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 College Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Stpeterscoll/>  
 Old Petrian’s Annual Water Polo Tournament: <https://www.facebook.com/OldPetriansWaterPoloTourn/>  
 Annual Sports and Cultural Festival <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersSportsandCulturalFest/>  
 Old Petrian’s Alumni Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldpetrians/>  
[www.stoogle.co.za](http://www.stoogle.co.za) Please check out this amazing website! It has lots of valuable information for students, parents and teachers about all things related to students. There is also information about universities, open days, APS scoring system, career choice etc.

**Message from the Acting Headmaster**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

At a recent Youth Chapel run by the College staff, the message conveyed was that we need to "**Count our Blessings**". When we are feeling down, depressed and thinking that all is lost, perhaps take a step back and start to "Count Your Blessings". Every day that I come to work at St Peter's College, I count as a blessing and I want to take this opportunity to highlight some the wonderful blessings that our school offers.

It was with a great sense of pride that I spent the half-term at the College, and it was encouraging to see our campus alive with a myriad of activities. We hosted two major events, the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Petrian's Water Polo Tournament** for 28 schools from across South Africa and Zimbabwe at the Wahoo Aquatics Centre and at the St Peter's Girls Prep Pool, as well as, the **first T20 Cricket Tournament**. Both events were a huge success and I must thank our staff, parents and students for giving up their half-term break to work and participate in these events. The Old Petrian's Tournament has become the most prestigious water polo tournament in South Africa and I am proud to announce that our water polo girls made it to the quarter-finals effectively placing them in the top 8 teams in South Africa.

Our U15 water polo girls also participated in the **Shaun Fuchs Water Polo Tournament** hosted by Crawford Lonehill and our U19 Basketball team participated in the annual **St John's College Basketball Tournament**.

I once remember a Headmaster saying to me that when you drive past a school, whether during the week or on a weekend, and you see the sports and cultural facilities being used on a regular basis, and the school is a constant hive of activity, this is indicative that the school is a **thriving hub for educational excellence**.

Our wide and varied offering at the College would not be possible without the contribution made by our staff, so it is apt that we also recognise the achievements of our academic staff. I want to congratulate our MIC of Netball **Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk** who competed at the recent **IPT Netball Championships** and her team took GOLD AGAIN in both the (6's and 7's) section. In the 7's tournament Ms Van Schalkwyk took the gold medal for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. We can count our blessings that our netball is under the guidance of such a passionate and dedicated netball fundi.

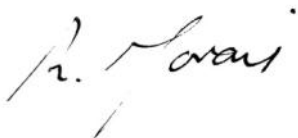
I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Izak Botha** as Acting Head of the **Cultural Co-Curricular Programme** for 2016. A more suitable and passionate member of our faculty you will not find, Mr Botha's passion and love for the Arts is infectious and we wish him great success in his new role as he takes the Culturals at St Peter's College to even greater heights.

It is with regret that I inform you that **Ms Hayley Robinson** has been booked off for the remainder of Term 1 due to ill health, our thoughts and prayers are with her during this trying and challenging time. In the interim I want to welcome **Mrs Sandra van der Wel** who has stepped in at such short notice and is teaching Ms Robinson's English classes. Mrs van der Wel is a very experienced English teacher who will assist the English Department in Ms Robinson's absence until the end of Term 1.

Finally, Cupid has once again been doing his rounds at the College and I congratulate **Ms Camille Greyling** on her engagement.

I leave you with this quote from Ralph Marston "Every positive thing in your life represents a single unique blessing. Every negative thing in your life has the opportunity to become a double blessing. For when you turn a negative into a positive, you gain twice. You are no longer burdened with the negative situation, and in addition to that you are strengthened by a new positive force".

In "**Futurum Fortiter**"



*Mr Rui Morais*  
Acting Headmaster

### Annual Golf Day – Wednesday, 16 March 2016 at Bryanston Country Club

Thank you to the parents who have booked their fourballs and donated some fantastic prizes!

There are still a few spots open and prizes are always welcome so please get in touch with Tania Else today to make sure you don't miss out.

Every year we raffle a **Wheelbarrow of Beverages** at the prize giving, and this results in a nice contribution to our PA fund. If you would like to help towards the Barrow, please feel free to drop a bottle with the security guards at the gate. Gizelle Schiavini is running with this task – please call her on 083 419 7000 if you need more info.

