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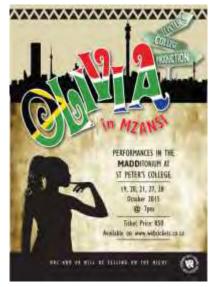
Message from the Headmaster

Dear St Peter's family,

MAKING THE RIGHT COMMITMENTS

Our mid-term break and Bishops holiday this weekend came at an opportune time. Mrs Matthews spoke to the school last week about the examinations that will begin in two weeks, and provided a strong motivation to use free time profitably. High school requires more independent study the older one gets. And yet, I want to remind parents that left to their own devises our children don't always do what we expect them to do. They will, however, respond to what you inspect. A study schedule, summarising ones notes and revising critical sections of work should feature sooner rather than later.





Despite the long weekend, a number of sports and cultural activities took place: lots of **Water Polo tournaments** featured, our superbly produced and excellently acted **Olivia in Mzanzi** straddled the weekend, and our **Prefects** participated in training time.

One of the over-riding themes that cut across all these activities is the importance of *commitment*. Aside from the absolute priority of academic excellence, we strongly encourage balance between the various facets of school life, particularly in the co-curricular space. We expect young people to develop strong passions for activities that interest them. Besides the personal skills gained on our sporting pitches and courts or in our cultural studios and stages, there are also really important interpersonal lessons that come from being a member of a team.

From the College's point of view Sport and Cultural activities are compulsory.

And once a student has been selected for a team or is a member of an activity it is really important that they are **in right place at the right time with the right kit and attitude, every time**. This is as true for practices as it is for games, competitions or

performances. When this doesn't happen the **team is let down**. Parents play a very important part in helping convey this life lesson about commitment. Common courtesies of advanced notice to coaches and managers on the very few instances a student is unable to attend a team event is important. Thanks and gratitude to teachers after each event should be expressed rather than taken for granted.

We are **extremely grateful for the significant commitment many parents show** in getting their children involved in the life of the College.

Sincerely,

Mr Murray Thomas Headmaster

Academic News

Stand on your box and start something that matters

On Monday, 19 October, the Headmaster's Assembly was dedicated to academics. The assembly started off with a quick YouTube video. Take a moment to watch it for yourself. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3G621cw770

I would like to share with you what your children heard:

"What a talented young man? What an inspiration? Would you like to stand on your box and make a difference or perhaps start something new?

Sometimes we get caught up in the commitments both in and out of College, that our box is too full to empty it out and start something new. As much as a well-balanced life is important, you need to ensure that academics are your priority. Final Examinations are three weeks away.

It is true to say that it's not too late for you. In Grade 10 and 11, the Final Examination makes up 75% of your Promotion Mark and in Grade 8 and 9, makes up 30% your Promotion Mark.

You must **set goals for yourself**. Without a goal, where are you going and what are you trying to achieve? Just as important as goals, are your **study programmes**. Studying the day before does not work. You cannot learn the whole curriculum off by heart. Notes must be made and must be studied. It does not help you to make beautiful notes if you don't plan to study the notes. Know the type of learner that you are. Are you a tactile learner or perhaps an auditory learner? Learn in a way that best suits you.

The Grade 11s will receive a hard copy report at the end of the year. The Final Examinations are very important as these results will be used to **apply to university**. Study diligently and aim to get an APS score that allows you to apply for a variety of courses at university. We will, as a staff, assist you to attain your potential. Please take advantage of what is on offer. We want you to fulfill your potential.

Where are you studying when you are at home? Lying on your bed, with the television on in the background, Instagram on your phone and listening to music with your headphones, is not ideal for optimal learning to take place. Sit in an airy room that is quiet and has good light. Review your previous assignments, examinations and tests. Analyse where you went wrong and seek assistance from your teachers if necessary.

Your focus must be academics. Do not take time off from school. Teachers are teaching, as well as giving tips about preparation and what to expect in your examinations. Afternoons and evenings must be dedicated to study sessions. Either go home after school, or make use of the Resource Centre. Ensure that you are following a healthy diet, getting some exercise and enough sleep.

From the list of 'Top Ten' and 'Movers and Shakers' read out a couple of weeks ago, I **expect excellent results** in the Final Examinations and nothing less will be accepted. Remember that the examination period is far more relaxed for you; all you need to do is study and write examinations. You don't need worry about anything else.

So, stand on your box, make a difference, start something that matters. Your life matters. Your future matters. All the best for the Final Examinations."

