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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Heritage Day

Tomorrow, Saturday, 24 September, we will celebrate **Heritage Day**. Heritage Day is a [South African public holiday](#) where South Africans across the spectrum are encouraged to celebrate their culture, the diversity of their beliefs and traditions, in the wider context of a nation that belongs to all its people.

St Peter's College will celebrate this occasion at a Eucharist Service this coming Monday, 26 September. It is an opportunity to remember our cultural heritage and the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. As a school community we always try and uphold our core values of respect, relationships, responsibility and resilience, by establishing an environment:

- That is welcoming to all;
- Where students, parents and staff value themselves and learn to respect differences that exist in our society;
- That understands that we are united in diversity and that diversity brings strength;
- That promotes dissonance and discourse in a safe space, within a framework of ethical and value based rules, and which leads to a greater understanding of the social relevance of identity and diversity.
- Diversity will be valued and celebrated
- Debate will be encouraged especially around issues of identity and diversity.

Staff Matters

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of some changes in our staff complement:

- Mrs Boni Mabaso (IsiZulu) has accepted a post at St Mary's Waverley. Mrs Phangisile Mtambo who is currently in a part time capacity teaching IsiZulu at the College will take up the permanent IsiZulu post with effect January 2017.
- Ms Jenette Reitsma (French) will be relocating to the Eastern Cape. Ms Margarete Malan, who has a BA Honours majoring in French, as well as the DELF B2 Certification from the French Ministry of Education (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française), will join our African Languages Department with effect January 2017.
- Mr Kyle van der Merwe (English) has accepted a teaching post at Brescia. Mrs Sarah da Silva who has just completed a PhD in English Literature through King's College, London, and is currently in a part time position at St Peter's College, will take over the permanent position with effect January 2017.
- Ms Andrea Balzer (Business Studies) has resigned and will be pursuing other interests.
- Ms Kerry Winson (Life Sciences) has accepted a position at Fourways High School

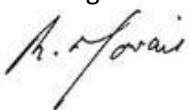
Sports Festival

I want to thank Mr Brian Armitage, Ms Saranne Hudson, Mr Izak Botha, Ms Theresa Monoyoudis, Mrs Tania Else and the PA for running a very successful 13th Annual Sports and Cultural Festival.

It was wonderful to see the myriad of sporting and cultural activities on offer, as St Peter's hosted 3,000 participants, 45 schools, plus parents, friends and families. The teams on the day were diverse, encompassing independent schools, former model C schools and previously disadvantaged schools, as well as, teams from our neighbouring countries, namely Waterford and Enjabulweni from Swaziland. Even though we faced inclement weather on the Sunday, and the netball and basketball had to be cancelled for safety reasons, it didn't detract from the wonderful atmosphere and the overall success of the Festival.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Marketing and Admissions News

We are delighted to share with you that the College Grade 8 2017 intake is now officially full with a number of waitlisted applications. Thank you so much to the team: Mrs Simone Hope and Mrs Tanya Oakes in the Admissions Office for administering the process so efficiently and Mr Morais for his tireless enthusiasm for each interview.

Thank you to the staff and students of St Peter's College for all their support, our College is a wonderful showcase at any time and we receive many compliments from prospective families on the conduct and warmth of the St Peter's College community.

I am particularly proud and appreciative of our students. They are amazing ambassadors of their school and parents may not be aware of just how much they do. Some of their contributions include PR support at Open Days (speakers, tour guides, classroom representatives, creative arts representatives), prefect representatives at high school exhibitions, conducting presentations, their posts on our social media, the articles written and photos taken for the Keyhole and other media. I am often astonished at their willingness to assist – especially when off-the-cuff - but I have realised that their passion for St Peter's is so ingrained that they have no hesitation in speaking from the heart.

Please follow our Facebook page to keep up with the great things our students are doing at the College: <https://www.facebook.com/Stpeterscoll/?fref=ts>

Ms Theresa Monoyoudis
Marketing Manager



Annual Sports and Cultural Festival

The Sports and Cultural Festival saw schools from all over South Africa coming to participate in a weekend of fun competition.

