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## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE NEWSLETTER



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## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

It is with a degree of sadness that I announce that our long-serving member of Council and **Chairman of Council** over the past two years, **Mr Mike Ilsley** has tendered his resignation from Council.

Mike had always committed to serving as Chairman of Council for a period of two years and that tenure has now come to an end. A contributing factor is that Mike has recently been appointed as CFO of Old Mutual; hence his availability to offer support going forward is somewhat limited. Over this period of time Mike has been a mentor and support system, not only to myself in my role as Headmaster of St Peter's College, but also to the College Executive team and we are most certainly going to miss his wisdom, not to mention his wonderful sense of humour. We will forever be indebted and have a great sense of gratitude for the role that Mike has played in the growth of St Peter's College.

I wish Mike, his wife Gillian who is a former St Peter's Prep teacher, as well as, his two sons Matthew and Brett, who are both former Head Boys of St Peter's College, all of the best for the years ahead, and we look forward to seeing them at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2018.

I am happy to announce, that at our Council meeting this past Wednesday, 4 October, it was unanimously agreed that **Mr Nathaniel Ramuthaga** be voted in as the fifth Chairman of the St Peter's College Council.



Nathaniel has been a member of the St Peters College family since 2004; serving as a member of the St Peters College Council since 2010 and as Chairman of the Marketing subcommittee since 2010. Nathaniel has two daughters, Murendeni and Rudzani who both matriculated from St Peter's College, and a son Rofhiwa who is currently in Grade 11.

Nathaniel 'Nat' Ramuthaga, Med.Sci. and Pr.Sci.Nat. is a registered medical Scientist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). Nat matriculated at Mbilwi Senior Secondary School (a Club 100 member School), Sibasa, and Thohoyandou in Limpopo. He holds a BSc. in Microbiology, Physiology & Biochemistry (University of the North- UNIN), and BSc. Hons. MSc. Medical Microbiology and Molecular Biology (MEDUNSA,). Nat also has a Diploma in Business Management (Damelin Management School) and Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing

Management -PDMM (UNISA).

Nat worked as a Research Fellow, Medical Technical officer, Medical Scientist/Lecturer in Medical Microbiology and Molecular Biology at MEDUNSA. He left Academia to join the Pharmaceutical Industry where he worked at Pfizer Inc. and started as a Clinical Research Associate (CRA), went on to be Brand/Product Manager Cardura/Sildenafil, Clinical Research Manager (CRM), Director of Clinical Research (DCR), Regional Head of Clinical Operation (RHCR) – Africa & Middle East (AFME) for which he served until his promotion to Sr. Director Compliance Oversight (RDCO) for AFME.

Nat has published his scientific work in peer reviewed Journals and he has presented at local and International meetings. In his early academic days he led a delegation of 17 young scientists to German Institutions of Higher learning viz. The Robert Koch Institute (Berlin, Germany, ); Universities of ULM (Bavaria, Germany); Aachen (Aachen); Witten-Hededecke (Witten); Saarlandes (Homburg); The Free University of Berlin.

He served as a member of the National Research Ethics Council (NHREC) for a period of six years where he had been appointed by the Minister of Health. Nat trained Regulatory Authorities, Ethics Committee Members and Health Care Practitioners through the Country and the entire Continent and Middle East (Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, DRC, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Botswana, Namibia, Egypt, UAE etc) on Clinical Research, Good Clinical Practice, Capacity building and Ethics related fields. He left Pfizer on November 2016 and has since been involved in a consulting space.



Furthermore, **Mr Des Mahony**, the current **Chairman of our PA Committee** was also unanimously voted in as **Vice-Chairman of Council**. Des is married to Karin and has a daughter Kristine in Grade 10 at St Peter's College.

Des has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is a Chartered Accountant with a legal background with a pan-African experience in capital markets.