Mrs Shelly Matthews

Deputy Headmistress: Academics

White Blazer

Congratulations and well done to Harry Joannou on achieving his White Blazer, presented to him at the Matric's final assembly on 12 October 2015.



Invitation to Parents

St Peter's College and Kliptown Career Cheese and Wine Evening

Tuesday, 10 November 2015 at 19:00 in the Tak Hiemstra Pavilion

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Parents' Association, I invite you to an initiative focusing on Career Planning for Grade 11 and 12 Kliptown students.

As part of our outreach programme, the Grade 11 and 12 students that attend the Kliptown Youth Programme, underwent an assessment process. The focus of the assessments was to assist each student in identifying their career path.

As many of you know Kliptown is an informal settlement and most of the families do not have funds to send their children to college or university. Our aim of the evening is to identify willing companies and/ or individuals who would be able to assist in placing these young people in either a tertiary education system or in a vocational position.

The founder of Kliptown and CNN Hero, Thulani Madondo whose mission it is "to provide opportunities that will enable our young people to rise out of poverty", will be our guest speaker. The learners who have been assessed will also be attending the function. If you are interested in attending this function or if you know of an individual or company that would like to attend please RSVP to gilliani@mweb.co.za by 5 November 2015.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gillian Ilsley
Parents' Association Member

Standing Ovation for Olivia in Mzansi

Olivia in Mzansi proved to be a massive hit for our College community. Every night was full of eager theatre goers ready to support this energetic and committed cast. To put on a musical is like getting four or five sports teams to play one game together, and ALL WIN. It is difficult indeed but when it works magic happens. Five performances took a lot of energy and effort from all involved, especially the first week of performance, as we had just completed a two week intensive production experience. The kids worked



from February on many of the pieces and I really have to thank them for walking with me on this journey. I rewrote the script and took many risks to reinterpret this classic for a teenage audience of today. I think it worked, although I have my critics.

Mr Botha has been an immense support in this process and I thank him with all my heart. I would also like to give credit to the wonderful Yolande Donnelly who stayed up many late nights working on our spectacular costumes, Jackie Edwards for all her marketing ideas and the amazing Avril Swanepoel, Samantha Deeb and the Art Task Team for all their design and work. The technical team under Luke Hewson also did amazing work under difficult conditions. My Drama Captains, especially Luke Christelis and Cameron King, were phenomenal in their willingness to go beyond the call of duty to build set and support every aspect of the production. Lastly, I would like to thank the parents for the many, many late nights that they had to wait for their kids. It really is appreciated. And now on to the next production. How exciting to be involved in Drama!

Mr Dario Doneda MIC: Dramatic Arts

Mothers and Daughter Breakfast

On Saturday, 10 October the St Peter's College Matric Dance Committee (MDC) hosted the annual 'Mother and Daughter Breakfast' for 2015. The morning was well-attended and the MADD foyer was filled with colour radiating from both the amazing outfits and the wonderful ladies who attended. The theme for this year's breakfast was 'Twinning'. The moms, daughters and grannies all arrived co-ordinated and ready to celebrate their close bonds.

The morning was filled with games which both reinforced and challenged these strong relationships. Two of the most memorable moments had to have been the blindfolded lipstick competition and the 'Toilet paper' dress-up, where glamour was abandoned and creativity embraced.

The morning ended on an exciting note where the mom's had to compete for a sweetie jar and how else could we have decided this without a dance-off. Memories were made, moments were shared and relationships were strengthened. I am so grateful for these gems and the precious relationship that exists between a mother and daughter. Thank you to all those special ladies, gentlemen and the MDC for their contributions towards making the 'Mother and Daughter Breakfast' one that will never be forgotten.

Ms Chalice Egling Head of MDC







Jozana Exchange Programme

Thank you to St Peter's College for the opportunity to host Siba during this week.

I would love to tell you some of our experiences we shared together and memories we will never forget. Siba arrived and was friendly and excited.

On her first day, Siba said she was nervous and overwhelmed. She said the size of the College was very big for her and the work was quite different from hers, for example, geography at her school is more agriculture. She could cope with maths and physics and did a lot of homework in the afternoon. During the next couple of days, Siba had asked if she could follow drama and music students. She loved these subjects as her school does not offer these choices and she really enjoyed the lessons.

Siba's school is not as big as some of the other local schools in Sterkspruit. There are close to 600 pupils. Siba is in 10A and there are only 36 pupils in her class but in 10B there are 100 pupils. This is because Siba's subjects include maths and physics. They only play soccer, netball and volleyball and she has never learnt to swim. Siba's mother lives in Gauteng and she only sees her at Easter and Christmas. Siba's sister is in charge of Siba and her 4 siblings.

