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Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Dear Parents and Students,

As I reflect back on 2015 which is my 13th year at St Peter's College, I acknowledge what an outstanding institution I am so privileged to be part of. St Peter's College is most certainly a very different school to when I started on 1 January 2003, and I am often astounded how rapidly we have grown and progressed.

As we enter our 18th year of existence it is important to acknowledge our founding fathers, because without their vision and passion at the time, we would not be here today. St Peter's College was an initiative of the St Peter's Preparatory School parents and members of Council, who had a vision to establish an Anglican, modern, co-educational, diverse, inclusive school which is truly representative of the 'New South Africa' and which embraces the wonderful ethos and values of our preparatory school.

I was part of a strategy session which involved members of Council, parents, executive and staff, where our **Mission Statement** was written and ratified and reads as follows:

St Peter's College is a co-educational independent day school espousing Christian values and providing a balanced, caring, varied and modern environment. The aim of the College is to ensure that individual potential is achieved through exposure to a wide range of excellent academic, sporting, creative, cultural, community and entrepreneurial activities based on international standards.

Our goal is to create and maintain an environment where trust and respect for the individual prevails, where diversity is valued, and where individual responsibility is fostered within the context of teamwork. The unique contribution of each student, staff member and parent is valued within an environment of opportunity, thereby providing the inspiration necessary to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and confidence required to succeed in the 21st Century.

As we strive for continued excellence and improvement in the academic, cultural, sport and pastoral spheres, we never divert from our Mission Statement and our core values of Relationships, Respect and Responsibility.

In order to support the **values** that all St Petrians aim to uphold, we:

- Respect the rights and privileges of others
- Respect and aim to preserve our environment
- Respect the property of the College and the community at large
- Accept our responsibility to adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour as defined by the College
- Accept our individual responsibility to be fully involved and to strive to develop our full potential through strong personal motivation in order to achieve worthwhile objectives
- Accept responsibility and acknowledge we are responsible for our actions

Hockey Astro

As part of our ongoing focus **on improving our facilities** at the College, we had our ground breaking ceremony for our new **Astro** officiated by Father Trevor Prince on Monday, 30 November. The Astro is being built on Tutu Field and it is encouraging to see the rapid progress. The due date for completion is 8 May 2016, hopefully in time for our upcoming hockey season.

I want to thank our PA Chairlady Mrs Tania Else, the PA and our parents for their generous capital contribution, Mrs Laura Jansen who heads up the Campus Development Committee on Council, Mrs Heidi Müller our Business Manager, Mr Mike Ilsley our Chairman of Council and still current Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr Les Whittal and his committee of hockey parents and our Director of Sport, Ms Saranne Hudson, Ms Cecilia Neto who heads up the Operations at the College, because without their input this project would not have become a reality.

Old Petrian Achievements

Congratulations must go to **St Peter's College alumni Cyan Brittany Brown**, who is the recipient of the **Sir Abe Bailey Bursary**. The Sir Abe Bailey Trust Bursary's focus is on leadership development and the Trustees award bursaries to persons who are academically strong and have shown exceptional qualities of leadership and service, with a good track record not only on campus but also in a wider social context and who are able to function as part of a select and highly skilled group. It is wonderful to see our alumni continuing the College's strive for excellence.

Staff

The following members of staff will be leaving at the end of 2015 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their wonderful contribution during their tenure at the College. We have had two members of our Academic Staff resign, our Headmaster **Mr Murray Thomas** and **Ms Angie Mullins** the Head of Music who will be going to Redhill.



Mr Abie Rakgoale one of our Sports Administrators has been offered the Head of Department Life Orientation position at Sacred Heart College. Mr Rakgoale has had a long association with the St Peter's family, he started as a student at our Preparatory school, is an alumni of St Peter's College and was also an intern.

Mr Mpho-E-Ntle Kgetse also an alumni of the College and a current intern, completes his BCom degree and is taking up a position as an intern at a large financial institution in their forensic department.

Ms Christine Boxall who was brought in for 2015 to assist in our IT department, and **Mr Gavin Schofield** who was also brought in for 2015 to support our Head of Department of Mathematics, Ms Santie Louw, will both be leaving at the end of the year.