Des has completed a M&A in 2007 from Insead in Fontainebleau in France, an Executive Program for Growing Companies - Management in 2005 from Stanford University, a LLB - Law in 2003 from UNISA, a BCompt (Hons) - Accounting and Auditing in 1994 from UNISA, as well as, BCom (Legal) - Business Economics and Law from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Please join me in congratulating both Nat and Des into their roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. I am sure you will agree with me that the College is in very capable hands, together with the rest of the Council, as well as, the St Peter's College Executive team as together we steer this ship "Bravely Into The Future".

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster

### School Shop News

#### Textbooks for 2018

Textbook orders are now closed. We have given everyone ample opportunity to order and pay for their books. Please refer to all previous correspondence sent out at the end of July regarding the ordering of textbooks.

#### Blazer Braiding

Students wishing to have their blazers braided, must hand in **CLEAN** blazers. The process takes up to two weeks from the time we send them in.

ITEM	PRICE
SCROLLS (EACH)	R 20.00
SCROLLS SEWN (EACH)	R 40.00
2 M CORD FOR ½ COLOURS	R 30.00
4 M CORD FOR ½ TO FULL COLOURS	R 60.00
6 M CORD FOR FULL COLOURS	R 90.00
SEWING OF CORD FOR HALF COLOURS (POCKETS & SLEEVES)	R 130.00
SEWING OF CORD FOR HALF TO FULL (EDGES)	R 230.00
SEWING OF CORD FOR FULL COLOURS (EDGES, POCKETS & SLEEVES)	R 275.00
SEWING OF CORD FOR HONOURS (INCL 6 M CORD)	R 380.00

#### Statements from School Shop

Statements have been sent out to those who for some reason have a debit balance. Please check the statement and contact Mrs Wheeler on Extension 0322 on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday if you have any queries or concerns regarding the statement or by email at [wheelerc@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:wheelerc@stpeterscollege.co.za).

#### EFT Payments

Please note that the School Shop account number is different to the School Fees Account. Please always use the following account for payments to the School Shop for uniform, textbooks or stationery:

St Peter's College PA

Standard Bank Rivonia, Branch Code 001255

A/C # 420095144

All EFT payment confirmations must be emailed to Nerina Deeb at [deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za).

#### School Shop Hours

Normal hours during the term:

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 07:00 to 15:00**

**Wednesday and Friday - 07:00 to 13:00**

Mrs Nerina Deeb

School Shop Manager



## Student Affairs

### Grade 10 Spring Ball

The Spring Dance of 2017 was an evening filled with dancing, music, fantastic food and good times where the Grade 10s spent the night on the dance floor. There was dancing, laughing and even a little bit of singing! The theme for the dance was cherry blossoms. The dance floor and the tables were covered in cherry blossoms, made from tissue paper and the fairy lights scattered to set the mood. The caterers did a fantastic job with the menu for the evening. The Grade 10s ate spring rolls for starters, stuffed chicken breasts for mains and small finger desserts to top it all off.

The Grade 10s were all lucky enough to enjoy some good laughs in the photo booth! The funky hats, glasses and moustaches made it a fun and memorable night for everyone.

It was a beautiful evening, on behalf of everyone; I would love to say a big thank you to Mrs Müller and the Matric Dance Committee (MDC) for organising a fantastic dance.

*Nicole Brent (MDC Committee Member)*

St Peter's College  
Spring Dance





### Heritage Day Celebrations

On Friday, 22 September St Peter's College allowed us as the student body to celebrate our various heritages by wearing cultural clothes. Everyone was excited to show off their traditional attire and share a bit of their identity with the rest of the school. We really embodied the spirit of what a "Rainbow Nation" is - clothed in the vibrant colours of the South African flag and different African patterns.

During our amazing Heritage Day Eucharist, a few girls shared some information about their respective cultures in their own language. It made us all appreciate the intricacy of language and how it speaks to identity. The whole experience made people see the value of their culture and the importance of not losing touch with their history and heritage. It gave us something to think about and really question our roots.

The students who did not wear traditional clothes, wore a South African shirt to show their pride in our country.

The entire day was filled with excitement, laughter and the spirit of Ubuntu. It was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who took part in the day and showed off who they really are.

