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#### **Message from the Headmaster**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

On behalf of St Peter's College, I welcome you to the 2018 school year. I trust you have had a wonderful holiday and are all revved up for an exciting and productive year ahead as we celebrate a wonderful milestone in the history of St Peter's College, our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I take this opportunity to **welcome** the following new members of staff to St Peter's College:

- Mrs Karen Grobbelaar Head of Department Afrikaans
- Mrs Marli Oosthuizen Afrikaans Teacher
- Ms Nicole Candy Life Sciences Teacher
- Reverend Sibonelo Mkhabela Chaplain
- Ms Precious Bhengu Mathematics Intern
- Ms Kathryn King Music Intern
- Mr Mmotle Nkadimeng Science Intern

And we will be bidding the following staff farewell:

- As previously announced, Ms Theresa Monoyoudis has resigned as Marketing Manager and will be departing at the end of February. Mrs Nosipho Nkosi has been appointed to replace Theresa and is starting at the College on 1 February to allow for a month handover.
- Mrs Avril Swanepoel has resigned as Head of Department: Arts and Culture after 14 years of service to the College. Avril will be emigrating to the UK in April as her husband has had a wonderful business opportunity to work abroad. Mr Alex Trapani who was formerly Head of Department for 9 years at King's School, and is a wellknown practicing artist, has been appointed as Avril's replacement. Alex will be starting on 1 March to allow for a smooth transition and handover.
- Mr Claudio Marangoni has resigned as Head of Department of Life Sciences and will be taking up a position at St David's – Ms Abi Penman, joining us from Veritas in Spring, has been appointed to take over his Life Science classes with effect 1 April.
- Mrs Santie Louw, Head of Mathematics, has also resigned to pursue a management position in the corporate sector with some very exciting international travel opportunities.
- Ms Julia Braatvedt, who has been a St Peter's College scholar, and intern, a teacher and now a Grade Head at St Peter's College has accepted a position at DSG in Grahamstown.

I remind you of the Academic Prize-Giving Ceremony for Grade 9-12 students on Tuesday, 30 January in the Dippenaar Hall at 18:00. I am grateful for this opportunity for St Peter's College to congratulate the 2017 Academic prize-winners.

Many of our students have strived to do their best in order to be recognised at this ceremony and I believe that represents the true spirit of St Peter's College. I am very impressed with the achievements of all our students, but I am especially in awe of those of those whose efforts will be rewarded on Tuesday.

The prize-winners are a true representation of everything that we stand for here at St Peter's College – these hard working, articulate young students are a credit to St Peter's College and an inspiration to us all. It is through such achievements that we are clearly able to see the skill, high expectation and commitment of the staff and students at St Peter's College, and these prize-winners are great examples of what we expect of our students.

The Academic Prize-Giving is our opportunity to celebrate the individual successes of students; the recognition of consistent and sustained effort, for excellence in subjects and for outstanding academic achievement. To the prize-winners – whatever your prize is, be assured that the College, your teachers and your parents are very proud of you.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

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Kind regards

Mr Rui Morais Headmaster

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#### **Security Notice: Vehicle Stickers**

It is compulsory to display a 2018 St Peter's College security disc on your vehicle's windscreen when entering the College campus. If you do not have a 2018 Security Disc displayed on your windscreen one can be acquired from reception. We need the assistance and co-operation of parents and visitors in order to keep our campus safe. Please assist us by complying with this directive. Questions regarding security can be sent to me on camphorl@stpeterscollege.co.za.

Mr Lance Camphor Security Manager

#### **Academic News**

**2017 Matric Results** 







## 119 Students | 100% Pass | 96% BD Pass

St Peter's College empowers young individuals to take themselves 'bravely into the future' with our integrated approach to academics, faith, co-curricular activities and strong social responsibility programme. St Peter's has become increasingly well-known for the high calibre of student, who have benefited from the holistic education on offer at the College.

Academics is our number one priority and we encourage our students, from the outset, to immerse themselves in their studies with vigour and commitment.