- **Fourballs** to participate on the day (R3,400 per four ball) Please book your spot with Tania Else at [telse@telkomsa.net](mailto:telse@telkomsa.net)
- **Sponsorship** of a hole, with rights for signage, banners or a drinks hole. (R3,500.00 per hole), alternatively you may personally sponsor a hole which we then offer to a non-profit organisation eg: Animals in Distress to use as a platform for fund raising on the day.
- We would greatly appreciate ANYTHING that we can offer as **prizes** for players, Raffle prizes and items to auction.
- Our full field will be 120 guests and we would be very happy to give every participant SOMETHING to remind them of the day. (shirts, golf umbrella's, drinks, caps, pens, vouchers etc.)
- We also need **volunteers** on the day to assist with registration etc

As you can see, we will be happy with whatever you can help us with. Let us make the 2016 Golf Day the most successful and fun one to date.

Tania Else

Golf Day Sub Committee

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### "Purchase" your piece of the new St Peter's College Hockey Astro Turf!



Your family can "own" your piece of the new Hockey Astro Turf and have your name recorded on a plaque on the Astro Turf donor wall. Your "purchase" will help the College to achieve its aim of building this top-class facility, and in return for your "purchase", your name will take pride of place on the **Astro Turf Donor Wall**.

The decision to go ahead with the addition of an Astro Turf at the College was approved by the Council in 2015; and in the same year the ground breaking process was started. Expected completion is 31 May 2016.

The College has experienced enormous growth in hockey, and with the boys now competing in the A League, it has become essential for these teams to play their matches on an Astro. This is now the common standard for all schools and clubs that take their hockey seriously.

Help us by buying your portion of the Astro Turf at only **R1,000 per square metre**. The first 200 donors stand a chance to win a 2 night stay at Buffalo Ridge Safari Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve valued at R17,000.

Please contact Mr Les Whittal today on [astro@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:astro@stpeterscollege.co.za) for an order form to make your donation.

*Astro work in progress – today's view...*

## Academics

### Afrikaans

#### Grades 8 and 9

Earlier this month a group of Afrikaans actors visited our school to perform the 'Liewe Heksie' play in our MADDitorium. The students were given vocabulary to learn in preparation for understanding the play and were then tested on it. The actors had the students laughing and interacting by clapping and dancing to songs. At interval the students were allowed to pose on stage with the props for pictures. The teachers and Acting Headmaster also used the opportunity to visit Blommeland and posed on the stage to the amusement of the students. After the visit the Grade 8 and 9 students were given a short 'Liewe Heksie' story in the Comprehension Section of their Cycle Test. What a creative way to generate awareness and a love for the Afrikaans language and building confidence in the students with regards to their assessments.



#### Grade 12 Afrikaans

We are HOOPVOL about Afrikaans in Grade 12 and based the Matric Oral Portfolio roleplay on the novel, 'Hoopvol' about the lives of Afrikaans people in a small, conservative Karoo town. The novel covers the story of Ben, who is looking for his father and Nathalie, who is stuck in the Karoo town. The students were given five scenarios from the book, to choose from and had to write the dialogue between the characters and roleplay the scene. This culminated in lots of fun and laughter when the Grade 12s dressed up and became the characters in the novel.



Joan Delpont

HOD: African Languages

### English

We welcome Mrs Sandy van der Wel, who is standing in for Ms Robinson. Ms Robinson is recuperating after surgery and will return at the start of Term 2. We are pleased that Ms van der Wel, who is an exceptionally experienced English teacher was available to assist. Mrs van der Wel is available on the school email at [vanderwels@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:vanderwels@stpeterscollege.co.za) should you have any queries.

*Gwyn Zimmerman*

*Acting Deputy Head (Academics)*

### French

On Thursday, 18 February, the French students had the opportunity to watch a French film called '**Les Femmes du 6ème étage**' in the MADDitorium. The story line was interesting and funny. The St Peter's grades 10, 11 and matric French students, as well as French students from other schools such as St Mary's and St David's attended.

Before the film, we were privileged to have a French guest speaker who has been working here in South Africa for a while now. We had an interactive introduction with people being able to ask questions in French and getting their responses in French too. Matthieu Coche, one of our matric students, fortunately translated a few complicated responses.

This was very beneficial for all the students as they got a first-hand experience of trying to understand what was going on in the movie and what the guest speaker was saying, just by listening.

We received positive feedback from the other schools and it was an enjoyable evening.

*Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 11)*



### Life Orientation (LO)

Some useful technology apps:

- **DICTIONARY:** is a free English dictionary app for smart phones that can also be used offline.  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dictionary&hl=en>
- **SELFCONTROL:** avoid distractions, by blocking social media websites for a set amount of time and ensure full concentration on homework or studies.  
<http://selfcontrolapp.com/>
- **GOCONQR:** create online mind maps, study notes, flash cards and quizzes' to improve learning and exam preparation.  
<https://www.goconqr.com/en/mind-maps/>
- **REALCALC Scientific Calculator:** solve equations quickly.  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nickfines.RealCalc&hl>
- **FASTSCANNER:** the app uses the camera on your phone or tablet to scan documents and export them into PDF format that you can email or print.  
<https://itunes.apple.com/za/app/fast-scanner-pdf-scanner-to/id586167688?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
- **PAGES:** create summaries, projects and speeches – you can insert diagrams and images to create reports and documents (designed exclusively for the iPad, iPhone).  
<https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/pages/id361309726?mt=8>

*Holly Ryder-Nimb*

*HOD: Life Orientation*

### Life Sciences

#### "Man vs Nature"

This week the Grade 11 Life Science students did an experiment to simulate the role of Transpiration Pull in the uptake of water in trees. They constructed their own 'xylem' which stretched along the length of the Luthuli field and then attempted to use their own human force to simulate this natural phenomenon. In this particular exercise, the Grade 11s proved to be the weaker species.



*Lynne Dell*  
Life Sciences Teacher

### Cultural

#### Dance

#### Dance Showcase 2016

On Wednesday, 24 February 2016 more than fifty St Peter's College pupils participated in the Dance Showcase in the MADDitorium from 18:00 until 20:00.

This annual event was the first dance production of the year, with at least three more scheduled for March, June and September. It is always much anticipated as the atmosphere is one of joy, cheering and upliftment of the performers. No competition element is present as pupils are encouraged to live out the Dance Department motto: "If you can move, you can dance!" Anyone could audition any style of Dance with no hurdle to experience or level of performance.

Over 35 items in Solo, Duo or Ensemble showcased the abilities of Krumpers, Hip-Hoppers, Ballet and Contemporary Dancers alike as well as the three compulsory dance items choreographed by the Grade 9 Dance and Movement pupils.

A special mention must be made of Ms Jodi Fraser, from the English Department, who opened the proceedings with a Tap Dance solo. With such talent on display, attendees of any dance event this year are sure to be entertained. Come and support the College as we compete in the Street Dance League Finals on 11 March 2016, from 15:00 until 18:00 in the MADDitorium.



Congratulations to **Shannon Louis**, who competed in the IMTA South African Dance Finals and has qualified to compete in New York later this year. The opening auditions were held last year October, from where the dancers accepted would compete in area finals. After area finals the group was cut in half and the remaining competitors competed in Regional finals, where the group was cut down to 30 dancers. Shannon was a top scorer and qualified in the top 10, who will all compete in the World Finals later this year.

*Zak Botha*

*Dance and Movement Studies*

### EcoPets

The EcoPets have been collecting **bread tags**, **bottle caps** and **coffee pods**. To date we have collected 3,374 bread tags, 2,190 bottle caps and 845 coffee pods. We are continuing with this collection. Anybody wanting to drop off any of these items can please do so in my classroom (SCU1). Thank you.

*Claudio Marangoni*

*MIC: EcoPets*

### Public Speaking

15 February - Grade 10 Prepared Team received an A.

The Grade 11 prepared public speaking team spoke on 18 February and were awarded an A+ and both the Grade 12 teams (prepared and impromptu) were awarded A+ in the last week.

We entered 2 prepared teams for Grade 8; they spoke last night (25/02). One team was awarded a B+ and the other team a B.

*Jodi Fraser and Michelle Wille*

*Public Speaking Facilitators*

**Sport**

**Basketball**

**Results**

**vs St David's 13 February 2016**

- U15B 25 - 10 lost
- U15 24 - 20 lost
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team 14 - 35 lost
- U14A 14 - 15 lost
- U14B 10 - 16 lost

*Chalice Egling*  
 MIC: Basketball

**vs Reddam Bedfordview 17 February 2016**

- U15 boys won 69-9
- U16 boys won 49-23



**Cricket: T20 Tournament**

During half-term, St Peter's College was proud to host its first ever cricket T20 tournament which took place 19 - 21 February 2016. Schools from across Gauteng, namely Dinamika Hoërskool, HeronBridge College, Fourways High School, Redhill School and Crawford Lonehill joined us to participate in the tournament.