*Promesse Nkongolo and Pelo Mpuru (Grade 12)*



## Bullying Awareness Campaign



Mrs Odelle Howard

Deputy Head: Student Affairs

The College, with the help of a few students, held an anti-bullying campaign and ran an assembly to educate the students around the different types of bullying, the effects of bullying and what procedures should be followed when one is bullied. An appeal was made to the entire student body to make the College a safe and secure space for everyone to enjoy and to stand up against this negative behaviour.

Nyasha Ndisengei spoke about the effects cyber bullying and Sicelo Magaga spoke about the importance of having respectful relationships and the value of knowing yourself. This topic was further discussed in student tutor groups with a hope that each child will take responsibility for making St Peter's College a bullying free zone.

### Bullying poem

We all know the old saying about sticks and stones  
 But sometimes it's a message on our iPhones  
 Yes it hurts but that isn't your permission to break  
 Smiling in selfies showcasing happiness we had to fake.  
 We walk in fear in these halls of being pushed or mentally ambushed  
 So we build up walls to keep out the pain  
 Yet it all seems like it is in vain  
 Your biggest bully is always right beside you  
 Your mind is clouded, vision is blurry  
 Explains why you cannot see to clearly  
 Words do not hurt you, unless it is your own  
 Seems like to what you hate most you've become a clone  
 An exact replica of your insecurity  
 It's become so well known to you that even on your tombstone your emotions will consume you like a cyclone  
 'Cause you choose to believe the words you hear and now live in constant fear  
 Like you did not deserve to be on this earth  
 Yet the biggest Miracle performed was your own birth  
 It's sad how you don't see yourself as worth it  
 Because you are more than perfect.

*Roli Tshisikule: Grade 11*

## Exchange is Good

Three exchange students from Sterkspruit, Eastern Cape, came to St Peter's College for the week of 10 to 16 September. The three girls came to experience a different school environment as they had the top mathematics and physical science marks and they could judge if the teaching and learning styles were different in the different schools. Their names are Mihle (who stayed with me), Dintle (who stayed with Lauren M) and Amahle (who stayed with Kgopotjo).

On the blistering hot Sunday afternoon, the girls arrived and when we got home, we relaxed after a long morning of heat. We spent the whole afternoon getting to know each other and at dinner they spoke to my mom and gran about life in Sterkspruit.

We woke up early to prepare for a long day and week ahead. The girls went to the school shop to get their uniforms for the week and were introduced to some of the other students. After a successful academic day, each student went home to their respective host families and Mihle came to watch me swim and play water polo. After a long Monday, we got the rest that we needed.

The remaining days of the week were like Monday, except for Friday which was a very fun and interesting day. Friday was Sports and Cultural Festival at school and we enjoyed shopping at the entrepreneur's market. Later on Friday, Lauren, Chris and Dintle met me and Mihle at Monte Casino to go bowling and eat dinner. We got the girls to try sushi for the first time and I will never forget the look on Mihle's face when she put too much wasabi on that piece of sushi.

The two most memorable moments of the whole week were: the ride to Monte Casino when Mihle was telling us the funny stories about the people in her school and imitating certain people in her neighbourhood. The highlight of the week was when Lauren, Chris and I got beaten in bowling by two girls who had never bowled in their lives! The best thing I could have done for the students was to allow them to have their well-deserved fun after a long week of hard work.



Saturday afternoon was the saddest part of the week because we had to say our goodbyes to Mihle, Dintle and Amahle. We shared so many memories together and it was an amazing experience having an additional family member for a while.

This experience taught me that there are talented people from all over and that we shouldn't take for granted what we have because there are some people out there who long to have what we have. It has also inspired me to do more community work and raise funds for them to get well maintained sports grounds and help them gain opportunity to go far.

*April Raë Niemack (Grade 10)*

## Visual Art News

### Wham Art Excursion

On Wednesday, 27 September, the Art Task Team went to the Andy Warhol art exhibition at the WITS Art Museum. This was a unique outing for students to experience pop art by one of the most famous artists of all time.

From his most famous Marilyn Diptych to his Campbell's Soup Cans, the students were able to see Warhol's original artworks in all of their glory. The Art Task Team was lucky enough to get an information session with each of the different series of artworks which was incredibly informative and eccentric.