We had a great weekend. The Mothers and Daughters breakfast was such fun and Siba loved her prizes and gifts. St John's invited all the Jozana students to the St John's fireworks and MiCasa evening. Siba says she will treasure that memory forever. On Sunday we went

ice skating which was rather challenging but Siba laughed her way through it. Joslyn and I became very close to Siba and we hope she will keep in contact with us. We realise how fortunate we are at St Peter's and we also feel that this week benefited us as well as Siba. I hope the College will continue with this programme.



Siba on ice with Simone and Joslyn Lategan

Thank you

Simone Lategan (Grade 10)

LOC Campaign Winners

The LOC campaign came to an end on 20 October. 4,471 bags were collected which will contribute to the making of 300 back packs with solar panels.

It is with joy that I can announce the LOC winners: Grade 9 LRO. Thank you, Mrs Robertson, for driving this initiative! This group of 20 students brought in a total of 2,472 plastic bags. Each bag was folded by the committee members: Nikayla, Nolo, Abigail, Rebecca, Caleb, Kirithi and Kristin.

Mrs Cornel Malan

Invitation to Andre Schwartz Performance with College Band, Choir and Art Display

You're invited to an exclusive evening with André Schwartz, with guest & MC, Lizz Meiring





Friday, 6th November from 6pm St. Peter's College, Sunninghill "The MADDitorium"

St. Peter's College Marimba Band, Choir
and Students' Art Display
Stunning Waterford Wines & Canapés included
** R300 per person **

To book tickets, contact 0836408824 or email fundraiser@animalsindistress.org.za







World Challenge 2016

I LIKE TO MOVE IT MOVE IT! Yes, we are off to MADAGASCAR on the World Challenge Tour in 2016.

There was a lot of interest shown at the Parent Information evening last week and I would like to thank everyone who attended. Please may I ask that if you are interested in sending your child on the World Challenge Tour that you please return the application form to either Ms Meyer or to me by 11 November.

If you didn't receive an application form or have perhaps misplaced it and would like to send your child please ask them to collect an application form from me.

I include an extract of a letter I received from a parent of one of the 2015 challengers.

"Sarah did not stop talking from the moment we left the airport till the moment she put her head on her pillow at home late that evening!

We laughed helplessly as she went through the entire range of toilet experiences from trains to digging holes in the mountains!

But on a more serious note, her defining moment was eventually meeting the children and teaching them to play "my father went to sea..."

She was amazed how these children were so open to learning in such difficult circumstances, which is a way of life for them.

She really enjoyed the fact that they were treated like adults and allowed to make decisions and communicate in an adult way in order to figure out each challenge.

It was something that has really touched her and said she'd do it again, if only just to be able to help the children more.

She was so pleased that they could leave something behind that would brighten up their world of learning. One of her achievements was actually completing the hike, which was something she was really nervous about – and this has given her an inner strength to recognise that she actually can do things she sets her mind on

I have noticed a fierce command of independence since her return – but in a positive way!

Thank you once again for being there and allowing her the freedom to experience all that she has achieved in the challenge.

That "silence" has really helped her experience independence and achieve self -confidence in the process.

She found it really interesting to interact with the men at the market when buying goods and said she paid far too much for one item and thereafter bartered aggressively for everything!" Belinda Wright.

I look forward to another exciting adventure and may we all MOVE IT MOVE IT in 2016.

Ms Sonja Theron MIC: World Challenge

Cultural News

National Eisteddfod

"Recently a number of our music pupils were entered into the National Eisteddfod qualifying round. This competition attracts hundreds of pupils including the top private music schools in Gauteng. In our last newsletter we listed our results. Most of our pupils performed exceptionally well.

This week the National Eisteddfod Academy informed us that five of our pupils have been singled out for a special award, namely: Christie Vemer, Dani Knight, Erin Lyle, Ruby Shih and Vuyo Tshwele.

The Marimba Band has also been nominated for an award and the Marimba Band and Ruby Shih have been invited to perform at the Prize Giving Ceremony.

This is a huge accomplishment and reward at national level for these musicians. The recognition also speaks volumes about the depth of talent at St Peter's College and especially within our Music Department. My hearty congratulations go to all the pupils involved and to Ms Mullins for her guidance and passion this year."

