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### Useful links

Our website: <http://www.stpeters.co.za/college>

College Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Stpeterscoll/>

Old Petrian's Alumni Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldpetrians/>

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I was so encouraged this past weekend as I had the opportunity to witness our students and staff involved in a myriad of activities. I attended the Annual Invitational Gala which we hosted at Wahoo, the Basketball at St Stithians College, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team at St Peter's College, as well as, the U14 water polo team playing in the Crawford College Inland Tournament. It was also wonderful to see 50 of our students, plus staff attending a first-aid course. The spirit, enthusiasm and pride for St Peter's College was evident throughout, hence I took the opportunity to address the students and staff at the Headmaster's Assembly this past Monday on school spirit.

### What is school spirit?

To me, it is more than cheering for the school's rugby team at a Derby Day. School spirit is the positive attitude students, parents 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.

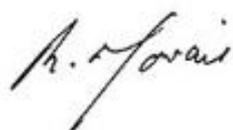
According to Webster's Dictionary, "pride is the pleasure or satisfaction taken in some act, accomplishment, or possession." When we are proud of something or somewhere, we want it to look its best. School pride can be demonstrated by cleaning up after oneself or picking papers and other trash off the 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 the 'St Petrian' 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 and 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 the rugby season? Not that that isn't part of it, but in my opinion, it is not all of it! Let's not forget the pride we have in our school. Let's continue to feel connected to our school community, showing respect for our facilities and grounds, teachers, other students and ourselves as we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Be proud of our College, our colours, our badge as we move **"Bravely into the Future – In Futurum Fortiter"**

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster

### Academic News

Anthony J D'Angelo stated, *"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow"*. (<http://www.edgalaxy.com/education-quotes/>) Accessed 8 February 2018.

Our students have the privilege of learning each day. As educators, it is our honour and duty to ensure that we provide the students with the opportunity to grow and develop a love for learning. We do this by reassessing teaching and learning at College on a regular basis.

The Natural Science Department has elected to teach Physical Science and Life Sciences as separate subjects in Grade 8 and 9. Though the subjects are related, the professional opinion is that each subject has a set of specialised skills that are best taught by the subject specialist. The students will be able to make an informed subject choice in Grade 10.

Economic Management Sciences will be reintroduced as a standalone subject in Grade 8 and 9. The aim is to better prepare students for Accounting and Business Studies in Grade 10.

The Intentional Living Programme, hereafter referred to as ILP, is a learning program for Grades 8 to Grade 11 students, which is aimed at developing purposeful and self-regulated living. The ILP is based on the Schuitema Groups Care and Growth Leadership model and was developed in collaboration with St Peter's College. It is intended to meet the Life Orientation requirements looking specifically within the St Peter's College context. The ILP focusses on excellence and respects the diversity reflected in all contexts of our students lives. The programme uses interactive, practical and thought-provoking activities to enable learners to develop new understandings around grade-specific values. The College Core Values of Respect, Relationships, Responsibility and Resilience are overriding themes that run throughout the different grades. The Grade 8 modules focus on Getting to know myself, Grade 9 on Understanding the Self and Other, Grade 10 on My Role on the World and Grade 11 on My Role as a Leader. The Grade 12 students are involved in the traditional Life Orientation Programme. From 2018, the College students will enjoy an hour of sport once a cycle. This is an important part of developing a well-balanced child and thus encourage all students to actively participate in the lesson.

The Dream Team teachers have enthusiastically involved themselves in writing material for a new subject for the Grade 8 students. The subject has been appropriately named 'STEAM'. The subject will focus on exposing the Grade 8 students to the very important 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.

The Grade 12 students are scheduled to write March Examinations from the 22 of March – 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. Reports will be issued at a special Grade 12 Parent Consultation Evening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2018. It is imperative that both the parent and the Grade 12 student attend this evening as important feedback will be given by the teacher. There will be no report comments for Grade 12 students in Term One. The report will reflect Term One and Term One Examination Results on a traditional report.

By now parents will have received a grade specific Assessment Calendar. This will assist students in planning for the term. Please note that no changes may be made to this calendar.