Andy Warhol expertly used colour and expressionistic line which is inspiring for any artists to see and interpret. Even many years after his death, Andy Warhol is still making an impact on the minds of many and it was definitely an afternoon to be remembered.

*Amy Hannigan (Grade 11)*



### Annual Art Exhibition

I congratulate all our artists for their outstanding work that was on display at our annual Art Exhibition on Wednesday, 4 October. The matrices' art will be on display for a couple of weeks in the MADD Foyer.

#### Awards:

Kaitlin Banahan – Grade 10  
Jessica Axe – Grade 11  
Jemma Mould – Grade 12  
David Malan – Grade 12  
Alessandro Gueli – Grade 12

#### Special Mentions:

Abigail van Staden – Grade 10  
Amy Hannigan – Grade 11  
Sarah-Beth Wright – Grade 12  
Meghan Hoffman – Grade 12  
Tyler MacDonald-Watson – Grade 12

*Mrs Avril Swanepoel*  
*HOD: Creative Arts*





Judges, 'Bumba and Andre' were highly impressed with the quality of our students' art and shared their experience and words of wisdom about being an artist.



Thank you to the students and parents who attended this annual exhibition and for the Parents' Association for contributing the awards as always.

## Sports

### Athletics Interhigh

The team competed in a number of Track and Field Events over the past few weeks. This culminated in the B-League Interhigh which was held on Tuesday. We placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of the eight schools present. I would like to thank all the athletes who competed, especially the Matrics who came through on the day to compete. The athletes named below placed at Interhigh and are congratulated on their achievements:

Georgina Wertz	U14 800m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lawrence Ishekwene	U16 100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jayden Hardman	U17 Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>		U16 High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
	U17 Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lloyd Tshuketana	U17 100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ryan Hardman	U14 800m	2 <sup>nd</sup>		U17 200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	U14 Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeremie Muzimbe	U18 100m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Gemma Raw	U15 Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	Justeene Hallowes	U15 200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	U15 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elton Mushonga	U15 Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dane Groves	U16 800m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iviwe Skulu	U16 200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Matthew Wille	U17 800m	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Adrian Diepeveen	U18 200m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Shannon Louis	U17 High Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>		U18 400m	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mawande Nzima	U18 Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emihle Jozela	U18 Javelin	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sanchian Maharaj	U14 100m	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yandu Andersson	U14 Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>
Khanyi Malumo	U14 High Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Girdlestone	U15 400m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Nicole Diepeveen	U16 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>	Simone Lategan	U18 400m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	U16 200m	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	U16 400m	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	U16 Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Rhys Floyd	U18 Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>		U14 Boys Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
	U18 Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>		U15 Girls Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>
				U16 Girls Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
				U16 Boys Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
				U17 Boys Relay	3 <sup>rd</sup>
				U18 Boys Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Mr Ryan Hammond

MIC: Athletics





### Basketball Results

#### 27 September 2017 – Versus St Mary's

U14 Girls: 20–8 (won)

Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: 9-12 (lost)

Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Team: 13-28 (lost)

### Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Team Reddam Water Polo Tournament

Over the weekend of 21 September, the 1<sup>st</sup> Team water polo girls went down to Cape Town for the annual U19A Reddam Tournament.

After weeks of preparation, training and excitement, the day finally arrived and off we went to the airport, tummies filled with nerves and anticipation.

We arrived on Thursday night, piled into the van and car and set off to our Bed and Breakfast lodge for an early night before the busy day ahead!

We started off the tournament with a cracker of a win against Wynberg. Unfortunately, we lost to Pearson and Herschel later that day. But, we didn't let that dampen our spirits; we kept our heads up, smiles on and music loud!

The following day we again started off the day with a fantastic win against Rhenish, followed by another win against Springfield and yet another against Collegiate, affording us a place in the Plate Final against Durban Girls the next day!

We went on to win the Plate and are now ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the country!

We played the whole tournament with such heart and determination, never giving up until the last whistle blew and, most importantly, we enjoyed every game that we played. What we achieved, under the circumstances, is absolutely outstanding.