Helen Knight

Parent

Art Task Team's Trip to Lionel Smit Exhibition

The Art Task Team was privileged enough to visit the Lionel Smit Exhibition at the Everard Read Art Gallery in Rosebank on 28 September. Walking through the corridors and in the different rooms of the gallery one was constantly confronted by absolutely amazing pieces.

Lionel Smit has put much creative energy and detail into every piece exhibited. I especially enjoyed how the colours of the paintings complemented each other, as well as the expressive techniques that he implements. For his bronzes he uses the wax casting method - one of the oldest known metal-forming techniques, which is brilliant considering he is only 23 years old. The detail is the sculptures is dumfounding!

I enjoyed his avant-garde approach to the female anatomy, and feel that his pieces definitely make a statement of some sort, and speak for themselves. Lionel is an absolutely phenomenal artist whose work has been recognised abroad. Most recently, his Origins, solo exhibition, took place at the Rook & Raven in London earlier this year.

Lionel's work really is filled with passion and a love for what he does. I can't wait to enjoy more of his artworks! *Pelo Mpuru (Grade 10)*



Iban Bester and Rugare Ponde

Images taken by Jemma Mould



Co-Curricular News

Basketball

Sacred Heart - Rained out

St Dunstan's - All teams won barring U14 girls

All teams won barring u14 girls.

Chess



Draven Bucceri (Grade 9) will be participating with the South African team in the **World Youth Championships in Greece** from 24 October to 6 November. This is a humongous accolade and we are really proud of his special achievement!

Draven has also been selected for the Tshwane U16A team for the South African Junior Chess Championships, which will be held in Cape Town next year.

On behalf of the College we wish Draven the best of luck ahead of the Championships and we encourage him to carry his success with him into the Championships these coming weeks! *Daniel Martin (Grade 11)*

Cricket

17 October

1st Team vs Hyde Park High

Team Batting 1st: Hyde Park 1st

Runs: 90 Wickets: 10 Overs: 21

Team Batting 2nd: St Peters College 1st

Runs: 385 Wickets: 8 Overs: 50

Result of Match: St Peters College win by 295 runs

Crawford Lonehill

Rained out

Swimming

Relay Gala at HeronBridge 29 October 2015

1 ST	St Peter's College	428
2 ND	HeronBridge A	412
3 RD	HeronBridge B	244
4 TH	Hyde Park	212

Relay Gala at Wahoo 20 October 2015

1 ST	St Peter's College	448
2 ND	HeronBridge College	396
3 RD	Dainfern College	224
4 TH	Beaulieu College	204
5 TH	De La Salle College	172

Relay Gala at Beaulieu 15 October 2015

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1 ST	St Peter's College	360
2 ND	Beaulieu College	264
3 RD	Dainfern College	160
4 TH	De La Salle HC College	140

U15 Team vs Hyde Park U15

Runs: 141 Wickets: 10

Team Batting 2nd: St Peters College U15 Team

Runs: 142 Wickets: 4

Result of Match: St Peters College win by 6 wickets

Central Gauteng Swimmers

Congratulations to our following swimmers who have been selected to swim for Central Gauteng at the SA School's Swimming Championships from 10-16 December 2015 in Cape Town:

Kevin Shang Yuvish Premlall Alex Krastanov Jamie Edwards Yogita Mohabir Sean Moodley (absent for photo as he is currently swimming in Russia)



Seagulls Gala

Congratulations to our following swimmers who competed at the Seagulls Gala held at Kings Park in Durban:

Jamie Edwards who achieved 3rd place at Seagulls Gala for the 100m Freestyle, 6th for 50m Freestyle, 10th for 100m Backstroke and 8th for 200m IM. Jamie competed in 9 events with PB's in 7.

Alex Krastanov competed in 10 events, achieving PBs in 9 events. He placed 5th in 200 Backstroke, 4th in 100 Backstroke and 2nd in 50 Backstroke.

Sean Moodley competed in 10 events, achieving PBs in 9 events. He placed 4th in 100 Backstroke, 3rd in 100 Fly, 7th 100 Freestyle and 7th in 50 Backstroke.

Tennis

On Friday, 2 October, the top two tennis boys and the top two tennis girls participated in the District Trials. Jason Raw, Alex Maack, Michelle Ncube and Jessi ca Webb were accompanied by Ms Dell to St Andrew's school for Girls. The competition was tough but in true St Peter's spirit, the boys and girls gave their best with every shot. By the end of the day St Peter's reigned on the courts. Jason Raw and Alex Maack were placed 1st and 2nd and Michelle Ncube was also placed 1st in the district.

