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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 2017 school year. I trust you have had a wonderful holiday and are all revved up for an exciting and productive year ahead.

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

- Mrs Sue Maher – Mathematics
- Mrs Crystal Miles – Drama
- Ms Margarete Malan – French
- Mr Louis Levinson – Technology

Ms Sonja Theron had an emergency operation on her ankle and we wish her a speedy recovery. **Ms Suzette Meyer** has taken over her Grade Head responsibilities until she gets back and we welcome the following **locum teachers** during her recovery time:

- Mrs Nicoleen Lehman - Afrikaans
- Mrs Lida van Schalkwyk - Geography

I remind you of the **prize-giving ceremony** for Grade 9-12 students on Tuesday, 31 January in the Dippenaar Hall. I am grateful for this opportunity for St Peter's College to congratulate the **2016 Academic prize-winners**.

Many of you will have strived to do your best in order to be a part of 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 the 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.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster



*Please join me in congratulating one of our English teachers, **Dr Sarah da Silva**, on graduating from **King's College (UK)** with a **Doctorate in English**.*

Academic News

2016 Matric Results



St Peter's College continues to empower young individuals to take themselves 'bravely into the future' with its 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. Attaining 100% pass rate with 97% university entrance again reinforces the testament to our academic excellence.

Top Achievers

Caitlin Crow – 7 distinctions with overall average 86%

Caitlin, Dux Scholar of 2016, attained a full house of distinctions in the Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations as well as being the highest achieving academic candidate in her grade throughout her high school career. It is this young lady who, with academic honours and a white blazer, the highest accolade at the College, displayed the greatest promise for the Final Examinations and delivered. Her subjects were English, Afrikaans, Accounting, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science. Caitlin is studying Physiotherapy at University of Pretoria.

Ifeoma Umeala – 6 distinctions with overall average 84%

Ifeoma attained distinctions in Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics and Design, English, Life Orientation and Mathematics.

Ifeoma is studying BA PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) as Stellenbosch University.

Four of our students are in the top 1% of the IEB results:

Naledi Belle – Business Studies (91%); Ifeoma Umeala – Dramatic Arts (94%); Luke Christelis - Dramatic Arts (94%); Matthieu Coche – French Second Language (100%)

5 Distinctions

- Brittany-Paige Pederson - 82% (90% Business Studies; 90% French)
- Roxanne Harris – 82% (88% Dramatic Arts)
- Luke Christelis – 81%
- Amber MacDonald – 81% (90% Life Orientation)
- Naledi Belle - 80% (91% Business Studies)
- Cheyan Davidson – 80%
- Daniel Martin – 80% (89% for Dramatic Arts)

4 Distinctions

- Matthieu Coche (100% French)
- Nicholas Ferrett (92% Mathematics, 94% IT, 92% EGD)
- Emma La Trobe (92% Visual Art)
- Joslyn Lategan (90% Visual Art)

Special Mentions

- Kirsten Blane – 90% Mathematical Literacy
- April Donnelly – 90% Drama
- Cameron Foster – 91% Mathematical Literacy
- Kenzo Kayiranga – 93% French

- Sarah Kickhöfel – 90% Mathematical Literacy
- Vedanth Panchoo – 95% Mathematical Literacy
- Snehlanhla Phetha – 90% isiZulu
- Mark Pinks – 94% Mathematics
- Sirish Ramessur – 90% Mathematics

Parents' Association News

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, 30 January at 18:00** in the **Tak Hiemstra Pavilion**.

Parents are welcome to contact me on telse@telkomsa.net with any PA related questions.

Tania Else

PA Chairperson

2016 Grade 11 ROC Classroom Build

12 December 2016 was the last day of the 2016 Grade 11 ROC Build project. It was an extraordinary day at Kwasa College. Not only was it their prize-giving ceremony but it was also the Grade 11s' last day at the 'build'.

The Pre-school students all the way up to Grade 3s made this occasion a memorable occasion. They entertained us with a Christmas Concert. The Grade R to Grade 3 received their end of the year certificates. This is the normal expectation at any primary school's end of the year routine, but it was an extraordinary event for this little school.

We are admittedly human beings and psychologists have classified the first call of attraction the outer appearances of other human beings. It basically boils down to judging someone, but at Kwasa College, things happen the other way round. It is Ven. Sharron who made us realise that there is more to life than the outer appearance of another person. She made us aware of the importance of a labyrinth. The importance of finding the peace that we as humans so desperately yearn for.

