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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents & Students,

St Peter's College Pride

What is school spirit? **School spirit** is in many ways the heart of a **school**. **Pride** is a **school spirit** synonym because it helps foster a sense of belonging among students, parents and staff who are part of the **school**. School spirit is important because it sets the tone for various aspects of the school and its students. When the student body is involved in events on and off campus, it demonstrates a passion that is **immeasurable** and **contagious**.

To me, it is more than cheering for the school's rugby team at a Derby Day. School spirit is the positive attitude students and teachers have about their school. School spirit helps bring different groups of students together and unites a school. Research shows that students who feel connected to their school are less likely to drop out or receive bad grades. Supporting or being a member of a sport team is a great way to show school spirit, but there are other ways. You can show school spirit by playing in the band or participating in drama. You can take a leadership role in school life and lead by example.

School spirit and school pride go hand in hand.

According to Webster's Dictionary, "*pride is the pleasure or satisfaction taken in some act, accomplishment, or possession.*" When we are proud of something, we want it to look its best. School pride can be demonstrated by cleaning up after oneself or picking papers and other trash off the floor and parking lot. Pushing chairs in to tables in your classrooms, computer lab and resource centre, straightening rows of desks, and reporting bullying all demonstrate pride in a school. These are just some of the ways; I'm sure you can think of others. When a person is proud of something they speak positively about it; they don't run it down.

There is much to be proud of at St Peter's College. We have fully qualified and experienced teachers who take their jobs seriously. We have a growing number of clubs and co-curricular activities for students to engage in. We have a high level of technology throughout our school. We have a school newspaper that allows students, and teachers to communicate with the school at large. We have a school website that provides information to students, parents, and the community, as well as, sports teams, win or lose, that represent our school with pride.

Are you proud of all that is St Peter's College? What does the Blue, Red and Gold mean to you? What do the Crossed Keys mean to you? Is school spirit and pride limited to rugby season? Not that that isn't part of it, but in my opinion, it is not all of it!

We know our "**Fight Song**", but do we know our school song? Let's not forget the pride we have in St Peter's College. Let's continue to feel connected to our College community, showing respect for our facilities and grounds, teachers, other students and ourselves.

Be proud of **St Peter's College**, our colours, our badge as we move

"In Futurum Fortiter"

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

From the Wellness Desk

TOUGHLOVE Talk: Monday, 3 June at 07:30 - 08:30

The ILP/LO Department has embarked on a substance awareness campaign with the Grade 11s. On Monday, 3 June 2019 Tough Love will be addressing the Grade 11 students during block lesson (07:30 - 08:30). Please note that TOUGHLOVE® is a loving solution for families that are being torn apart by unacceptable behaviour; be it drugs, alcohol, substance, verbal or physical abuse. TOUGHLOVE® offers effective, practical support for families and loved ones affected by abuse.

We are excited to invite **all parents, caregivers and interested parties** to attend the talk as it will be interactive and offers an opportunity to understand and become proactive against substance abuse.

Mrs Laila Jeebodh-Desai
Educational Psychologist

House Build Project

Handover and blessing of the houses

It was indeed a blessing and a humbling privilege to be part of St Peter's College outreach ministry as we embarked for



Lawley, south of Johannesburg on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. The amazing journey was all about service; the spirit of giving back to the community and most importantly, about leaving the people of God with a smile on their faces and a legacy to last beyond a lifetime.

St Peter's College, together with Habitat for Humanity, laboured together once again to bring hope to the hopeless and shelter to three individuals with **homes**. These three new houses were built from scratch by the St Peter's students, under the guidance of Ms Sonja Theron and Ms Suzette Meyer. This wonderful project continues to prove not only to us but to the residents of Lawley, that indeed there is

a God and that God is always at work through each one of us.

It is with joy in our hearts that we congratulate Ms Mbhele, Ms Zwane and Ms Zungu who were presented with their brand-new keys to enjoy their new homes.

We give thanks to God as we recognise that a house is a structure that remains solid for the current and future generations to come.

A house becomes a home, it becomes a shelter in all the weather conditions that we face in our daily lives and, most importantly, it is a dwelling place that will forever be cherished.

It is heart-warming to accompany Mr Rui Morais (Headmaster) together with his team, as we open these new houses for the first time and blessed them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit; that all who

dwell in them and all who enter them may find joy and peace as they fellowship and dine together.

We applaud this wonderful joint initiative as it continues to change people's lives for the better. In IsiZulu we say, and I quote: *"Umntu nguMuntu ngaBantu"* which simply translates that "A person is a person through other people."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu alludes to this in one of his famous quotes when he says: *"My humanity is inextricably bound up in yours, we all belong in a bundle of life"* – (Made for Goodness: 2010)

Sibonelo Mkhabela
College Chaplain

World Challenge 2020

Destination - Costa Rica

Thank you if you have already registered your child for the World Challenge Tour to Costa Rica in 2020. However, should you still wish to send your child on this tour of a lifetime, where they take responsibility for the budget and planning (under a watchful eye and non-intrusive guidance) please contact me at the college on therons@stpeterscollege.co.za I am available to discuss this tour with you in more detail should you have any queries or concerns.

