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Message from the Headmaster

Dear St Peter's family,

PREFECTS, POWER FM and THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

At this time of the year our calendar includes a number of special events. Most recently on Tuesday evening we held our annual end of year **Co-Curricular Awards and Matric Academic Prize-Giving**. It was special to recognise so many successes in a host of different areas, and also to announce the new **Prefects for the 2015/16 school year**. I congratulate all the Prefects and the following Prefect Executive and wish them great success as they grow in their roles and lead our student body over the coming 12 months:

Head Boy – **Luke Christelis** and Deputy Head Boy – **Daniel Martin**

Head Girl – **April Donnelly** and Deputy Head Girl – **Caitlin Crow**

Our Grade 12 Class of 2015 will conclude their lessons this week and enjoy a **Matric Parents Breakfast** and Final Assembly this Monday, 12 October. These final days of school will invoke many memories for our senior class of their first day of school 12 years ago, and the many moments in between. The **Final Walk** that each matric takes with their parents up to the College gate as they leave school, is an emotion-filled event, matched by our equally touching **Valedictory Service at St Stephen's Parish Church** on Tuesday evening next week.



Keeping with the theme of celebrations, I received call on Wednesday morning from a local Johannesburg radio station **POWER FM**, who was featuring the **84th birthday of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu**. 'The Arch's' status as a courageous and principled Christian voice is world renowned, however it was student link in the late 1950s at the then **St Peter's College in Rosettenville** in Johannesburg's southern suburbs, which led to the call I received yesterday.

Although separated by time and geography these two institutions of Anglican learning **share a common Christian heritage and a firm commitment to inspire brave actions** from young South Africans to help shape Africa's future.

I was so pleased that two of our Grade 11 History students, Naledi Belle and Alex Hogerzeil, were able to join a conversation on-air with Father Sammy Masemole and presenter Thabiso Sikwane. They spoke honestly and with youthful insights about how our College's values connect well with Tutu's legacy.

Finally I was privileged on Wednesday night to join **Kayla Benjamin** (Grade 11) and **Roger Wyllie** (Grade 12) at the **Gold Award ceremony of the President's Award** (see <http://presidentsaward.co.za/>). This is the first time in the College's History that we have had Gold Award recipients of this prestigious international youth development programme. I strongly endorse the President's Award and sincerely hope more St Petrians will undertake their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Mr Murray Thomas
Headmaster

2016 Prefects:

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ethan Bainbridge | 6. Jana Cupedo | 11. Caitlin Lai Thom | 16. Devryn Panaino | 21. Michelle Smorfitt |
| 2. Naledi Belle | 7. April Donnelly | 12. Joslyn Lategan | 17. Brittany Pedersen | 22. Ifeoma Umeala |
| 3. Beraca Bope | 8. Joshua Gatton | 13. Emma La Trobe | 18. Jessica Penney | |
| 4. Ross Bruce | 9. Roxanne Harris | 14. Ashir Mohabir | 19. Rugare Ponde | |
| 5. Savannah Collison | 10. Emma Hill | 15. Daniele Musu | 20. Sirish Ramessur | |

White Blazer Award



Congratulations and well done to Devon Hodgson on achieving his White Blazer, presented to him at Prize-Giving on Tuesday night.

Student Lockers

In order to safeguard our student's electronic possessions, such as, lap tops, iPads & cell phones, St Peter's College has installed new state-of-the-art lockers in both the Maths Annex and the Afrikaans Annex.

These lockers have also been equipped with 2-pin plug power points which will allow our students to charge their devices. St Peter's College has installed 600 lockers hence each student will be allocated his/her own locker. Only the Grade 8-11 students will be allocated lockers for Term 3.

Cameras have been installed for security and linked to these areas thus further enhancing the security in these areas.

Padlocks are available from the School Shop at R110, please note that the students may only use these padlocks. Furthermore, there will be an annual deposit of R50 which will be reflected on your College account. The locker allocation will be done this Monday, 12 October.