Basketball

Last weekend, the basketball courts witnessed some serious skill, sweat and determination! Our College boys' and girls' teams played a number of other schools, including our biggest rivals, Michael Mount Waldorf School! The tournament was rained out so no overall results were obtained.

That having been said, Friday and Saturday proved to be days that none of the players would likely forget, particularly the matrics. The Fest was their last high school tournament so emotions were running high.

April Donnelly shared how this last festival was *"all about making memories and enjoying the moment"*. The new 1st Team coach said that he has been really impressed with the organisation of the Sports and Cultural Festival and how nice he's found it to be able to watch so many different sports...even though he is only really passionate about basketball! A group of Saheti girls commented on how much they *"just loved the basketball shade thingies"* and a St David's basketball player said how he really likes the *"vibe of everything"*. We couldn't agree more!



All things Netball and Soccer

For the soccer boys, St David's beat Kliptown and in the girls' soccer, Kliptown beat Beaulieu College. St David's captain commented that he thought that the fest "was epic and the perfect place to meet new people". Beaulieu's captain said that "Kliptown played a much better game and deserve a huge congratulations for their fighting spirit!"

St Peter's also played exceptionally well, definitely kicking the season off on the right foot! The netball courts had plenty of action too. Unfortunately, the tournament was cancelled due to the wet weather. This meant that there were no final games but the winner of each pool shared the trophy ie. Krugersdorp High and Prestige College.



1st Team Soccer Girls



Chess masterminds at work

Dear Ms Hudson,

To you and all involved, a gigantic thank you for hosting an outstanding 2016 festival. The netball girls and I always look forward to the event and without exception thoroughly enjoy the sporting days that comprise your festival. The netball is so efficiently run and your marvelous netball ladies always ensure that the spirit of netball, sportsmanship and camaraderie are kept at the forefront of the festival. Their organisational running of the netball games and all that the tournament entails is outstanding. It was such a pity that rain meant an early close to the netball games, but the decision and the manner in which it was discussed with all was so professionally conveyed.

Please would you convey the Lonehill Crawford netball girls, their parents (who always vocally express their admiration of the event) and my thanks to your Headmaster Mr Morais, the netball ladies and all who put in what must be months of hard work.

Grateful appreciation.

Michelle Pretorius, Netball MIC, Lonehill

Culturals

And, of course, our festival would not be complete if it were not for the amazing cultural events that took place.

The annual **Pavement Art** competition, which took the theme of 'Illusions', did not fail to light up the College with colour and creativity. Congratulations to St John's College for coming in first place!

There were also a number of **music performances** that took place over the weekend, including some truly memorable



solos, as well as ensembles such as the **Marimba Band** and **Beautyshop**. The star-studded line-up also boasted guest performers and a beautiful choir festival that put a smile on everyone's faces!

It was truly inspiring to see so many young musicians and artists showcasing their incredible talent!

Lara McDonald and Alexander Wietzorrek's **photographs** won the category 'Best use of available resources' while Abigail Ganesan walked away with the award for the 'Best Theme Interpretation of 'Interactions'''. Carl Vemer really shone, taking home two awards, namely the 'Best Composition' and the 'Photo of the Day'. We

have some seriously gifted photographers in our midst!

Our very own Tadiwanashe Zororo spoke true words of wisdom, set off with just a touch of passion. She won the persuasive speech category in the **Public Speaking Competition**. Prestige College definitely also deserves a mention, having secured two out of the four Public Speaking prizes. Hopping over to the **Debating**, St Peter's College did not have quite the same luck; however, each team still made us proud with their excellent arguments!

To end off with a bang, no one does it better than the **Drama** students...Bonolo Mahlangu and Syjil Ramjuthan, both St Peter's students, dominated the Junior section whilst Prestige took centre stage in the Senior rounds.



Well done to all the students who participated and thank you for all your passion and hard work. Well done, too, to all the teachers, refs and dedicated parents for making this weekend such a memorable one. Cheers to buckets more talent, laughter, competition and general 'gees'! See you next year!

Hannah Leatherbarrow (Gr11)

Parents' Association

This 13th Sports and Cultural Festival has been the PA's most successful to date with the PA raising almost double than the previous year. On behalf of the PA Committee I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in our recent Festival. Firstly to all the parents who volunteered, from the early risers to the stalwart stayers (lured by a beverage?). No job was too big or too small and they performed their task with a smile.

