za)