

# KEYHOLE

RELATIONSHIPS - RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY

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**Message from the Headmaster**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

On Friday, 10 February 2012, under the auspices of the then Headmaster, Mr Graham Howarth, an initiative was launched at St Peter's College to take a stand and address issues that at the time were deemed to be inappropriate.

During this initial meeting, Mr Howarth quoted a few examples of issues that we were facing at the time and out of this a number of initiatives were put in place, namely:

- Our Core Values of **Respect, Responsibility and Relationships** which have become synonymous with St Peter's College were launched.
- A group of students headed by the Head Boy and Head Girl formed a committee to drive the proposed Core Values in the car park and in their daily interaction with the students.
- '**Random Acts of Kindness**' was a student driven initiative that encouraged students to be kind to those around them.
- At this meeting, it was emphasised that there are differences in the value system of the different generations and these needed to be addressed via a variety of workshops and talks.

Recently I have notice a growing trend amongst the new generation of students, and when engaging with our staff I asked what has changed with regards to the character of children, in unison they said "**Resilience**" – or more specifically, lack thereof. There seems to be growing concern among educators that children these days are growing soft.

According to Wikipedia, "**Resilience**" is a positive, non-cognitive trait based on an **individual's passion for a particular long-term goal** or end state, coupled with a **powerful motivation to achieve their respective objective**. This perseverance of effort promotes the **overcoming of obstacles** or challenges that lie within a **gritty individual's** path to accomplishment, and serves as a driving force in **achievement realization**. Commonly associated concepts within the field of psychology include "perseverance", "hardiness", "ambition", "need for achievement" and "conscientiousness".

In July of this year, members of the St Peter's College council, executive, academic staff, as well as, support services gathered over a weekend and developed the St Peter's College strategic vision. One of the aspects that we re-visited were the College's Core Values of **Respect, Responsibility and Relationships**, and it was decided to add a fourth Core Value, that of **Resilience**.

**Resilience** refers to:

- Internal locus of **control**
- Show **commitment** despite adversity
- When I fail, I try and **try again**
- I hold myself and others **accountable**
- **Persevere** despite adversity
- Clearly defined **vision** of goals

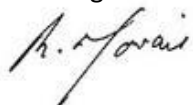
Unfortunately, trends show us that modern parents, do not allow their children to build or develop resilience. Allowing children to develop **Resilience**, gives them the skills to overcome obstacles or challenges. Most parents try and "remove" the obstacle, rather than guide and support their children in the process of trying to overcome this perceived "obstacle".

Our children need parents to parent, not counsellors, au pairs, uber drivers, tutors, and even in some extreme cases, lawyers. Let's work together to develop a future generation who show **Resilience** and accountability for their actions.

The future of our country depends on it!

*In Futurum Fortiter*

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster

On 23 September the students gathered in the hall in celebration of "**Being Human**". They celebrated their differences and unique characters. The article below was written by Brittany-Paige Pedersen and read out at the student assembly by representatives from Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12's.

### Being Human

We live in a world where the heroes on the pages of comics are brought to life before our very eyes. Our lives are bombarded with perfectionist ideals and everything we think a hero should be. The perfect body, the perfect life, unquestionable moral values. What you don't realise is that we live in a world of the ordinary made extraordinary. The heroes you dream about and see on the big screen are really your parents, your brother, your sister and your peers. They could be the mother that works two jobs and still finds time to go to her daughter's ballet recital or the CEO whose life is tied to thousands. Our heroes are Ghandi, Mother Teresa, Mandela and Martin Luther King, ordinary people who have walked through the fires of hell and still carried buckets of water for others who are burning.

We have been instilled with false visions of greatness, delusions of grandeur, everything we feel should be, but really aren't. What does a hero look like? What makes a hero? Is it the best looking person in the grade; the most talented sportsman; the person with so many colours on their blazer that they couldn't possibly get any more? No? Surely it's your favourite actor, musician or professional sports star? Everything you hope to be, everything you aspire to?

Or is it just the quiet kid sitting at the back of the hall, who gets disrespected, ignored and sometimes even bullied, but still comes back to school the next day?