Kwasa means "the light or sun after the rain". Kwasa College, is situated in Daggafontein in the old mining area of Springs. Kwasa College, founded by Ven. Sharron Dinnie, has brought light to an impoverished area with little hope. Kwasa is addressing the cycle of poverty, unemployment and premature death by creating a comprehensive solution for the education and welfare of the residents' children. The school started as a Pre-School and in 2015, added Grades 1 & 2 and has been given the designation of Kwasa College. It is with vision, dedication of its partners and hard work by all that Kwasa College has the goal to continue to add a year group until the school is complete through high school.



Ms Theron immediately jumped to the challenge of building a labyrinth. Being a horticulturist of note, Ms Theron laid it out, made us walk it out and made it a focus point at Kwasa College. This could not have been possible without the more than willing Grade 11 hands and feet. These hands and feet were covered in mud, dagha, potting soil, manure, bone meal, little stones, and paint but mostly covered with the act of giving. Giving to a community which has been so ready to receive and so unbelievably appreciative of everything we did.

Building two classrooms came with its challenges. We learned how to mix dagha (3 bags of sand, 1 bag of cement and 2 wheelbarrows of water). We learned how to move a brick from point A to point B. There is much more to a "brick line" than what meets the eye. It seems easy, like passing a pillow from one to the other, but then it is a brick after all. The Grade 11s had brick in their abs, bricks on their toes and missing bricks by not looking at the "passer" or shall I say "thrower". Different bowling tricks were tried to see which one can bowl the receiver out. Luckily the dangers in these tricks were spotted quite early in the "game" and the necessary reprimands were handed out. The competition was on to see how many layers of bricks could be built in one day. A maximum of 9 layers were laid.

The painting of the palisade and the jungle gyms were also a hit among the Grade 11s. I have to say by seeing more paint on the bodies of the Grade 11s than on the palisade or the jungle gyms. This is all part of teenagers: finding (or covering) your own identity through paint.



On our last day of the build we can truly say it was an experience of a life time. Who would have guessed that by the last day, we would all be professional painters, planters and bricklayers. Our skills could definitely be tested and I am convinced that we would definitely impress.



As human beings we can say it was a journey. Not only to realise that the outer appearance does not really matter but also to come to the conclusion that our hearts and our inner beings should be intact. What does that mean? Go on this journey of not only building but discovering yourself and essentially discovering God.

Mrs Cornel Malan

2016 Grade 11 Head

Cricket Tour to India

Thirteen of the College's cricketers had the privilege of touring India and participating in the 4th annual International School's Cricket Premier League, hosted by the City Montessori School of Lucknow, in **December 2016**.

The host school is the largest private school in the world, boasting an impressive 57,000 students, so we knew as soon as we arrived that it would by no means be an easy competition. A total of sixteen schools took part in the tournament with teams from eight different countries so the tour was a great opportunity for all of us to meet new and interesting people whilst learning a bit about each of their languages and customs.

The tournament was brilliantly set up with slow motion cameras and massive screens around the fields so we could see replays of every wicket we took and every boundary we scored while the commentator's voice could be heard all around the ground, spurring the players on. We finished the tour with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss which is a good result for the team as we were playing in foreign conditions and hadn't eaten beef in over a week. It makes me very proud of all the boys who continuously surprised me with their heart and determination.

When we weren't playing cricket, we managed to take a trip to see the Taj Mahal and the markets of Agra among many other sights and although no one was too fond of the Indian transport or food, I'm sure everyone involved will agree it was an incredible and unforgettable experience.



I'd like to say thank you to Ms Hudson for organising such a fantastic tour and to all the parents involved who supported and funded the tour. Special thanks go to our coach, Mars and to Mr Armitage and Mr Tudhope for accompanying us on the tour, looking after us and making the tour so much more enjoyable.

Anthony Kieser (Grade 12) - Tour Captain

2017 Grade 8 Orientation

On Wednesday, 18 January, the College gates were opened to new Grade 8s. Many of them looked lost, frightened and very confused; which is why the Orientation Programme was extremely beneficial for them.

The programme was spread over three days, where the prefects facilitated various activities that epitomises the culture of the College. Their meeting place was the amphitheatre, where they quickly became comfortable. Our Head Girl, Chesnay Havenga and Head Boy, Sean Moodley, addressed the Grade 8s about the College and then they were split up into several groups with an assigned prefect.