An additional Cycle Test has been added to the schedule on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. The Cycle Test will be written from 07:30 – 08:30, followed by the Human Rights Eucharist 08:30 – 09:45. The rest of the day will follow the academic programme with slightly shortened lessons.

The College continues with a progressive academic agenda with the aim of benefitting the students. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any of these wonderful initiatives.

*Mrs Shelly Matthews*  
*Deputy Headmistress: Academics*

**Camp News**

**Our amazing first high school camp to Klein Kariba**

On Wednesday, 24 January, I was one of the Grade 8s who embarked on the journey to Klein Kariba in the early hours of the morning. Many hours later we finally arrived, but to the best of our luck, it was a rainy and cool day in Limpopo. We were all starving, but we were eager to play some ice breakers before having food and starting our activities. Water rafting was by far the best activity; however, the water slides and warm pool visits were a close second and third.

In the end, I had the opportunity to build new friendships which I think is extremely important for Grade 8s since we are all new. With relationships, being one of our four core values, is an important thing to grow them by getting to know all the new faces.

We had an amazing experience with one another. I am grateful for all the memories I made at this camp, and I will never forget them.

We started our departure on Friday, 26 January and arrived at school to see many of our parents waiting for us, although we were happy to be home, none of us wanted to say goodbye.

A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers who took part in this camp, but more importantly, my grade. You all made this camp one to remember and I am glad I got to share my first camp experience with you all.

*Morgan Groves (Grade 8)*



## Mentorship News

### Mentor / Mentee Muffin Morning

On Thursday, 1 February, the Mentor / Mentee programme kicked off with Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and of course Muffins! This programme has its origins from brain storming on how to make the Grade 8 students feel welcomed at St Peter's College and giving the Grade 12 students the responsibility to lead and to mentor, building great relationships. While the Grade 8s were away on camp, the Grade 12s had an excellent programme which they followed for two days on Leadership and Mentorship. They were guided into the direction of how to lead and mentor their buddies.

On Thursday, each Grade 12 student is paired with a Grade 8 student. These pairings are based on their Tutor Groups. The Grade 12 students introduced themselves to the Grade 8 students. The Grade 8s are then free to talk to their seniors and ask them lots of questions about St Peter's College. This is a wonderful initiative in making the Grade 8s feel at home with the St Peter's College family. This is a great bonding exercise narrowing the gap between the grades. With this programme, the Grade 12s model the core values of St Peter's College.

*Mrs Cornel Malan*

*Grade 8 Grade Head*



## College Committees

St Peter's College offers a wide variety of student committees run by various teachers and prefects that allows students to get proactively involved during the school year. These committees cover a wide assortment of activities and areas of school life. Below are brief descriptions of each committee and the names of the teachers and prefects running them.

The **Community Service Committee** is a wonderful channel through which we as St Petrians do our part for the community and assist the underprivileged. The Community Service Committee aspires to grow the current outreach programmes such as the sandwich drive and identify new drives and initiatives such as the Mandela Day Initiative. It is headed by Mrs van der Wel, Sarah King, and Daniel Duke.

The **Cultural Committee** (run by Mr Botha, Hannah Shepherd, and Cabral Pearce) plays a key role in ensuring that all cultural activities become a premiere facet of school life. It manages a wide variety of events and activities and encourages students to get involved and support every cultural activity available to them.

The **Mentorship Committee** is managed by Mrs Müller, Mrs Malan, Yogita Mohabir, Didi Mokae, and Duncan Hill. The Mentor and Mentee Programme is a way of building connections between the Grade 8s and Grade 12s. These relationships are important as the Grade 12 students guide the Grade 8s and make them feel part of the St Peter's family. The aim is that both Mentor and Mentee are fulfilled and that both parties benefit from the experience.

The **Peer Tutor Committee** spearheaded by Mrs. Louw, Matthew Wille and Kim Williamson centres around the crucial academic aspect of College life. This committee offers struggling students alternative means through which they may improve their academics. This committee provides students with their own peer tutor in any subject they require assistance with.

The **Work Party Committee** focuses on discipline. The committee, led by Annayah Karaha, Trésor Kabamba, Matthew Garrett, and Vuyo Tshwele, assigns any students given work party small tasks around the school to complete on Friday afternoons.