Over 40 cricket boys took part in the tournament and over 10 games were played throughout the course of 3 days. The teams were randomly split into two pools consisting of 3 teams each. The top 2 teams from each pool went into the Cup playoffs, the 3<sup>rd</sup> team in each pool competed to guarantee a place in the Plate Final, while the bottom teams of each pool played for the Wooden Spoon.



After a hot and exhausting day all the cricket boys were invited to an afternoon braai, where they could make friends and get to know the players from the other schools. Parents and siblings from different schools also came out in their masses to support their boys and to celebrate their victories.

Not only was the tournament a great way to end of the successful cricket season, but it was a great opportunity for different schools across Johannesburg to interact and familiarise themselves with one another. A massive thank you to Mr Bloomberg for organising such a wonderful and successful event, and to the teachers, ground staff, parents and cricket scorers for sacrificing their weekend to come and support the cricket boys!

**Results:**

1 <sup>st</sup> – Fourways 1 <sup>st</sup> team	4 <sup>th</sup> – Fourways 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Plate Winner – Redhill
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Dinamika	5 <sup>th</sup> – St Peter's 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Wooden Spoon – St Peter's 2 <sup>nd</sup> team
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crawford Lonehill		





*Sithuthukile Madonsela (Grade10)*



### Results from 13 February 2016

1st team: Curro Aurora 220-9, St Peter's College 140-10

2nd team: St Peter's College 108-10, CBC Boksburg 110 - 8

*Charl Bloomberg*

*MIC: Cricket*

### Netball

Results from the Opens IPTs that took place in Roodepoort:

#### Jana Cupedo - Western Gauteng Ladies team:

Silver in the 7's Tournament

4th in the 6's Tournament

#### Christelle van Schalkwyk

Gold in the 7's Tournament

Gold in the 6's Tournament

#### Result for Christelle's 2 tournaments:

##### 7's Tournament

vs Central Gauteng 67-16 Won

vs Boland 84-16 Won

vs Western Province 63-20 Won

vs Western Gauteng 72-37 Won

vs Southern Gauteng 92-13 Won

vs Eastern Gauteng 65-16 Won

Finals vs Eastern Gauteng 66-30 Won

##### 6's Tournament

vs Central Gauteng 52-14 Won

vs Boland 62-5 Won

vs Western Province 49-34 Won

vs Western Gauteng 49-30 Won

vs Southern Gauteng 55-8 Won

vs Eastern Gauteng 45-24 Won

Finals vs Western Gauteng 48-15 Won

*Christelle van Schalkwyk*

*MIC: Netball*



## Tennis

Being selected to play for my country, Zimbabwe, in the under 18 girls age group was a dream come true for me. I never thought that one day I would play for my country. Thank you to everyone who supports me, my parents, my tennis coaches at school and at Itag, my teachers, my friends.

Tunisia is a French speaking country. They are currently in their winter season. We played AJC at Le Tennis Club de Tunis with both hard court and clay courts. My first match was against the Tunisian number 13 who went on to win the AJC. I lost this match to a great tennis player but really played good tennis. I performed much better in the rest of the matches. Overall, I came 26<sup>th</sup> out of 48.

I thoroughly enjoyed this exposure to high level tennis and will forever treasure this experience. Thank you.

*Michelle Ncube (Grade 11)*



## Tennis News

- Since our last newsletter two weeks ago, our **Boys A team** have not played any league matches however they did play in matches held between the A and B teams on Friday afternoon of 5 February. It was quite a festive afternoon with the boys showing a lot of interest in the girls' netball as they shared the courts with us.
- Our **Girls A team** played against Crawford A on Tuesday winning 55/8. Well done girls!
- To accommodate the wonderful influx of new player's Ben has appointed Theunis to coach our **beginners** while he focuses mainly on the experienced players. This will certainly ensure that our beginners will in time progress and stand a chance of being in the school teams.
- Upcoming events include our top four boys and girls playing in the **Inter-High Tournament** on Saturday, 5 March. We wish them the best of luck and are sure they will make us proud.
- Please can I encourage you to support our April Fool's Day **Teachers versus Students matches**. This will be a fun filled afternoon of tennis and camaraderie not to mention some yummy eats too.
- The end of season **Tennis Dinner** is happening on Wednesday, 6 April. Invitations will be sent out to tennis parents and players soon.

Take care and see you at the courts!