Our 2017 Matriculants lifted the bar even higher and achieved record results:

- 206 distinctions (plus 1 for AP English)
- 280 Bs
- 207 Cs

- Four students achieved 7 distinctions
- Four students achieved 6 distinctions
- Three students achieved 5 distinctions
- Eight students achieved 4 distinctions
- Nine students achieved 3 distinctions
- 25 students achieved 2 distinctions

#### **Top Achievers**

## **7 DISTINCTIONS**



Hannah Leatherbarrow

## **6 DISTINCTIONS**



Meghan Hoffmann



**Teagan Leroni** 



**Erin Lyle** 



**Adrian Diepeveen** 



Alessandro Gueli



**Caitlin Stanton** 



Jason Raw



## **Class Build Campaign**

## Making A Change (MAC)

Class Build, formally known as House Build, is something very close to my heart, but also something very important for the staff and students at St Peter's College. For those of you who do not know, Class Build is an initiative run by the Grade 11 students at the College, under the guidance of Ms Meyer and Ms Theron.

Our goal for the Grade 11s of 2017 was to raise enough money so that we, as students, could build a school hall and admin block for the staff and students at Kwasa College, near Springs. In order to achieve this, we had to be willing to use our spare time to find donors and think of ideas to increase donations. My teammates and I learned a great deal through this process: patience, determination and resilience.

Our theme for this year was: Ellen DeGeneres. It sounds funny, I know. This entailed me dressing up like Ellen (I even wore a wig), and hosting an Ellen "episode" for the students during assembly. I played games with the teachers, students and even with Mr Morais. By doing these fun activities in assembly, I really wanted to enthuse the students about this project, as it is extremely important to help and give back as we are so privileged to be at a school like the College.

Because of the school's positive attitude towards MAC and all the hard work the committee and teachers put into MAC, we managed to raise an incredible **R1,018,921** - which is the most money the school has ever raised for Class Build!



On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank St Peter's Prep, everyone involved at the College and all external donors for everything they have done for the Class Build this year.

You turned our dreams into a reality. You have all made the students at Kwasa College much happier children, and for that, we will always be grateful.



Sarah King: MAC Committee Chairperson

## **Parents' Association News**

## Welcome 2018 Braai

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the **Welcome 2018 PA braai** last week Friday. There was a fantastic turnout and a vibrant enthusiasm in the air as everyone enjoyed mingling and getting to know each other. A special thanks to Warren Telfer for his part in the arrangements and ensuring the hot fires and abundance of ice.

#### PA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As a parent and part of the St Peter's College family, you are an automatic member of the Parents' Association (PA). The role of the PA is, not only to raise funds, but to serve as a link between the parents and the happening at the school. Your participation not only helps in the various events that we run, but it also helps to grow relationships between the school and the parents.

The following are the various portfolios:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Finance
- Events (Golf Day, Derby Days, Quiz Night and Annual Sports and Cultural Festival)
- Makro and My School Card
- Braai Master

All the portfolios have subcommittees where your expertise will be utilised. If you do not want to take on a specific portfolio, you can join the committee on an ad hoc basis to assist with various events.

Please join us at our AGM on Monday, 12 February at 18:00 in the Tak Hiemstra Pavilion.

#### PA Golf Day – 14 March 2018

Book your four-ball now to avoid disappointment!



Parents are welcome to contact me on <u>desmahony@icloud.com</u> with any PA related questions. Des Mahony PA Chairman

#### Cricket

## Friday, 12 January vs Benoni High School

On 12 January, the St Peter's College 1<sup>st</sup> team played Benoni High. This was the side's first match of the new year. The boys had just completed their first week of training at the cricket clinic, where they all worked hard.

This game was the first of three games at the Dainfern College festival. We lost the toss and we were asked to bowl first. We went in with high spirts and lots of energy. A few early wickets fueled our excitement and it looked as though we were in control. Our fielding let us down and they ended up posting a respectable score of 140+-. This was the highest score of the festival thus far. We were a bit anxious to go out and bat to chase the score down. Our openers Matthew Amner and Jonathan Webb got us off to a good start with an opening partnership of close to 50 runs in the first couple of overs, which meant that they had put us into a really good position to chase down the total with ease. A few good overs from the bowling side and a couple of wickets put the new batsmen under pressure. Our middle and lower order batsmen couldn't handle the pressure we ended on 137 in our 20 overs. With that being said, we have learnt a few things about ourselves and about the team in this loss.