Mr Rui Morais

Deputy Headmaster: Co-Curricular

Student Travels

World Challenge

Last week the students who attended the World Challenge Tour to Northern India wrote an article of their experiences in this wonderful yet challenging country.

We are busy planning the 2016 World Challenge Tour to a very diverse destination. The name of this country will be during the Grade Heads assembly on Tuesday, 13 October. Please ask your children about it. This announcement will be followed by a parents and students information evening on 20 October at 18:00, in CC1, where you will have the opportunity to make further inquiries.

I encourage you to consider this tour for your child as it is not only very rewarding and challenging but there is so much growth that also occurs on a personal level in terms of Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, Leadership, Decision Making and appreciation to name but a few.

Ms Sonja Theron

World Challenge Leader

World Challenge to India – Ms Meyer's Group

Our world challenge team spent 16 days in India that can only be described as difficult but worth it. We started our journey at 22:00 on 9 August at O.R. Tambo. Flew eight hours to Dubai and then three to Delhi. We then took three metro trains from the airport to the old Delhi train station.

After being greeted with the cruel humidity and over 30 degree weather we walked onto the train platform and met our new best friends for the next few hours: Rats. At 23:00 we walked onto the sleeper train where we would spend six hours.

We arrived at Kathgadam station at 06:00 the next morning where we were surrounded by the most beautiful scenery and mountains most of us had ever seen. A two hour jeep trip to Mountain Quail Camp ensued and we were then met by everyone's new favourites: Tea and Toast.

Four days at Mountain Quail while we acclimatised and then began our project.

A full day of carrying bricks down a mountain, then walking back up to get more bricks, to walk back down again. We made gutters to catch rain water as well as two tanks to store the water and a rubbish incinerator. We then began a four day trek. Nothing can describe those four days other than beautiful scenery, bright green mountains, RAIN and leeches.



Another day of travelling on public buses to Rishikesh (and our first shower in four days). The next day we travelled to Hariduar and at 00:50, after a few hours walking along the Ganges River during a festival and hearing our first English song in a few days, we got on another sleeper train to New Delhi train station and from there to Agra.

In Agra we saw the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and the girls got henna done. After 3 days we drove back to Delhi and spent the evening in a hotel and the next morning left for the airport to end our journey at 08:50 on 24 August in the same place we started... O.R. Tambo International Airport with new friends and amazing memories.

Kaylee Campbell

Emi Jozela's Exchange Experience

After exams I moved forward with an exciting journey in my life as I had the opportunity to go on an exchange programme in Argentina. The first two days of my journey I stayed in the capital city Buenos Aires with three other girls from Joburg. It was a bright city with vibrant colors all over and there they say the city never sleeps.

From there I moved provinces and went to my host family in Sante Fe and stayed in Funes with an amazing family who made me feel at home from day one. I went to a school called Collegio San Bartolome which was in the city Rosario and was also a 30 minute drive every morning. From my experience I gathered that school in South Africa is a lot harder and we get far too much homework.

The meals are different as I would eat breakfast at 06:00 which would usually be a small portion of cereal or a slice of toast with something sweet such as a spread which they call 'dulce de leche' which is very similar to caramel. We would then snack in between school hours and then usually eat a meal at about 12:30. Again snack in between till we ate dinner only at 22:00.

Being there was unforgettable because I wasn't a South African 16 year old anymore as I was forced to be more independent which felt awesome because I was able to walk anywhere I wanted, go shopping at any time and catch taxis from here to there.



I remember the one time it was completely strange to me as I was invited to a fifteenth birthday party which started at 21:00 and ended at 04:00 the next morning. Now a fifteenth party is very big there as some people get the opportunity to host a huge event celebrating their adulthood or traveling overseas with friends to places such as Miami. So at the party we had a blast and then we caught a taxi home and when we were home the whole house was fast asleep so we had cake with loads of dulce de leche and then went to bed at about 05:00.