I wish them all the best in their new ventures in 2016.



Our Deputy Headmistress, **Mrs Shelly Matthews** has completed 12 years at the College and will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical at the start of Term 1. I know she is going to be spending some quality time with her husband Keith, daughter Shannon and son Connor.

Mrs Odelle Howard, our Director of Student Affairs will be on maternity leave in Term 1, thus I wish her and her husband Fabian and son Jayden all of the best on the upcoming birth of their son, Jaxon.

Our head of Administration, **Ms Arun Moodley**, will be returning to the College in the new year as Mrs Arun Jennings. Congratulations to her and David and we wish them all the best with their nuptial celebrations.

I wish our St Peter's College family a wonderful Festive season as we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2016, refreshed and re-invigorated.



In "Futurum Fortiter"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Morais".

Mr Rui Morais
Deputy Headmaster

Academic News

It is with much pride that I write this last piece communication from my desk for the year. The students at St Peter's College have astounded me with prenominal results this term. I am saddened that I won't be at College Prize Giving in Term One 2016 when we honour these students. In Grade 11, eleven students will be awarded colours for academics and in Grade 10; twenty two students will be awarded their half-colours. I would like to congratulate these students in advance and encourage them to work as diligently in the New Year.

I wish all of the College families a restful holiday.

Mrs Shelly Matthews

Deputy Headmistress: Academics

College Breaks Ground for Hockey Astro

Monday, 30 November was another milestone day at St Peter's College as we broke ground for the hockey astro. Father Trevor from St Stephen's Church conducted the blessing of the site with staff, PA members and the Parents' Hockey Committee looking on.

Artificial turf is now a permanent feature in the hockey world. Field hockey is a game of speed and with the introduction of astro turf it has become more exciting and consequently more popular, the fastest growing sport in SA schools. It is a game that places high demands on its players. It demands just as much from the pitch. The rules have been amended and techniques refined as the synthetic sports surface has become an essential part of the sport. In roughly 20 weeks the College plans to host a Primary and High school tournament for the opening of the Astro, keep your eyes peeled. There are exciting times ahead for St Peter's College hockey fanatics.

Sponsors and organisations that want to grab the opportunity to **advertise** and build awareness of their brand around the astro, can contact Theresa Monoyoudis on marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za.

Parents, students and Old Petrians are invited to make their mark by purchasing a brick marked with a **personalised plaque** in the Contributors Wall. Commemorate your support of this outstanding facility forever for R1,000 per brick.

Watch this space as we follow the progress to May when the astro will be ready for action.



French Evening

On Monday, 30 November, two young lycéens from the French High School, Jules Verne, came to do a presentation at SPC. Côme and Frédéric entertained the students with an enlightening talk about their respective home countries, their travels and how they both landed up in Johannesburg. All the students then played a myriad of games and ended the night off with a slice of tarte tatin. Miam! A great evening was had by all, and many thanks to those who attended.

Bonne vacances!

Ms Jenette Reitsma



YOUnity School Build

The YOUnity School Build has been an amazing experience that cannot be compared to any other community outreach programme that the College has to offer.

The Grade 11s embarked on a journey that we were not that well informed about except for the fact that we were building two classrooms for two schools in Tembisa. When we arrived we were organised into manual labour groups where everyone worked hard and tirelessly to change a piece of property into something that could hopefully resemble a classroom in the near future! And after days and hours of hard work, we managed to construct a structure that we could proudly call a classroom!

Activities not only involved manual labour, but socialising as well. Many Grade 11s interacted with the children from both schools playing games and singing songs! The children were very inviting and also helped with the build when asked to do tasks which they did with excitement and joy. Some Grade 11s even made alternate versions of songs to boost morale such as the modification of Silentó - Watch Me which says, "Now watch me whip, now watch me nae nae" to "Now watch me dig, now watch me lay lay". All in all, the Grade 11s have had an unforgettable experience and we cannot wait to show the College the end product in the beginning of 2016.