The kid who struggles with family life at home and still sets the world ablaze with his smile the next day? The child who's battered and broken, and lives everyday with false courage but still manages to offer others what little strength he has. Is it that student who was told they would never make first team rugby and made it there anyway or the child who failed maths for years and is now looking at distinctions? Superheroes are never who we expect them to be. The kids who are not afraid to be different, who are pushed down and still get back up, who find happiness in the small things in life when they have so much to be angry about, THESE are our superheroes, and they are sitting amongst us today, in this very hall. And today, it's all about them!

Today is about opening our eyes and realising that every single one of us is our own superhero. We have weaknesses and differences which should be celebrated. We are dancers and sportsmen, singers and chess players, student links and academics! We stay up till the early hours of the morning studying and still write an exam three hours later! We make national teams and build classrooms for the underprivileged! We have made a difference to the lives of those beyond our own borders, in Madagascar and India and Thailand! We are St Petrians, students, and best of all, we are humans, and that makes us unstoppable!

We may find that there are bullies amongst us, and perhaps they don't even know it themselves; villains who refuse to celebrate others being unique and different. These individuals can become narcissistic, cruel, and mean because of

issues which are imposed upon them and none of us even realise. They fight back at the world when the world seems to turn back on them. But it is even okay for a bully to seek help. It is admirable of a bully to change their ways. This small courage could be what makes the bully a hero.

We need to realise that we don't need capes and super powers to be superheroes. We need courage and bravery to stand up for what we believe in and who we are. Being brave is not being fearless. The only time we can be brave is when we are afraid. We have to wake up in the morning, happy and determined to not let anyone bully us, disrespect us or tell us that we are not enough. We need to welcome differences and the possibilities they bring. We need to push our peers beyond what they think they are capable of. For those of you in the crowd today who have ever felt alone and for those of you who have failed and found it in themselves to learn from their failures, today is the day to wake up and realise what you can do, and the capabilities of those around you. You will never be alone. You are a hero.



If you're black or white, Christian or Muslim, blonde or ginger, you are a hero! You are a hero if you can stand fast in the face of the adversities of everyday life and say "NO". You can be the protagonist of your own comic if you no longer tolerate bullying, cyber bullying, emotional abuse, or discouragement, if you accept uniqueness of others and uniqueness of self. If you accept that sometimes, just getting help from someone that you trust, is the bravest thing that you can do, you are a hero. And that is what we are here for today. As your prefect body, as matrics, Grade 11s, 10s, 9s and 8s, we are a team of remarkable people, a league of capeless heroes that have the power to change the world. Let us be the generation of St Petrians to leave a legacy behind! Let us carry the buckets of water for those that burn in the fire.



In the words of one of our fictional heroes, "it is not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me".

*Brittany Pedersen (Grade 12)*

### Academic News

In the interest of improving the delivery of your child's report to you, the College has taken the decision to **upload the report onto the SchoolMagic Parent Portal**. The year-end reports will be uploaded on **7 December 2016**. The instructions on how to register on the portal and gain access to your child's report are attached as well as loaded on the St Peter's Schools Communicator under Resources -> Policies and Guidelines.

*Mrs Shelly Matthews*

*Deputy Head: Academic*

### Accounting

On Monday, 12 September, our accounting class of twelve went on an outing to Food Lover's Market and RocoMama's where we learnt about the internal controls, stock systems, stock evaluation and auditing methods of both companies.

In Food Lover's Market, our class got to work behind the counter in the butchery, bakery, the fishery, and observed how people pack the fruit and the vegetables. We all got to wear hair nets that surprisingly looked very good on!

At RocoMama's, we looked at their order sheets and their (in our opinion) crazy mark-up. We were locked in the freezer and were able to see how they control their awesome burgers, the sauces and their alcohol with a weird contraption that they made.

Overall, it was an eye opener for us to see how much happens "behind-the-scenes", and to understand how much effort is put into pleasing consumers, trying to control their stock and making sure that everything is of high quality.

Thank you to Accounting Path Four class for all the laughs, the funny names and the best times. And thank you to Ms Meyer for giving us this opportunity.