#### Saturday, 13 January vs Crawford Lonehill

On 13 January, the St Peter's College 1<sup>st</sup> team played Crawford Lonehill. We believed that this game was going to be a difficult game based on our previous encounters with Crawford. We soon found out when we were batting first that we had a good opportunity to win this game. With a good opening partnership between Matthew Amner and Nicholas Holmes the team got off to a flying start. Our middle order came to the party in this game and they "chipped" in to help us score some well needed runs. The team ended on a total to 170 runs at the end of the 20 overs. This became the new highest total of the festival thus far. Once again in the bowling department, our lines where not up to scratch and we bowled too many extras. This made the game closer than we would have liked. Our fielding improved in this game compared to the first one, due to the fact that the boys wanted to come back to correct the mistakes of the first game and to win this game comfortably. Crawford Lonehill ended on 141 in their 20 overs.

#### Sunday, 14 January vs De La Salle Holy Cross

On 14 January, the St Peter's College 1<sup>st</sup> team played De La Salle. This was by far our best performance of the weekend. We won the toss and elected to bat first, which turned out to be the right option especially in the heat of the day. Our openers, Matthew Amner and Nicholas Holmes, got us to yet another flying start with them getting us to 76 runs after the power play. For the rest of the innings we maintained a steady run rate while keeping wickets in hand, and we finished on a total of 210 in 20 overs. This was the best score of the weekend and our highest total of the weekend. We then went into the field with a lot of energy and pride and were eager to end the game quickly. This is exactly what we did thanks to the help of Aidan Johnstone who picked up 8 wickets with 2 hattricks as well. We ended up bowling then out for 17 runs.

#### Saturday, 21 January 2018 vs Dainfern College

On 20 January, the St Peter's College 1<sup>st</sup> team played Dainfern College. This game was the team's first taste of the 50 over format this year. The boys were eager to get a win and to get off to a good start. We lost the toss and we were asked to field first on a pitch that looked like the typical batting wicket. We went into the field loud and energetically, like we always do, and it paid off with a few early wickets and the prize sculpt of their best batsman, Sohail, for just 3 runs. This made the team even more energetic. We then teared through their batting line up which lead to them ending all out for just 121 runs. This was done with the help of Aidan Johnstone, who once again picked up 5 wickets. Our fielding, however, was not as convincing as our bowling, we let a few balls go through us but this did not dishearten us as we pushed through and as a team we finished what we started. Now the pressure was on them, they had set a low total and with our batting lineup that bats deep we were favorites to win the game. However, the loss of a few early wickets did put us in a precarious position and an unnecessary run out made the game a bit more difficult than it should have been. Jonathan Webb was the anchor of our innings and lead the team to a well-deserved victory in the 17<sup>th</sup> over.

Mr Lofty Tyebileyo MIC: Cricket

#### **Interhouse Gala**

On Monday, 22 January, the annual interhouse gala took place in our top-class aquatics centre, Wahoo. The spirit at the gala was at an all-time high.



Bishop won the gala followed by Oriole, with Lourie in third place.



However, Lourie won the Spirit Cup (represented by Sir Peter) for the second year in a row.



The individual trophy winners were Emilie Krog Jamie and Yuvish Premlall (Senior Victrix and Victor Ludorum, respectively), and Regan Hudson and Reece Johnson (Junior Victrix and Victor Ludorum). We congratulate them on their outstanding achievement!

Interhouse events are always days that bring out the best in our students. It was heart-warming to see students who don't normally participate in swimming doing their best for their houses. Our senior swimmers jumped in and swam alongside those who need support and encouragement to finish their races. It brought a collective smile to our faces and the cheering for those swimmers was inspiring and made us all feel proud to be part of St Peter's College. Well done to all the swimmers and thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so enjoyable.