Special mention must be made to our Braai Master Mike Bennett who slogged for three straight days and to Cynthia Wheeler and Nerina Deeb, for looking after the cash. Thank you to Angela Odame for arranging our volunteers.

Thank you to Saranne, Brian, Izak and Theresa for arranging such a successful, smoothly run festival. The team achieved great success with events running on time and everything being well thought through and executed, resulting in many compliments. A special Thank You to all the cleaning staff and ground staff, every morning, everything was clean and we presented a neat and tidy school. The security staff kept a careful eye on all that was happening and carefully collected all types of lost property. Finally a special word of thanks to the St Peter's Staff for happily braaiing, serving and helping with the tokens, your support is greatly appreciated.

The PA is only as successful as the people who support us. Thank you for everything

Tania Else

PA Chairlady



World Challenge 2016 - Madagascar

Team One

On 5 August, World Challenge Team One set out on the adventure of a lifetime. Filled with unbridled enthusiasm, a thirst for adventure, and jittery nerves, we embarked upon a journey into the unknown.

From the bustling cities, to the crowded marketplaces, and on to its lush, exquisite rainforests, Madagascar never disappointed. There wasn't a dull moment; with each new day bringing with it unexpected challenges.

Living in an orphanage for five days, and absorbing the language and culture of this diverse country was an incredible opportunity.



The bonds that were forged through interacting with the girls there impacted our lives hugely.

Going to Madagascar has been a **life changing experience**, an eye opener that we will never forget. We would definitely recommend it for everyone, the friendships that are built and the memories that were made will stay with us forever.

We would just like to thank both Ms Theron and Ms Meyer for embarking on this once in a lifetime experience with us, for motivating and encouraging us through stressful times, as well as Jonathan, our guide, for leading us through thick and thin. Lastly, we would like to thank our parents for this amazing opportunity as without them, none of this would be possible.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." — Ralph Waldo Emerson
Mikayla Pearson and Jessica Axe (Grade 10)

Team Two

World Challenge has been a life changing experience for all of members of Team 2. Accompanied by our own SPC mentor Ms Julia Braatvedt and Graham Carlson, an expedition leader from World Challenge, we took off with our sights set for Madagascar. As a team we achieved great tasks as we summited Pic (Boby) Imarivolanitra for our trek phase. We made a large difference at Honko Mangrove Conservation and Education centre as we helped two communities during our project phase.

After our challenging phase we had time to collect ourselves with some rest and relaxation at the coast of Ifaty. Nineteen days seemed to fly by and before we knew it we were on our way home to the comfort of our beds and rather fondly our toilets. A very special thanks to our parents who afforded us the opportunity to experience this life changing tour and a heartfelt thanks to our teachers who accompanied us through the few lows and exponential highs.

Bokang Raselomane (Grade 11)



Grade 11 Build Project - ROC

Dear students and parents of St Peter's College

We are aware of the privilege that we have been blessed with and we know that with this privilege comes responsibility, which is one of our core values. Based on these values, our school has a strong passion for helping people and a tradition of doing community service.

St Peter's College has made a tradition of building either homes or classrooms, in poverty-stricken areas every year. As our schools motto says, we want to "walk bravely in to the future" where we benefit the lives of as many people as we can!

That is why our charity/house build committee is called **ROC** which stands for **Rebuilding Our Community**. We are aspiring to build classrooms for Kwasa College, near the informal settlement of Daggafontein, also known as Vukuzenzele. The main goal of this 'school build project' is to give these children the education that they deserve and empower them to push past their circumstances to reach their maximum potential and create a better future for their entire community. It is in this spirit that we humbly **appreciate your support** to help fund our current initiative, because we know that true empowerment means an equal start in life and that begins with a quality education.

Kwasa College is an outreach program that was started by Reverend Sharon Dinnie of the Anglican Church in Springs in 2002. It is located on a property of a former mining complex. Due to the closure of the mine many years ago, miners who lost their jobs did not return to their place of origin and just stayed in the area contributing to the formation of the informal settlements. These unfortunate circumstances led to the creation of Kwasa. It began as a centre with two homes for orphaned boys and girls from Kwa Themba Township on the East Rand. The first school classrooms were

erected and in 2013 and the following year Kwasa College received official government recognition and began teaching its first class of 22 one-year-old children.