*Caitlin Lai Thom (Grade 12)*



### Art Exhibition 2016

On Wednesday, 5 October 2016, the St Peter's College MADD centre hosted the Annual St Peter's College Art Exhibition. The evening was full of remarkable art produced by the senior students at the College. The **2016 Matric group** displayed their **mid-year artworks and drawings** which represented the theme 'Fire', as well as their **Final Examination projects** which portrayed the theme 'Migration'.

The art spectators arrived to live music, which was sung by our very own talented music students, accompanied by Mr Lottering, our College music teacher. Our guests were treated to decadent snacks and drinks whilst walking and viewing the artworks on display.

This year's Guest Artist, **Nathan Jansen Van Vuuren**, a Wits Graduate, teacher and Fine Artist, had the arduous task of selecting certain students' portfolios to be awarded with a PA Award. These are awarded to students whose work displays particular skill and commitment in Visual Art and are sponsored by the Parents' Association.

On behalf of the art students; we would like to say thank you to the all the parents, teachers and guests who came to view and share in our art. We also wish to thank our Art Teacher, **Mrs Swanepoel** without whom we would not be motivated to produce work of such a high standard. The evening was a great success and all guests enjoyed this thoroughly. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

*Hayley Kimmings (Grade 12 Visual Art student)*

#### PA Awards:

Christie Vemer (Grade 10)  
 Meghan Hoffmann (Grade 11)  
 Luyanda Madikizela (Grade 12)  
 Vedanth Panchoo (Grade 12)  
 Hayley Kimmings (Grade 12)

#### Special Mentions:

Tumi Lingwati (Grade 10)  
 Alessandro Gueli (Grade 11)  
 Jemma Mould (Grade 11)



*Meghan Hoffmann (Charcoal and watercolour on paper)*



*Hayley Kimmings (Multimedia Installation)*

#### Music

With Term 3 being an extremely busy period for the Music Department, we still managed to overcome all obstacles. A few highlights have been our **ensembles** and **individuals** participating in the **Heidelberg Music Festival**, our very own **Sports and Cultural Festival** and the prestigious **National Eisteddfod**. At all these events we have had great reviews and results. I commend each individual who contributed to making all these events a success.

A number of our Music Students will be doing their **external examinations** with the following international music school's Trinity Guildhall London, Trinity Rock n Pop and Royal School of Music. We wish them the best of luck with the preparation for these examinations.

It is great to see our  **juniors**  progressing to the next stage in their musical journey. A vibrant, passionate group of musicians have joined our medley of Senior Ensembles. We look forward to seeing them grow from strength to strength and excel in the next few years.

*Mr Antonio Lottering*  
Music Teacher

## Events

### Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Weekend

After lots of hard work, planning, organising, accounting, and venturing into the world of business and management, the Grade 9s developed a sense of confidence in the mini businesses they developed for the weekend of the Sports and Cultural Festival. When the time finally came, every group was filled with motivation and a competitive touch which made the day all the more successful.



The stalls were all decorated accordingly and well thought out products adorned the tables. Every single stall caught the eye of passers-by, and most businesses were able to make a profit.

From bath bombs, to T-shirts, to jewellery, to accessories for cell phones, to photo booths and henna tattoos, each stall was unique and interesting; and of course, appealing to the public. Sales ran quite smoothly, and it was a fantastic learning experience about the world of business and entrepreneurship for us.

Thank you to all the ELS teachers for giving us the opportunity for such a helpful and valuable learning experience!

*Shreyan Maharaj (Grade 9)*



## Matric Dance Committee News

### Mother and Daughter Breakfast



Seeing all the moms and daughters who had changed roles and had dressed up like each other was hilarious. The walls were covered in giant playing cards adding to the illusion that we were in the Queen of Hearts' garden. The **'Alice in Wonderland'** themed music playing in the background and the teachers, Miss Balzer and Mrs Müller, dressed as versions of the Queen of Hearts took us even further down the rabbit hole to Wonderland.