*Sharon Maack*

*Parents Tennis Committee*

## Swimming

### Results

#### Dainfern Gala

1st	St Peter's College	728
2nd	Helpmekaar Kollege	548
3rd	Dainfern College	544
4th	De La Salle Holy Cross	327

#### League Gala

Rained out

### Water Polo: Old Petrian's Tournament

Last weekend, St Peter's College hosted the 12th annual Old Petrian's Water Polo tournament from 19 February – 21 February 2016 for open girls. Twenty eight schools across the country and Zimbabwe participated in the prestigious event at the Wahoo aquatics centre and St Peter's Girls Prep.

Water polo is a highly competitive sport, and it was pleasing to see so many schools encouraging their girls to excel in the sport. The support for the game is growing and incredible talent was on display at the tournament.

The teams were divided into four pools containing seven teams each. The three days were tough for all the players involved, with strong competition amongst the teams competing for the Shield, Plate, Bowl, Fairplay and Cup trophies. St Mary's Waverley, Westerford, Durban Girls and St Stithians competed for the Cup trophy in the semi-finals on the final day. The tense final was between Durban Girls College and St Stithians College with a final score of 2 - 1. Durban Girls emerged as the champions at the 2016 prestigious tournament that ended in a well-deserved 1<sup>st</sup> place.

It was a very successful 2016 Old Petrian's Water Polo Tournament, with high standard of water polo being displayed by all the players. The close outcome of the matches played is a clear indication of the high level of competitiveness.

Appreciation goes to St Peter's College for hosting a well organised tournament that was played in respectable spirit by all teams participating. Congratulations to St Peter's College water polo captain, Jessica Penney who was selected as part of the Old Petrian's tournament team. Heartfelt thanks to the MIC of Water Polo at St Peter's College, all the coaches, players, umpires and organisers for a successful tournament. The tournament was featured on the Espresso morning show on SABC3 – click on the link to watch the video <https://youtu.be/mqTTthgAo9k>



#### Results:

##### Trophy Winners

Shield Trophy – Pretoria High School for Girls  
Bowl Trophy – Reddam House Constantia  
Plate Trophy – Kingswood  
Fairplay Trophy – Thomas More  
Cup Trophy – Durban Girls College

Best Goal Keeper – Emma Herbert – Durban Girls College  
Best Defender – Bianca Prinsloo – St Stithians  
Best Forward – Georgia Moir – Springfield

Shield	Plate	Bowl	Cup
<b>Quarter Finals:</b> Randpark 1 - Wynberg 2 Somerset 0 - Pretoria 4 Herschel 2 - Thomas More 0 Fourways 4 - Parktown 2		<b>Quarter finals:</b> Clarendon 7 - Kingsmead 1 St Dominic's 4 - St Anne's 1 DSG 3 - Rustenburg 2 Reddam 4 - Chisipite 0	<b>Quarter Finals:</b> St Mary's (Wav) 5 - Springfield 3 Stirling 1 - Durban Girls 4 St Peter's 2 - St Stithians 6 Westerford 7 - Pearson 5
<b>Semi-finals:</b> SF1: Wynberg 0 - Herschel 6 SF2: Pretoria 5 - Fourways 2	<b>Semi-finals:</b> SF1: Crawford 2 - Kingswood 3; SF2: Roedeane 2 - Collegiate -0	<b>Semi-finals:</b> SF1 Clarendon 5 - DSG 6 SF2 St Dominic's 2 - Reddam 7	<b>Semi-finals:</b> SF1: Westerford 3 – 4 St Stithians SF2: Durban Girls 3 – 2 St Mary's Waverley
<b>Final:</b> Herschel 2 - Pretoria 3	<b>Final:</b> Kingswood 3 - Roedeane 2	<b>Final:</b> DSG 2 - Reddam 7	<b>Final:</b> Durban Girls 2 – St Stithians College 1

**Tournament Team:**

1. Emma Herbert - Durban Girls College
2. Georgie Moir - Springfield
3. Sasha De la Rey - St Mary's
4. Ayanda Maphumulo - Durban Girls College
5. Kayla Hill - Durban Girls College
6. Emma Joubert - Westerford
7. Bianca Prinsloo - St Stithians College
8. Christine Abrahamse - Westerford
9. Caitlyn Parker - Westerford
10. Hannah Muller - Stirling
11. Hannah Werth - Pearson
12. Jessica Penney - St Peter's College
13. Ashley Meyer – Kingswood



*Chesnay Havenga (Grade 11)*

**Results**

- 24 February Vs Kingsmead – game rained out
- 13 February – Old Mutual Cup Roedean (Girls 1<sup>st</sup> team)  
St Peter's vs Rand Park: 7-4 Win  
St Peter's vs Pretoria Girls High: 3-10 Loss  
Final Placement: 6th