Daniel Martin – Grade 11



School Shop

A Very Special Thank You

The end of the year is the School Shop's busiest time as you can imagine and this year was slightly different in that I couldn't be there to oversee the smooth running of the shop. The good news is that it ran incredibly smoothly thanks to those who just got stuck in and helped to make it all happen. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the following wonderful people:

- Cynthia Wheeler, who not only managed her own work at the College and her job at the Prep School, but handled all my work too, overseeing all aspects of the packing and distribution of textbooks, the uniform appointments, managing staff and stock, etc., etc. She has been amazing and I really appreciate what she has done. I know she's going to have a well-deserved rest.
- Andrea Rosengarten, one of our faithful moms who has helped us over the past 5 years, who assisted Cynthia with making appointments and kitting out the new pupils and handling tricky situations! She has done a marvellous job and looks forward to being jobless again next week!
- Kathy Demartinis, an ex-supplier who has worked closely with College Shop staff over the past 11 years. Kathy has been with weekly and was almost part of the furniture and her knowledge of stationery came in handy at exam time to help the students in the mornings. Kath got roped into counting stock and taking bookings as well. For her help, I'm truly grateful and I know it was fun for her at the same time.
- Mike Backus, who folded close to 600 boxes for our textbooks, carted books backwards and forwards, helped in the stock room, lifting and moving the tubs around and even hiding between them! Every year Michael helps us and does it with a huge smile and a cheerful heart, keeping all in good spirits. Mike, you're priceless!
- Our faithful Maggie who knows the new student's sizes before they walk through the door! We couldn't manage without you.
- Last, but not least, our students, Katie, Nadia and Ali who helped all round. Thank you for all your assistance and for helping things to go smoothly. You're great workers and I hope you'll be back again next year.

To all the parents, students and staff, I wish you a blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January 2016.

Kind regards

Nerina Deeb

Hours Dec/Jan

Please note that the School Shop will open on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 January from 08:00 to 15:00. Blazers for braiding that were handed in for collection can be picked up after 11:00 on the Monday or on the Tuesday.

Mrs Nerina Deeb

School Shop Manager

2005 Old Petrians 10 Year Reunion

On Saturday, 28 November, 40 odd Old Pets and their plus 1s reunited and reminisced at their 10 year reunion. Jenette Reitsma (2005 Old Pet and College French Teacher) conducted a tour of the school and the class of 2005 was in awe of the new facilities available at the College. An enjoyable evening was had by all!



Sports News

2016 Co-Curricular and Life Orientation

Please remember to complete before the year ends - the Sports Department needs you to please fill out the Google form below by following the link. The form details are explained as you open it and it is IMPERATIVE you fill this out to ensure a successful 2016 sporting year.

<http://goo.gl/forms/4uex3035BV>

Many thanks and enjoy the Festive season.

Ms Saranne Hudson

Director of Sport

Equestrian

Andrew Thomas has been selected for the Showing and the Jumping Teams for Junior Champs in December. Congratulations and wishing Andrew all the best for the championship!

Ms Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

Fly Fishing

Congratulations to Bradley Cottle on his excellent achievements:

- Selected as a Protea for the Youth Fly Fishing Team
- Protea World Fly Fishing Championships, Vail, Colorado, USA, August 2015 – Team Placed 4th
- Selected for Gauteng North Fly Fishing Youth Team
- Youth Nationals: Team Bronze for Gauteng North Fly Fishing - October 2015 in Rhodes, SA
- Sportsmanship Award at Youth Fly Fishing Nationals

Action Netball

Congratulations to our Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk and her Gauteng North Action Netball IPT's on another successful season. They have won every game since 2012 and in the last Super League Finals, Ms van Schalkwyk was named 'Player of the Match'.

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Year		Games	Goals	Against	Difference	Lost
2012	Super league	7	332	182	150	0
2013	Super league	10	492	227	265	0
2014	Super league	6	292	142	150	0
2015	Super league	10	498	250	248	0
2012	IPT's	11	459	263	196	0
2013	IPT's	10	497	179	318	0
2014	IPT's	14	677	344	333	0
2015	IPT's	6	290	135	155	0
		74	3247	1587	1815	0