It wouldn't have been a true **'Mad Hatters Tea Party'** without some crazy party games. Each mom was asked to choose a card that had different characters from Alice in Wonderland printed on them which represented a different game to be

played by each mother and daughter.

Our morning adventure down the rabbit hole and walk through Wonderland was unforgettable. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the MDC for all their hard work, to all the mothers and daughters for their support and finally to Miss Balzer and Mrs Müller for all the tireless hours spent planning and putting this event together. We would like to thank the following people for donating gifts and prizes: Mrs Lage, Mrs Floyd, Mrs Lategan, Ms Balzer, Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Evans from Sorbet Fourways and Mrs Mould.



### Grade 10 Spring Dance (by MDC)

The Spring Dance took place on Saturday, 1 October 2016 and the theme was **A Taste of Mardi Gras**. The MDC arrived at 13:00 with the goal to make this the best Spring Ball this school has ever seen, and with our two great teachers Miss Balzer and Mrs Müller, we knew that our goal was within our reach. Hard work and creativity saw the hall slowly transforming from our hot lunch venue to the centre of New Orleans at the height of Mardi Gras celebrations. Before we knew it, the Grade 10s started arriving looking stunning



and ready to commence with the Mardi Gras celebrations! The Grade 10s had a lot of fun, dancing the night away.

**Thank you for supporting the MDC.**



*Our effervescent Matric Dance Committee (MDC)*

*Bianca Brachini (Grade 11): Head of MDC*

### Grade 10 Spring Ball 2016 (by Grade 10)

A time to dress up, dance and have fun. This year's Grade 10 Spring Ball was definitely a special night to remember! The theme of the dance was '**Mardi Gras**' and everyone came dressed to impress. Apart from being a fundraiser for next year's matric dance, the ball was a special occasion that celebrated the Grade 10s' transformation from teenagers to young adults.

The girl and boy who dressed the best to the theme were crowned '**Mr and Mrs Mardi Gras**', the best couple of the night won '**Cutest couple**' and the best dressed boy and girl were each awarded '**Best dressed boy/girl**'. The night allowed for both the students and teachers to let their hair down and enjoy each other's company. The memories made on the night will last a lifetime and will be cherished forever!

A big thank you to the Mrs Müller, Ms Balzer and the 2017 MDC for organising and hosting the wonderful evening.

*Sithuthukile Madonsela (Grade 10)*





**Grade 8 International Bread Day**

On Friday, 23 September the Grade 8 pupils brought bread to school celebrate their diverse heritage. The feast that was laid on allowed the whole school to "break bread together". Bulgarian breakaway, American Corn, Naan and even Maori Bread was served. Well done to the Grade 8s!

*Mr Izak Botha*



**Achievements**



Well done to **Thomas Chalmers** (Grade 11) who came **second place** in the **Gauteng Regional FPV Racing Quads 5"** class on 25 September as well as walking away with the 'Sportsman of the day' award.





Congratulations to **Meghan Hoffmann** (Grade 12) whose artwork was selected as a feature piece for the **2017 Santam** calendar in the **2016 Santam Child Art competition**. Her artwork was one of thirteen selected from 3,426 nationwide entries. The theme was 'A few of my favourite things' and Meghan's artwork was titled 'Paradise'. This is the second year in a row she has won a place for her artwork in the calendar.

## Sports News

### Basketball

**Vs Redhill Wednesday, 05 October 2016:**

u14 Boys lost 12 - 16

u14 Girls lost 0 - 13

u15 Boys won 32 - 10

u15 Girls lost 9 - 22

1st Team Boys lost 27 - 37

### Cricket

1<sup>st</sup> Team

Fixture Date	Venue	Result
21 September	HeronBridge	SPC won by 18 Runs
23 September	Crawford 6's	WON TOURNAMENT

### Equestrian



L-R Kayla van der Burgh, Imogen Imbert, Mrs Joan Delport, Andrew Thomas, Syjil Ramjuthan and Amy Crossley (Captain)

Well done to my riders who were selected for the National Team! The following results were received from Nationals (which started yesterday at Misty Meadows in Pretoria) and would like to congratulate the riders below:

**Syjil Ramjuthan** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Level 1 in hand utility

**Andrew Thomas** – 10<sup>th</sup> in Working Riding and 6<sup>th</sup> in Working Riding

**Chiara Reddy** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Equitation

The rest of the team will still be competing today and during the weekend.