The **Student Link Committee** provides a platform for any concerns brought up by the student body to be discussed with the College's executive. The committee is made up of student representatives nominated in each register class that relay any grievances or compliments during weekly meetings to those in charge of the committee: Mrs Howard, Yogita Mohabir, and Didintle Mokae.

The College has recently launched an exciting new committee **Celebrating Diversity**. This will be a student-led committee which aims to build diversity initiatives to create an inclusive environment where all St Peter's members feel welcome. It provides a platform for student-led discussions centring around diversity and its promotion. This committee is driven by Ms Walugembe, Mrs Howard, Matthew Garrett, and Vuyo Tshwele.

The **Public Relations Committee** focuses on creating awareness about St Peter's College and building relationships with other schools in our area. Their current focus is on building an interest in prospective primary school students and are visiting many primary schools this term. It also oversees the College-affiliated social media. It is currently managed by Mrs. Monoyoudis, Christopher Mukheibir, and Kevin Shang.

Run by Ms van der Wel, Cameron Love, and Shannon Louis, the **Rewards Committee** provides incentives for students to behave "better" than what is expected of them at the College. They reward any exemplary behaviour that comes to their attention.

The **Spirit Committee** driven by Ms Malan, Sebastian Long, and Tinotenda Ndudzo, is – in Tinotenda's words - the glue. They promote, encourage, and create pride in the school and all facets of school life. They strive for all students to have the utmost pride in the school's badge and its values.

Currently, the focus of the **Spiritual Committee** is to provide a more modern approach in the religious life of students at the College, in the form of bi-weekly Youth Chapels. This is done under the guidance of the Anglican Church. Its goals are to allow students to build a relationship with God, get the school involved and promote a positive outlook towards Youth Chapels, promote relationships within grades, and promote leadership and individual ideas through Youth Chapels. It is managed by Mrs Robertson, Tadiwa Zororo, and Thandolwethu Msiza.

The **Environmental Committee** plays a vital role in creating an awareness about the importance and responsibility that every individual has in taking care of our environment. This committee urges students to take a stand and play an active role in all initiatives that it aims to promote this year. The committee is currently run by Mr Maragoni, Tarynn Davies, and Dhyan Saravanja.

*Kim Williamson (Grade 12)*

**Eco-Pets News**

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## THE GARDEN ROUTE

— 23 JUNE - 15 JULY 2018 —

### Greenpop Eden Festival of Action 2018

Youth Programme

**Get active and change your world!**

#### Greenpop Eden Festival of Action

In November last year, Misha Teasedale from Greenpop came to speak to the school regarding being an active citizen and participating in the "Eden Festival of Action". The aim of the festival is to plant thousands of trees in the Eden district (near Knysna) that was devastated by fires last year. The youth programme of the festival will be taking place from 23 to 30 June 2018. More information on the festival can be found at: <https://greenpop.org/eden-festival-of-action/>

Many of our students showed great interest in participating in this regreening festival. We are trying to see if that enthusiasm is still present this year so that we can send a St Peter's College team to participate in this community service event. Please contact Mr Claudio Marangoni ([marangonic@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:marangonic@stpeterscollege.co.za)) if your child would like to participate in this festival of action.



#### Recycling

A message to remind the St Peter's College community that we are still involved in different recycling projects. We are collecting the following items for recycling:

- Printer cartridges
- Plastic bottle caps
- Bread tags
- Coffee pods

Please bring these to SCU1 (in the Science Block) for collection. If you require any further information regarding any of these collections, please contact Mr Claudio Marangoni ([marangonic@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:marangonic@stpeterscollege.co.za)).

#### **Orientation Week 2018 – A Roller Coaster Ride**



As you wait in the queue for a roller coaster ride and sit down in the roller coaster seat your stomach stirs with an uneasy feeling of excitement, nervousness and the curiosity of what is to come next. Your body and nerves wait in anticipation till you lurch forward and start the ride with terrific speed with the ride almost catching you by surprise. I experienced the same feeling before starting my high school journey and at the beginning of the orientation program. That same energy was alive in my body when I arrived at school, unsure of what to expect. Then before I knew it, high school started with a bang, the speed thrilling, exciting and new. If I think back to that feeling I almost relive the moment, the moment when I realised that this was the start of a new chapter in my life - high school - and that I would have to live every moment ahead to the fullest and make the most of every opportunity that was given to me.