Mrs Sue Mather MIC: Swimming

## Tennis

#### Holiday Clinic January 2018

The start of 2018 saw St Peter's College's tennis courts filled with enthusiastic and motivated players. Our tennis coaches, Theunis, Warren and Thomas, contributed to a Tennis Clinic of the highest standard where our experienced players were challenged and our new players were taught helpful tricks for holding a tennis racket. Approximately twenty players participated in this five-day clinic from 08:00 - 10:30 during the holiday. The players had a smashing time on the courts. There is no doubt that St Peter's College will once again ace it on the courts!



#### **Tennis School Champs 2018**

On Thursday, 18 January, our tennis players participated in the annual School Champs. This competition is a determining factor for the tennis ladder. Our boys and girls played exceptionally well, challenging themselves to be the best they can be. The School Champs for 2018 for a second consecutive year, are Mikayla Gounden and Matthew Harris. They were also St Peter's College's Junior Sportswoman and Junior Sportsman of 2017.

Mrs Cornel Malan

MIC: Tennis

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Grade 8 Parents' Talk: Transitioning to High School

#### My child has started high school, now what?

Date: Tuesday, 30 January 2018

**Time**: 07:30

#### Venue: MADDitorium

Come along and find out about the adventurous year you are in for now that you are a high school parent. You are not alone on this adventurous journey and we'd like to help you understand what your Grade 8 child is going through and experiencing academically, emotionally and socially.

Parenting a high school child is about getting the balance right and knowing when they need you. Let us assist you in this transition. Some children experience this transition to high school as difficult and others seem a breeze at first but have a meltdown later

Mrs Holly Ryder-Nimb Wellness Team

#### **Choir: 2018 National Music Tour and Auditions**

The **Choir and Orchestra** will be going on an exciting national tour to Oudtshoorn and the surrounding area from 22 - 26 June 2018.

**Auditions** for new Choristers and Orchestra Members are now open:

**Choir**: Monday, 29 January 2018, 15:00 – 16:00, Music Studio, MADD Centre

**Orchestra**: Tuesday, 6 February 2018, 16:45 – 18:30, Music Studio, MADD Centre

More details about the tour will be given to successful candidates and their parents at an information evening in February.

Mrs Lomé Robertson MIC: Choir

#### Dance

DANCE DANCE DANCE!



The co-curricular programme for Dance has already started with a bang! The **Gauteng Street Dance League** is about to start on Friday, 2 February at Queens High School. Interested dancers can still approach Mr Botha for a berth in the Dance Crew.

The auditions for our **Interhigh Squad** will also take place on Monday, 29 January after school in the MADDitorium. St Peter's College is renowned for its diversity of dance styles and dancers. All dancers of ANY level are welcomed and nurtured to explore and discover their own "voice." The motto of the Dance Department is "If you can move, you can dance!"

A special event called **'Twenty of the Best'** is planned for the end of February. Dance and Movement Studies students will be reproducing some of the very best practical examination pieces that took place in the November 2017 Final Examination. Two more big events, though not on our campus, are the **'Dance Umbrella'** (Contemporary Dance) happening all over Johannesburg in March and the Joburg Ballet Company's production of Veronica Paeper's **'Carmen'** at the Nelson Mandela Theatre in April.

Let's get those feet tapping!

Mr Izak Botha Dance and Movement Studies

**Drama: The Great Gatsby** 

Auditions are concluded, and we are excited to name the cast!

# The Great Gat/by

A quintessential 1920s play in celebration of

St Peter's College's 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary!

## LEAD CAST MEMBERS

- Yuvish Premlall Nick Carraway
- Tinotenda Ndudzo Jordan Baker
- Liam George Jay Gatsby
- Imogen Imbert Daisy Buchanan
- Didintle Mokae Tom Buchanan
- Tyler Thokoane Myrtle Wilson
- Brayden Green George Wilson

Watch this space!



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#### MADD USA Tour April/May 2019



We are most excited to launch the **MADD USA Enrichment Tour 2019**. Students will have the opportunity to explore exciting destinations such as New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Although the tour has a definite Arts focus, it is open to all students. Please join us at the **Tour Information evening** on Wednesday, 7 February at 18:30 in the MADDitorium should you be interested in hearing more about this exciting opportunity.

Mrs Avril Swanepoel HOD: Creative Arts