**Imogen Imbert** placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Nationals for Stadium Eventing and **Nolo Maripane** placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Stadium Eventing when they competed at Nationals on 1 October 2016.

Mrs Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

### Soccer

#### Girls Results

##### 2nd/Junior

Fixture Date	Vs	Result	1st	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
14 September	Krugersdorp High	4-3 Spc Lost	3 September	Redhill	3-0 won	
21 September	Sutherland High	2-0 Spc lost	14 September	Krugersdorp High	3-3 Draw	
26 September	Dainfern	1-1 Draw	21 September	Sutherland High	1-1 Draw	
			26 September	Dainfern	3-0 Won	
			5 October	Redhill	5-0 won	

**Boys Results**

u14			u15		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
14 September	Krugersdorp High	3-2 Spc lost	3 September	Redhill	1-4 loss
21 September	Sutherland High	2-0 Spc lost	14 September	Krugersdorp High	1-1 Draw
26 September	Dainfern	6-1 win	21 September	Sutherland High	2-1 Spc lost
28 September	St Dunstan's	4-2 Won	28 September	Dainfern	1-1 Draw
2nd			1st		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
3 September	Redhill	4-1	14 September	Krugersdorp High	3-1 lost
14 September	Krugersdorp High	3-1 Lost	21 September	Sutherland High	3-1 Lost
21 September	Sutherland High	0-0 Draw	26 September	Dainfern	1-0 Lost
			28 September	St Dunstan's	3-0 Lost
			3 September	Redhill	0-2

**Tennis**

The third term at the College indicates the start of a new tennis season. The courts are covered in tennis balls and tennis players are keeping their fitness level at a standard which is equal to no other sport. Our passionate coaches, Benjamin and Jean are teaching our tennis players how to game, set and match with every fixture that comes their way.

Our girls have already played three matches and in all three, true to their nature, they were the reigning queens of the courts. Our boys only had the privilege to play one match so far for this season. King David Victory Park quickly realised that they had underestimated their opponent.

We have tennis practices on Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons. The players are having loads of fun on the courts and I definitely recommend this for a stress relief for each student at the College. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information. My email address is [malanc@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:malanc@stpeterscollege.co.za)

**Tennis Scores:**

Date	Team	Opponent	Scores	Win / Loss
13 September	Girls' A	Parktown A	77 / 49	Win
20 September	Girls' A	Fourways A	79 / 47	Win
23 September	Boys' A	King David Victory Park	61 / 38	Win
27 September	Girls' A	St Teresa's A	83 / 43	Win

Mrs Cornel Malan

MIC: Tennis

**Water Polo****Girls Results**

u15			1st		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
7 September	Crawford L/hill	9-0 Loss	7 September	Crawford Lonehill	11-8 Win
14 September	Pretoria Girls	8-3 Win	14 September	Pretoria Girls	12-5 Win
			17 September	Old Mutual Cup	
				St. Mary's	7-3 Loss
				St. Dominic's	11-7 Loss
			28 September	St. Dominic's	7-8 Win
				Roedean	13-8 Win

## Boys Results

## u14

Fixture Date	Vs	Result
7 September	Crawford L/hill	11-1 Loss

## 1st

Fixture Date	Vs	Result
7 September	Crawford L/hill	9-4 Win
9 September	Parktown Boys	3-0 Win
	St. John's 1st	4-2 Loss
	KES	5-4 Loss
10 September	St. Benedict's	6-1 Win
	St. John's 2nd	4-3 Win
	Jeppe Boys	3-2 Loss
	Parktown Boys	4-2 Loss
16 Sep	Parktown Boys	
	KES	3-3 Draw
17 Sep	St. John's 1st	9-0 Loss
	Pretoria Boys	9-1 Loss
	St. Stithians	5-2 Loss

## u15

Fixture Date	Vs	Result
7 September	Crawford L/hill	8-2 Loss