Kwasa College provides more than just an education and two meals a day to these children. It has seven teachers, including a principal, two cleaners and one cook. The college accommodates 116 students and also gives 85 of them primary school scholarships once they have completed their pre-primary education at Kwasa. This scholarship pays for transportation, school fees and stationary etc. Each morning sandwiches are provided to these students. Aftercare is provided every day of the week and it includes a free meal. Volunteers work with these children and help them with their homework or read books.

Medical care is also provided, not just for injury but for diseases too. TB and Anti Retro-Viral treatment are currently being given to a few students. Care for the families of the children is ensured by distributing donations of clothing and food and spiritual needs are also addressed.

The college currently only goes up to Grade 4 so, with your help, we can add more grades and help these children have a complete primary school education. This will also mean that vulnerable children in Kwa Themba Township will be able to receive a complete primary and secondary education in the safe, secure and nurturing environment of Kwasa College - truly transforming the lives of these children and providing them with endless educational opportunities to support them for life.

The St Peter's College Grade 11 ROC Committee will be physically participating in the building at the end of 2016 (in December), which adds a personal approach to the build and differentiates us from other building projects. This will grow Kwasa College and impact the lives of many children, hungry for a better life.

The Grade 11 committee really encourages you to please bring in your money to make this dream come true.

We have entered our house build team in the **Telkom 94.7 cycle challenge**, so are currently looking for riders to support our charity. We have a few from the College and some from outside cycling clubs, but the more riders the merrier!

Your support will be highly appreciated!

If you have any further questions, please contact me on nkongolop@stpeterscollege.co.za

Kind regards

Promesse Nkongolo

Chairperson of ROC

Co-Creating Entrepreneurship

On Saturday, 10 September 2016, 40 parents and students from St Peter's College gathered in the Tak Heimstra Pavilion for the **annual Entrepreneurship Breakfast**. After tucking into a scrumptious breakfast, the group was addressed by the first speaker, Willem Gous, a St Peter's College parent and accomplished serial entrepreneur/international innovation speaker and trainer. Willem has helped many business owners to turn their lives around from where they served the business to where the business now serves them and its customers through a principle called 'co-creation'. His presentation was very enlightening, interactive and entertaining.

Next up was Matthew Weyers, a second year B Comm student at Stellenbosch University, who matriculated from St Peter's College in 2014. Matthew shared stories from his personal experience of the highs and lows of making business ideas work. He also shared how changing his thinking to bring his thoughts in line with the truths revealed to him by God from the Bible have transformed his life and are leading to greater success in all areas of his life. He illustrated his talk with examples of how doing this has led to success in the lives of sporting heroes such as Wayne van Niekerk.

Matthew also mentioned how the decision to come to St Peter's College in Grade 9 was the best decision he and his parents made and he shared some of the life lessons learned during his four years at the College. He and his dad, Bruce, flew up from Stellenbosch especially for this event. Matthew and Bruce show how involved parents and students, who actively participate in the life of the school, can apply the principle of co-creation to develop a young person of whom their parents and teachers can be very proud.



Willem Gous and Matthew Weyers

St Peter's College Life Orientation teacher and event organiser, Mrs Lindsay Hopwood, thanked FNB for sponsoring the amazing goodie bags and of course Willem and Matthew, for sharing pearls of wisdom and seeds of truth that will bear results for the attendees for years to come.

Mrs Lindsay Hopwood
LO Department

Academic News

AP Mathematics – 'The Man Who Knew Infinity'

Last week Thursday, the Grade 11 AP Mathematics class had quite an exciting lesson. We were fortunate enough to watch 'The Man who knew Infinity' during our lunch break and then in our double Maths lesson after that. The class made contributions and we also ordered pizza because, after all, what is a movie without delicious food!

The film is basically about Srinivasa Ramanujan, a mathematician who grew up in poverty in India and then is accepted into Cambridge University during World War 1. We see that he has to make many sacrifices to achieve his goal of publishing his work. People start to see potential in him when he starts to make his ground breaking discoveries in Maths, but the journey isn't easy for him as he has to adapt to the new environment with no friends or family near. The conditions of the war and the Cambridge system of providing proofs only make his stay worse. To find out more, watch the film.