I have asked World Challenge to extend the due date to Monday, **17 June 2019**. We will be having the first planning meeting with all the 2020 challengers on Monday, 24 June, in CC1. This is when the challengers decide on the hike, community project and rest and relaxation period. However, should you miss this cut-off date for whatever reason and decide later on that you would like to send your child, I am sure I can make the necessary arrangements with World Challenge. However, flights get pre-booked towards the end of September so best to send in applications before the end of the 2019 August holidays.

Please contact me on therons@stpeterscollege.co.za for application forms.

Ms Sonja Theron

MIC: World Challenge

Debating News

Junior Debating

On Saturday, 18 May 2019 the Junior Debating team competed in the SACEE development league. We had three debates against Crawford College Sandton, Krugersdorp High School and Hoërskool Jan De Klerk. We won two of the three debates and finished in position number four out of the twelve schools who competed. Our next round will take place on Saturday, 1 June 2019. Good luck to our Junior Debating team.

Amy Martin

Grade 9 student

Grade 9 African Languages and Cultural Day

On Friday, 17 May 2019, the Grade 9 students had their much-anticipated African Languages and Cultural Day. It was one



of the highlights of our year. We are a diverse group of students and it was wonderful to have a day to celebrate diversity and to have fun. The afternoon started off with a French quiz then we went on to play 'boeresport' games on the field. The games we played were: Tug of war, 'kat en muis', 'vroteier', sack races and a lot of other fun games. It was loads of fun.

We then moved to the hall where we did Zulu dancing for the next hour. We watched Zulu dancing and sang some isiZulu songs. The outfit worn by the dance facilitators were truly amazing. Following

the dancing we had hamburgers. Mr Botha showed us how to do 'Volkspele' on Jan Pierewiet' and what the correct way



is for a real gentleman to ask a lady for a dance. After dinner we had our last activity which was a music concert given by a lady who played the piano and sang in French, Afrikaans and English.

It was incredible for us to watch a person who can sing one song in different languages and play the piano at the same time. What an amazing talent!

There was also a talented man on the cello whilst the piano was being played. Then it was the end of our incredible afternoon. Thank you to the teachers for organising this fun-filled day for grade 9 students.

Kylah McCreedy

Grade 9 student

Cross Country News

The Cross-Country season is officially over. This year, it started at the beginning of April to accommodate the different school holidays as far as possible. The usual six league fixtures were run over the past few weeks where well over 100 athletes compete in each age group. The season culminated in the Inter-League and Inter-District Competitions held last

week. In order to qualify for Inter-Districts, an athlete has to have run a minimum of three meetings and their average placing has to be Top 20. Congratulations to Nicole Diepeveen who qualified to run for Northern Districts and placed 16th overall. Nicole has qualified for this event every year since Grade 9.

Athletes Personal Bests for the season:

Senior Boys 6km

Matthew McDermott	26 th	Delta Park Meet 2
Ota Mutepe	101 st	Bryanston Meet
Sanchian Maharaj	107 th	Bryanston Meet

Senior Girls 4km

Nicole Diepeveen	9 th	Delta Park Meet 2
Natalie Walsh	23 rd	Delta Park Meet 2
Kaitlin Elliott	49 th	Delta Park Meet 2
Noluthando Ntlekeni	56 th	Saints Meet 2

Junior Boys 4km

Kiyan Naicker	46 th	Bryanston Meet
Jaiden Maharaj	55 th	Bryanston Meet

Junior Girls 4km

Michaela dal Medico	12 th	Saints Meet 2
Emma Cope	31 st	Saints Meet 2
Amy McDermott	32 nd	Delta Park Meet 2
Daniella dal Medico	43 rd	Delta Park Meet 2
Mia de Haan	52 nd	Bryanston Meet
Tina Zororo	53 rd	Bryanston Meet

Mr Ryan Hammond

MIC: Cross Country

Squash News

The squash players have had a very busy few weeks and have shown incredible commitment to their sport in the process.

League Results

The 1st team continues to dominate their league – their results so far are as follows:



- vs Marist Brothers Linmeyer: WON 14 – 0
- vs King David Victory Park: WON 14 – 0
- vs Rand Park High School: WON 14 – 0
- vs Northcliff: WON 14 – 0
- vs Helpmekaar: WON 14 – 0

A huge congratulations to the 1st team!