We wish them all of the best as they are preparing for the provincial trials.

After the District Trials, **Michelle Ncube** competed in the Southern Gauteng trials. We are very proud to announce that she won the U18 singles as well as the doubles. We congratulate Michelle on this remarkable achievement.

Michelle Ncube at the Southern Gauteng trials

Boys Results

vs The Kings School Redhill: 36-63 lost

vs St Stithians: 43 - 56 lost vs Randburg Hoër: 80 - 19 lost

Still 2 matches remaining: Fourways and Bryanston

Girls Results

Vs HeronBridge 56-70 (lost) Vs St Mary's 49-77 (lost) Vs Jeppe 75-52 (won) Vs St Mary's 92-34 (won) Vs Fourways 55-71 (lost)



Cornel Malan MIC: Tennis

Water Polo

Boys Results

.3 October 16 O	October	17 October	22-24 October	28 October
	vs St David's 4-3	Juniors vs Dainfern 9-1	U14 Grey Bloem Tourno	U14 won 15 – 0
(lost) (won) (won)	(won)	n) Vs Parktown 6-2 (won)	U15 won 12 – 0	
	U15 vs St David's 3-9		Vs Clifton 0-12 (lost)	1st Team won 9 – 5
(lost))		Vs Grey Coll 1-8 (lost)	
			Vs Wynberg 5-3 (won)	
			Playoffs vs Pearson 0-5	
			(lost)	
			11 th /12 th place vs St	
			Andrews 2-3 (lost)	

Kosmas Joannou Man of Match in Parktown and Wynberg games.

Girls Results

9 October

Junior Girl vs St Mary's 1-5 (lost)

20-23 October - The Roedean School U14 Tourno

Final Positions

1	Reddam House (CT)
2	Pearson High School (PE)
3	Herschel Girl's School (CT)
4	Chisipite Senior School (ZIM)
5	Roedean School (SA) (JHB)
6	St Mary's School (Waverley) (JHB)
7	St Dominic's School (JHB)
8	Collegiate Girls' High (PE)
9	Durban Girls' College (DUR)

10	St. Anne's Diocesan College (HIL)	
11	Crawford Lonehill (JHB)	
12	Pretoria Girls' High (PTA)	
13	Parktown Girls' High School (JHB)	
14	Rand Park High (JHB)	
16	St Peter's College	
16	St Stithians College (JHB)	
17	Fourways High School (JHB)	
18	Invitational Team	

St Stithians Festival

22-25 October

Boys 1st Toam Posults

Boys 1 Team Results			
Group games:	Playoff games:		
 Lost 13-6 to KES (was 5-3 half way through) 	 Lost 9-4 to St David's (was 5-4 half way through) 		
 Lost 7-2 to SACS (was 3-0 half way through) 	Beat(for 17th/18th playoff place)		
 Lost 12-1 to Durban High School (was 4-0 half way 	 Lost 8-3 to Hilton for 18th place finish (was 2-1 half 		
through)	way through)		
Lost 9-7 to Hilton			

Girls 1st Team Results

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Playoff games:		
Loss to Reddam		
• 9/10 and 11/12 places		
Won against DSG		
St Dominic's Loss		
Placed 10th position		

Team.

2015 Co-Ed Tournament

2 St Peter's

Our 1st team boys and girls had a successful tournament at Co-eds held at Thomas More in Kloof, KwaZulu Natal. Thank you to the teachers and parent for your support. A good time was had by all.

Boys Girls 3rd/4th: 3rd/4th: Well done to Devon Hodgson, Kingswood 3 - 8 St Peter's 3 – 7 Nicola MacLeod Westerford Pearson and Matthew Orr who were selected Final: Final: for Tournament Crawford Lonehill 4 -Westerford 1 - 9

Stirling





Central Gauteng Players

Congratulations to the following St Peter's College Water Polo players who have been selected to play for Central Gauteng at the SA School's Water Polo Tournament in Cape Town in December 2015:



Boys

U16B - James van
Dongen, Matthew Pitt
& Caleb Vergotine
U14B - Kosma Joannou
Girls
U19 A - Jessica Penney
U16A - Taylin Blues &
Chesnay Havenga
U16B - Tiffany Theron
& Emi Jozela
U15A - Zantia
Bainbridge & Tasmin
Waite

U16A - Matthew Orr

U15B - Georgia
O'Flaherty & UnaKelly Donnelly
U14A - Jessica
Frame
Nicola MacLeod
for SA U18 playing
test matches
against Australia
and Zimbabwe