The memories made on this tour will stay with me forever. This team is more than a team, it's a family. The bond we share is unbreakable and is something special that can't be explained. Playing alongside these girls, being coached by Ms Braatvedt and having Mr Marangoni's unconditional support and motivation, has been an honour and I cannot thank them enough.

From overdosing on choccy milk, signing in the "wifi bath", all the warm-up dances, chanting anything food related at any given moment, the car rides and mandatory team naps, I can definitely say we had the best weekend... not to mention the phenomenal water polo that was played by all and the unwavering support from the U15 boys, Mr Badenhorst and Ms Theunissen!

Although there were some tears for the three matrices and their last school tour, they were overjoyed to end their school water polo career on such a high note and although we are all heartbroken to see them go, their legacy will live on and we will always be grateful to have had such inspirational mentors as they have been to us.

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Being part of a sport- a team sport- is definitely one of the best things one could ever do for one's self and, without being biased, the banter and love shared by members of a water polo team, is impossible to surpass! The memories made will stay with us forever, as will the tightest of friendships.

*Emily Botha (Grade 10)*

### Water Polo Results

Herewith water polo scores:

<b>Reddam House u/19 Girls Tournament</b> <b>21-24 September</b> St Peter's vs Wynberg Girls- 8-4 WIN St Peter's vs Pearson- 10-5 LOSS St Peter's vs Rhenish- 14-1 WIN St Peter's vs Springfield- 15-6 WIN St Peter's vs Collegiate- 5-2 WIN St Peter's vs Durban Girls- 4-2 WIN <b>Placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall - Plate Winners</b> Rand Park fixture was cancelled.	<b>Collegiate U/15 Girls Tournament</b> <b>29 Sept- 1 October:</b> St Peter's vs Pearson- 19-4 LOSS St Peter's vs St Stithians- 15-1 LOSS St Peter's vs DSG- 4-4 DRAW St Peter's vs Alex Road- 8-7 WIN St Peter's vs Rand Park- 9-0 LOSS St Peter's vs DSG- 4-1 WIN <b>Placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall</b>
<b>Girls 1st Team League Fixture vs St Mary's - 4 October 2017</b> St Peter's vs St Mary's- 8-3 WIN	

Our **Junior Boys Team** competed in the **Ian Melliard Cup (U/15 Boys Tournament) in Cape Town from 21-24 September**. St Peter's entered a very young side into the Tournament with the aim of developing our players for next year. It was a learning experience for the boys playing the likes of Bishops, SACS and St Andrews as a part of their pool matches. All three sides finished top 8 in the Tournament. The boys improved with every match, looking stronger on defense and attack. We look forward to seeing them progress even further this season.

*Mr Nardus Badenhorst*

*MIC: Water Polo*

### Achievements

- Congratulations to our **Irish Dancer, Anastasia Strouthos**, who received a Preliminary Medal award in Scotland, acknowledging her accomplishment and overall 19<sup>th</sup> place in this competition. Awards are only given to the top half of the section of this competition.

At the Birmingham City Championships she was presented with numerous medals and trophies for various dances and an overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Championship for her age group. Other than the recent international competitions, Anastasia has also excelled at the regional and national levels winning a number of times at the Championship level.

Anastasia also undertook Grades 8 and 9 (of a total of 12 grades) in the international dance examinations held in Johannesburg in May with an overseas examiner from Limerick and attained Honours at this level which is another wonderful achievement.

Finally, SA Irish champs was held this weekend and it is a great pleasure to advise that Anastasia accomplished:

- SA champ winner
- Keily Walsh winner
- Youngest in SA to be selected to represent SA at Worlds 2018, to be held in Glasgow.

For the 'Keily Walsh' trophy, all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed winners of all age groups up to U25, all compete again, both hard and soft shoe dances. The "Champion of Champions." Is a really remarkable achievement for such a young dancer!

- **Imogen Imbert** competed at Nationals this week and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Novice Eventing Dressage. Imogen's team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Eventing. Well done to Imogen!