These new students were exposed to an environment that was completely foreign to them - which is why a treasure hunt around the school seemed almost obligatory. It was fun reading witty clues to get from one point to another. After the awesome treasure hunt, each group went to a different activity that was lined up for them, such as Drama, Cricket, Debating, Music, Mini Olympics and Soccer to name a few, and they rotated the games after 30 minutes.

The next day, the Grade 8s were treated to a fabulous fashion show, where the prefects modelled the hottest trends designed by St Peter's College! The different uniforms of the many sports we have to offer were showed off in the MADDitorium, the newbies had so much energy and enjoyed the show a lot. The rest of the day was filled with more activities, socialising and snacking.

On Friday, the final day of the programme, the Grade 8s were addressed by Mr Morais, Mrs Howard, Mrs Matthews and Mr Armitage in the hall about what is expected of them. They were well behaved and very respectful. Later that day they enjoyed the Grade 8 gala which was such fun... especially the belly flop competition.

The Orientation Programme was a great success and we hope that it helped usher the Grade 8s into their new school.

Pelo Mpuru (Grade 12)



“We encourage the Grade 8s to embrace the challenges of high school with the same enthusiasm they have done during the Orientation week. We wish the Grade 8 class of 2017 all the best during their high school career at the College and urge each student to make the most of every opportunity that comes their way here at St Peter’s College.”

Chesnay Havenga – 2017 Head Girl

Inter-House Gala 2017

The annual Inter-house Gala took place on Monday, 23 January. The school hallways were filled with anticipation and excitement as the three houses gathered in a frenzy of face-painting and war cries and everybody got into the spirit of things. The day had arrived. War cries were chanted as the school headed to Wahoo as a unit.

The swimmers warmed up while the rest of the school made their way to the stands. A wave of red, blue and yellow flooded Wahoo. The buzz of the supporters’ enthusiasm could be heard from miles away.

The participation and courage of the swimmers was incredible. Almost every race was filled with swimmers of remarkable talent; a hallmark of St Peter’s College Swimming.

One of the highlights of the day was the staff vs pupils’ race - a highly anticipated event! Everybody held their collective breath as Sean Moodley and Mr Badenhorst prepared to dive off the starting blocks for the freestyle relay. To the sound of screaming and the beating of drums, Sean emerged from under water, more than half way across the pool, only to beat Mr Badenhorst by a hand’s length. The crowd roared. Rumour around the College has it that the staff will be back to take revenge!



A big congratulations goes to the stars of the day:

- Senior Victor Ludorum -Sean Moodley
- Senior Victrix Ludorum -Jamie Edwards
- Junior Victor Ludorum -Tristan van den Heever
- Junior Victrix Ladorum-Nicole Heppelwhite.



Oriole is to be congratulated for being the winning house and Lourie for winning the much sought – after spirit award.



Well done to Lourie for winning the 2017 Inter-house Gala overall!

The Inter-house Gala is definitely one of my favourite events at the College, as the whole school comes together to support and watch the phenomenal swimming talent that we have at St Peter's College.

Emily Botha (Grade 10)

Co-Curricular News

Basketball

The boys' basketball teams started the year on 21 January with some solid matches against St Stithians.

U14 Lost 25 - 9 | U15 Lost 79 - 8 | U16 Lost 42 - 26 | 1st Team Lost 47 - 30

Although it may seem like some heavy losses we would like to point out that the 1st Team lost to St Stithians in 2016 by 125 - 11. So, improvements have definitely been made. The teams did a fantastic job at keeping the scores relatively low against them and putting up great defences. We encourage all teams to let this defeat spur them on in training ready for their next encounters.

Mr Filip Golubovic

MIC: Basketball

Eco-Pets

The Eco-Pets are continuing with some of their recycling initiatives. We are still collecting **bread tags** and **bottle caps** for wheelchairs. We are making good progress towards our target of 15kg and 150kg respectively, but we still need your support to complete this goal in 2017.

The Eco-Pets would also like to invite the St Peter's community to continue drinking their delicious coffee and have a clear environmental conscience. So if you use **coffee pods** and are not sure how to dispose of them in a safe and green way, drop them off with us and we will clear your conscience. We do not only focus on the **aluminium Nespresso pods**, but also on the **plastic generic pods** and the **Dolce Gusto pods** as well.

The Eco-Pets are also collecting used **printer cartridges**. These are then recycled by an outside company.