This film was very inspirational and encouraging for our class because it highlights the fact that nothing great ever comes easily, and how hard work is crucial in everything that we do. Like our teacher, Mr Sokana always says, when you see a daunting maths problem just try, even if you don't know what is going on, try! You will find that you will develop a habit of thinking out of the box and you will succeed.

I would most definitely recommend this movie for all students at St Peter's College.

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)



French Class



Nane from Belgium visited the Grade 11 French class on Wednesday, 21 September, telling the learners about herself, her job, her studies and her travels. She prepared a mini quiz on Belgium and everyone got to taste some Belgian chocolate. Miam miam! Merci Nane!

Ms Jenette Reitsma
French Teacher

Cultural News

Art Task Team

Henri Matisse: Rhythm and Meaning

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 7 September, the **Art Task Team** had the privilege of visiting the Matisse Exhibition at the Standard Bank Art Gallery. Both students and teachers were inspired by this phenomenal artist of the 20th century.

The stenciled gouache and simplified yet striking charcoal drawings were unlike anything the art students had been exposed to before.

Surprisingly, Matisse initially studied law but then at the age of 21 he started painting. He grew up in the town of Bohain-en-Vermandois and then in 1891 he moved to Paris to pursue his career as an artist. He was refused at many art schools because of his expressive, unconventional style - his works were rejected and labeled "Fauvist" (meaning "wild animal"). Of course, this didn't stop him. He continued to create art with the encouragement of symbolist painter Gaustave Moreau, and ultimately became one of the most influential artists in history.

We can learn a thing or two about resilience from the great Matisse. Despite facing rejection again and again; he paved his own path, and followed his dream. This can be an inspiration to all our college students and perhaps we should see resilience as our mystery forth 'R'.

"An artist must never be a prisoner. Prisoner? An artist should never be a prisoner of himself, prisoner of style, prisoner of reputation, prisoner of success." Henri Matisse

Promesse Nkongolo and Meghan Hoffmann (Grade 11)



Drumline



Liam Ramsden(Grade 11) and Ronewa Netshiswinzhe(Grade 11) competed in the SA Drumming Solos Competition this past weekend (17th September) at St Benedict's College. They came 6th and 8th respectively in the Novice Snare March category. Well done gentlemen!

Ms Jenette Reitsma
MIC: Drumline

Sports News

Equestrian

Well done to the following riders who were selected for and will be riding at the National Championships from 9 October:

Amy Crossley

Erin Dos Santos

Sybil Ramjuthan

Andrew Thomas

Imogen Imbert

Chiara Reddy

Amy Shackleton

Kayla van der Burgh

We wish them all the best for Nationals!

Mrs Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Well done to Jessica Goulding (Grade 8) who won the U15 age group for level 5 in Rhythmic Gymnastics for Gauteng. She has been selected to represent Gauteng at the beginning of October in the National Rythmic competition in Cape Town.



Squash

St Peter's College 2nd Team played against Beaulieu College in the final round of the Central Gauteng Junior Boys league on 24 June. Based on a few calculations, St Peter's were on 74 points and Beaulieu on 76 points. Beaulieu's points were on the assumption that they had beaten Greenside. Albeit St Peter's played their hearts out, we lost the match against Beaulieu College and accepted the fact that we had ended second in the league.



A few days ago, we were informed by the Central Gauteng Junior Squash Committee that Beaulieu College had not submitted their result against Greenside. As a result St Peter's College, now being top of the log, have been awarded as the **league winners**. Therefore, **both the 1st and 2nd team have now won their respective leagues**.

On Wednesday, 14 September, the squad attended the Central Gauteng Junior Squash awards evening and obtained their certificates and trophies. Congratulations on a very successful season.

Mrs Anchen Müller

MIC: Squash

Swimming

Well done to Natalie Arthur!

CGA Snr School Champs: 6 top 10 finishes (in 50,100, 200 free, 50, 100 back and 50 fly)

SA National s/c – competed in 50, 100 free, 50 back and 100 IM