The activities that the orientation programme provided helped me to get to know the prefects, the teachers, the students in my grade and the school. If I must be honest though, after two weeks of starting school, I still get lost on the way to class, but I'm sure that I'm not the only one!

Orientation brought us closer together as a grade, helped us get to know each other. It made us realise that we aren't alone in this journey called high school and we ought to make the best of it together.

We had many highlights along the way, like the Grade 8 swimming gala, inter-house swimming, camp, the grade eight social, the many sports we got to try out, the activities we did in orientation and the people we got to know along the way. So, to me this roller coaster ride - orientation - was a fast-moving, exciting, eventful and enjoyable ride that will forever be in my memory. A memory of a lifetime!" -

*Mieke Coetzee (Grade 8)*

"Orientation Week was a highlight for me, from meeting new friends to trying out new sports to spending time with our prefects. When it came to try out cricket and I had no clue what was going on, but it was still fun for me and I encourage the rest of my group to try it out. The different rollovers were perfect for students who were still confused and deciding what to do at St Peter's College. The prefects made the rollovers fun and set the right vibe of high school to all of us, new grade 8s. The Orientation Week took the stress out of coming to school on the first day of the new academic year because we didn't have the pressure of meeting new friends and we saw friendly faces. My favourite highlights were the grade 8 social and the fashion show. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making the week one of the best we have ever had! I thought Orientation Week was awesome." - Amy Martin (Grade 8)

"I would just like to say that I really enjoyed the orientation week, and now miss it so much. We did so many activities to get to know each other and make the first few days of high school easier for us. The camp was amazing, and I wish we could just stay there forever. I know for sure I made the right choice by choosing St Peter's College." - Edlyn Taruvinga, (Grade 8)



## School Shop News

### Important Notice - School Shop Moving

The School Shop will be closed on Thursday, 15 and Friday, 16 February for the shop fittings to be moved to the new School Shop. Please note that **NO** trading will be taking place.

### Textbooks to Collect

Students should have collected the following books/items by now:

GRADE 8	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
NOUGHTS & CROSSES	ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHS	DEATH OF A SALESMAN
ART PACKS		ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHS
		DRAMA BOOKS

Please check to see if your child still needs to collect these books. **All books need to be collected by Monday, 12 February.** Students have been reminded by their register teachers/HODs.

We will notify the Grade Heads or HODs as and when other books become available to collect.

### 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

Mon, Tue and Thu 07:00 to 15:00 | Wed and Fri 07:00 to 13:00

Mrs Nerina Deeb

School Shop Manager

## Parent's Association News

### PA Golf Day – 14 March 2018

Book your four-ball now to avoid disappointment!



**ST PETER'S COLLEGE**  
**PA Annual Golf Day**  
 Wednesday, 14 March 2018  
 Bryanston Country Club

- Book your four-ball @ R3,600
- Sponsor a hole @ R4,000
- Sponsor prizes, goodie bag items etc.

Contact Simone Hope  
[simone.hope71@outlook.com](mailto:simone.hope71@outlook.com)  
 082 582 7080

## Upcoming Events

### President's Award Presentation to Students

An impressive 60 students enrolled for various certificates in the President's Award at the College. I have created a Microsoft Team for the students involved where the Progress Chart and other important documentation may be found. Students are requested to kindly inform me should they not seem to be added.

We look forward to a presentation to students by the Regional Head of the President's Award, Palesa Matuludi, in the Deputy Headmaster's Assembly on 21 February 2018. I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Horwood to the President's Award. She will be taking over the role of Award Leader for St Peter's College in Term 2 2018.

*Mrs Avril Swanepoel*  
*President's Award Co-Ordinator*

### Vega Talk and Presentation of Student Work

Although this is a talk for the Art Task Team, all those who are interested in a creative career are welcome to attend.

**Date:** Monday, 19 February 2018

**Time:** 14:15 – 15: 15

**Venue:** MADDitorium

*Mrs Avril Swanepoel*  
*HOD: Creative Arts*