Please drop off any of the above products with me in SCU1, or drop off at reception and I will come and collect them.

Watch this space for some great green adventures in 2017 that will range from **environmental clean-ups**, **planting trees** and **vegetables** and more.

The Eco-Pets dare you to care for our planet.

Mr Claudio Marangoni

MIC: Eco-Pets



Equestrian

The Equestrian team is excited to be back in the saddle, also with the prospect of a great year ahead. Starting the year with a team of eighteen enthusiastic and highly competent riders!

The following girls competed at the New Year's Festival at KEP:

- Chanel Thomas kicked off 2017 placing second in 1m A2 Show Jumping
- Amy Shackleton placed second and third in the 1.10m Show Jumping
- Chiara Reddy also competed in the 1.10m Show Jumping and placed first and second

We wish the Equestrian Team the best of luck for Qualifier One that will be taking place on 11 and 12 February at Eaton Farm. Please come and support our riders.

Mrs Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

Squash

St Peter's College Squash hosted its **annual Open Day** on Saturday, 21 January at the Wendywood Courts. We had a great turn out from both team players and some new faces. This was a chance for some of our veteran players to show our more beginner players what St Peter's Squash is all about. The girls gave some of the boys a good run for their money too! We even had some of the parents having a run around the court, showing us that age is not a problem to partake in this fantastic sport.

We thank the Wendywood Club for allowing us continued use of their facility. The club has recently renovated two of their courts and will soon be renovating the other two. If any parents are interested in getting involved in league squash, the club will be hosting a 'Pitch and Play' event for all levels on 31 January from 17:30 onwards at a small fee of R25.

Any students wishing to participate in squash should please see me for more information.

Mr Mathew Kirkland

MIC: Squash

Tour de Maths

Thursday, 26 January, saw the first leg of Tour de Math happening at St Andrew's School for Girls. More than twenty schools sent teams of students from Grades 8 to 10 to participate, which added up to about 250 students. Our team included a few veterans who took part in 2016, but most were new to the Tour and fairly apprehensive about a competition that involves the solving of unusual and unseen problems in Mathematics.

As it turned out, there was no reason to fear: **Jordyn Nitch** and **Kailin Naidoo** ended the evening in the winning team of four. To sweeten the victory, they also received a CASIO 991 each in the lucky draw that followed. The win had nothing to do with luck though, since the paper set by the St Andrew's Mathematics Department was quite formidable, and our team now stands a good chance of winning the team cup and the individual cup. Although the competition is conducted in ever-revolving teams of four, each representing at least two schools, the results are tracked individually.

The team appointed **Matthew Beekman** as Tour de Math Captain. Also participating in this event were **Joshua Jandrell**, **Ruby Shih**, **Marios Joannou** and **Dane Groves**. We can accommodate five additional members for the rest of the competition which comprises seven legs and ends in October when we host the final leg and prize-giving ceremony. The trophies, prizes and lucky draws are courtesy of CASIO.

Please speak to Matthew if you are interested in joining the team. Grade 10 students will be given preference, but Grade 9s are welcome to make themselves available.

Mrs Santie Louw

HOD: Mathematics



Tennis

On Saturday, 21 January, it was our **5th annual Tennis School Champs**. It was an experience which will not be forgotten, with 21 boys and girls competing for this very prestigious title. **Jason Raw** and **Michelle Ncube** were undefeated for the fourth consecutive years, maintaining this bespoke title since Grade 8.

Benjamin Janse van Rensburg, our remarkable coach, decided to do things somewhat differently this year. The tennis players were exposed to 'Rushed Tennis' for the first time: all the players play a 5-minute game and need to accumulate as many points as possible during the given time.



Observing how the ladder gets put into place, surprised me with every single round. As much as I would have liked to see Grade 12s holding those trophies for one last time, I have no choice but to say that the Grade 9s were the reigning queens and kings on the courts. With **Mikayla Gounden** achieving 36 points and **Matthew Harris** achieving a total of 27 points, I take my hat off to our champs. They were determined and remarkable on the court!



exciting tennis season with the the Top 6 Boys and Top 6 Girls: **Justeene Hallowes**, we are proud experience an exciting journey with Thank you to the parents who have spread of eats at the courts - this atmosphere. We could not resist, tradition to soak Benjamin with me not to do it, but how can you



I am looking forward to an inclusion of two Grade 8s in **Keagan Rossouw** and of you and hope you will also the College's Tennis Teams.

provided a "balanced" contributes to the festive but to continue with our Kiddies Bubbly! He did ask derail from the tradition?