The 2nd team has also had a successful season thus far with results as follows:

- vs Highlands North Boys College: WON 14 – 0
- vs Mondeor: WON 12 – 3

Central Gauteng Closed Tournament

Four of our players competed in the Central Gauteng Closed Provincial qualifying tournament this past weekend. Kirsten Hope, James McArthur, Ezra Vergotine and Joshua Wilson all played with great skill and determination:



- Joshua finished 17th in an extremely large field of u16's this year
- Ezra was awarded the Plate prize for u19
- Kirsten finished 9th in the u19 section
- James finished 5th in the very strong u14 section

Central Gauteng Provincial Team

The Central Gauteng Provincial team was announced at this tournament as well. We are extremely proud to announce that both James McArthur and Kirsten Hope have been selected for the u14 and u19 teams respectively.

This is the first time since 2001 that St Peter's College has two Provincial Squash players in the same year. Kirsten repeats her feat of being the first female at St Peter's to make a provincial squash team.

Mr Mathew Kirkland

MIC Squash

Drama Major Production

"California Dreamin'" is our 2019 major production. It is a mixture of scene acting and physical theatre. It is set in 1970's USA and tells the story of Jude, a South African who travels to the USA to find his father, but ends up finding himself in the process. It is about the "beautiful mess" of life and deals with themes of memory, pain, loss, friendship, love and healing.

There are also a lot of comic scenes. So come and be entertained by our passionate group of performers, and enjoy songs such as Elton John's "Song for Guy"; Katy Perry's "California Girls"; the Bee Gees "Stayin' Alive", the Village People and "YMCA", and a host of other wonderful pieces.

We have two sets of leads:

Tristan van den Heever and Isabelle Pienaar perform at 19h15 on Opening Night of Wednesday 19 June, Friday 21 June and Thursday 27 June.

Filip Poludiniak and Jessica Goulding perform at 19h15 on Thursday 20 June, Sunday 23 June at 15h00, and Wednesday 26 June at 19h15.

Tickets are FREE but need to be booked with Mr Doneda at or from one of the Drama students. Tickets can be collected at the foyer on the night of the performance.

See our complete cast list below.

Assistant Director:	Liam George (12)
Jude:	Filip Poludniak (11); Tristan van den Heever (10)
Todd:	Matthew Harris (11)
Angela:	Jessica Goulding (11); Isabelle Pienaar (11)
Stephanie:	Natalie Molenaar (11)
Zola:	Landa Mbuli (10)
Justin:	Frank Barron (10)
Chorus:	Lloyd Tshuketana (12)
	Dalingcebo Makhanya (12)
	Jaden Pope (11)
	Ezra Vergotine (11)
	Jessica Parsons (11)
	William Cooper (10)
	David Plumb (10)

Joshua Tedder (10)
 Joshua Dunn (10)
 Qvardon Raghunan (10)
 Nicholas Peake (10)
 Cadence Prinsloo (10)
 Mikaela Penberthy (10)
 Marang Matlapeng (10)
 Maipelo Kalake (10)
 Teneal Joseph (10)
 Tyler Koekemoer (9)
 Monet Steenkamp (9)
 Isabella Beyers (9)
 Nikita Anthony (9)
 Tinetariro Zororo (9)
 Mia de Haan (9)
 Emily Scholtz (9)
 Kendra Chettiar (9)
 Gregory Hudson (9)
 Aidan Davies (9)
 Reece Johnson (9)
 Thomas Ferrett (9)
 Oliver Skudder (9)
 Tristan Svoboda (9)

Technical:

Emil Lars (PopArt Theatre) Designer
 Syjil Ramjuthan (11) Head and Lighting
 Sarah Garrett (10) Video Projection
 Abby Shih (10) Sound
 Seth Schmidt (8) Follow Spot

Costumes:

Simphiwe Majokane (11) Assistant
 Mrs Yolande Donnelly Designer
 Mrs Harris Assistant
 Anastasia Hadjidemetriou (11) Head
 Angelina Seymour (9)
 Paige Schmidt (9)

Props Master:

Saurav Sathyapal (10)

Backstage:

Sanchian Maharaj (10)
 Jason Holmes (10)
 Ross du Plooy (8)
 Dimitri Hadjidemetriou (8)

Front-of-House:

Sage Palombo (12)
 Kristine Mahony (12)
 Tatum McCraw (12)
 Otanne Mutepe (10)
 Akhona Msibi (10)
 Kishania Naidoo (10)
 Thandiswa Maboyi (10)
 Khanyisile Khumalo (10)

Catering:

The Pink Lettuce

Choreography:

Nicola Haskins
 Bailey Snyman

Writer, Producer,**Director:**

Dario Doneda

We would really appreciate if any mothers could assist us with make-up.

Mr Dario Doneda

Drama Teacher



TICKETS ARE FREE BUT NEED TO BE BOOKED
WITH MR DONEDA AT LUNCH TIME IN DRAMA OFFICE
SEATING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

19, 21, 27 JUNE

LEADS: Isabelle Pienaar and Tristan van den Heever

20, 23, 26 JUNE

LEADS: Jessica Goulding and Filip Poludniak