Benjamin and his amazing coaches have put St Peter's College's Tennis on a whole new level. Both the Boys' and the Girls' Teams have moved up in their league. We compete against top schools in Johannesburg and our boys are already in the top 26 out of 60 schools and the girls have made their way into the top 13 out of 57 schools in our league.

Just a reminder of our weekly tennis routine:

- Tuesday 14:30 - 18:00 Girls' Tennis Matches
- Wednesday 06:00 - 07:00 squad training (Top 8 boys and girls) | Wednesday 13:30 - 15:30 training for all
- Thursday 14:30 - 16:30 training for all
- Friday 14:30 - 18:00 Boys' Tennis Matches



The first set of matches will kick off this week. Keep your eye on the calendar and come and support the tennis where we ace it!

*Mrs Cornel Malan
MIC: Tennis*

Water Polo

Girls

Junior League Fixture Results

Vs St Stithians: U15A lost 21-0 | vs Pretoria High School for Girls: U15A lost 8-0

These were our girls' first water polo match of the year. It was the first time some girls have ever played water polo, and it was a very tough first set of games. The girls are committed and we look forward to seeing them grow.

1st Team:

League Fixture Results

Vs Pretoria High School for Girls: won 11-0 | vs St Stithians: lost 11-3

Old Mutual Tournament Results

Vs St Stithians: lost 14-2 | vs Rand Park High School: won 11-2

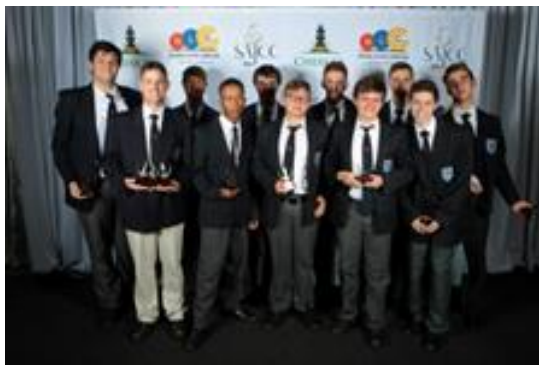
Boys

Our boys played a friendly Water Polo fixture against Affies. Unfortunately, all teams narrowly lost, however, it was an invigorating start to an exciting upcoming season.



Achievements

Well done to the following students on their individual achievements:



Draven Bucceri's latest achievements:

SA Junior Chess Championships – 16-19 December 2016:

Draven was selected for the Tshwane U18A team to compete at Nationals. His team came second out of the 8 teams in the Championship A Section (only the top 8 unions compete in the Championship/A Section, the others compete in the B and C Sections). It came down to a nail biting last game against Western Province and our boys just couldn't quite beat them so took the silver with WP taking the gold.

SA Inter Regional Championships – 20-23 December 2016:

This is an adult event where the unions compete against each other in teams and winning this is a very sought after prize. Draven's team won the Best Junior team prize, which involved a cash prize so they were chuffed. Tshwane has serious bragging rights now as they not only won Best Junior team but their senior A Team took the gold overall.

2017:

Draven has been invited to join a **High Performance Squad that Tshwane Chess** has put together for 2017. Basically it is the top players in each age group that Tshwane Chess wants to develop and support to help them achieve their goals in both junior and senior events.

SA Team Trials – April 2017:

Draven has qualified to attend the trials in April for the U18 SA Team.



Tamsin Gallichan is the Senior girls **Artistic Gymnastics** Region 5 Champion for Individual All Around with a gold medal on Vault, Bar, Beam and floor and the Senior SA Team also received Gold.



Jessica Dunstan took part in the **Lake Heritage Water Festival 1200m open water swim** on 22 January and came 3rd in the age group 14-30 in 19'05.

Bradley Cottle has been included for the third year in a row in the Protea Team for Fly Fishing.



Star Tennis player, **Michelle Ncube** played in the Gauteng North Keyhealth TSA Series last week and was runner up in the doubles women's section.

Michelle was also crowned champion on 4 December last year in the doubles for the ITF Leg 2 Kenya. She played with Lara Schmid from Germany.



Shannon Webb will be performing at the St Mary's DSG U-Party event on 10 February; CANSA Relay for Life on 10 March in Boksburg and 11 March in Pretoria.

Support Shannon as well as these good causes.