While I was there I gathered that Argentinians are a very passionate people, they are passionate about their sport as well as their country. We could see this because they had paint all over walls and some even painted their houses of the club colors. There are flags everywhere. So yes when I'm finished with school I'll be back to visit.

Emi Jozela (Gr10)

Jozana Foundation



Dani Knight and Zintle

The Jozana Foundation is an initiative by Khotso Mothobi. Khotso grew up in the Eastern Cape where he went to a rural school. Because of his commendable achievement in Science and Maths, he had the opportunity to visit St John's College for a week. This visit acted as a motivator for Khotso. He then started Grade 8 at St John's on a scholarship. Khotso is currently a graduate from Harvard. He had a dream that he wanted to give back to the community where he grew up. Today we have three students visiting us at St Peter's for a week. Seb, Siba and Zintle are being hosted by Adrian Diepeveen, Simone Lategan and Dani Knight.

*Cornel Malan
Grade Head: Grade 10*

Chase Foundation - Exchange Student

Dear Parents,

As part of our relationship with the Chase Foundation, we once again will be hosting an exchange student from Argentina, Elias Zalegas, who will attend St Peter's College from 24 January - 3 April 2016.

We are once again looking for a family to host Elias during the period of his stay at the College, preferably a family with a son in Grade 11.

Here is a summary of Elias' background:

Name – Elias Zalegas

Date of birth – 9 July 1999 (Age 17 years)

Father's name – Oscar

Father's Occupation – Technician

Mother's name – Gabriela

Mother's occupation - Pharmacist

Favourite school subjects – History, Philosophy, English and Physics

Least favourite – Math

Sport – Tennis

Gabriel is from Metan in the Salta province of Argentina. Metan is in the far North of Argentina and traditionally 99% Hispanic.

He has a passionate interest for new cultures and customs not to mention languages. He is currently learning Japanese.

He will indeed apply all to his Academics and clearly shows that he will embrace all in South Africa.

In Argentina he does apply himself to his Academics taking time out to play the piano.

He would like to play tennis whilst in South Africa.

He does place emphasis on team work. He does have a very sunny disposition. He does consider himself a good leader and has the ability to resolve problems by himself; displaying exceptionally independence.

He holds his family and friends in high-esteem and enjoys meeting new people from different cultures. In his spare time not only does he play piano but he volunteers at his mother's pharmacy and enjoys watching Japanese cartoons and playing video games. And of course being with his friends (very sociable young man)

He knows that being accepted into our Academic and Cultural Program will ensure that not only will his Academics improve but his command of the English language. He has emphasized that he is exceptionally interested in all South African cultures.

Showing a very positive attitude to the Program is one of the characteristics the Chase Foundation always ensures, as well taking charge of the Program once accepted by the Chase Foundation. Elias clearly demonstrates all.

He is a student with high potential and has the capability of development on a personal level as well as in academics.

If you are interested in hosting Elias, please contact Mr Morais on moraisr@stpeterscollege.co.za

Grade 10 Spring Ball

Swirling dresses, delicate flutes of bubbly, satin bowties, the subtle edge of teenage romance and an unmistakable air of pure excitement. . . . Welcome to the Grade 10 Spring Ball! Walking alongside your date down the oh-so-fancy lit up walkway, the night was destined to be beautiful.

Upon walking into the hall, gasps of wonder hung in the air and one could not help but feel like absolute royalty! The décor – inspired by an all American Prom theme – was simply breath-taking! Blue and silver balloons covered the dance floor, effortlessly creating a feeling of pure magic. The tables themselves were just as stunning. A photo booth (an awesome new addition to the annual event), a DJ (our very own Theo!) and smoke machines added a funky edge to the evening. Elegant little pies, a hearty lasagne and mouth-watering cupcakes made up the menu, ensuring we all had more than enough energy to show off our latest moves!

Being an authentic prom, a Prom King and Queen were simply a necessity. The dashing Italian – Alessandro Gueli, and the gorgeous Abigail Human took home the titles for 2015. All in all, the ball was nothing short of incredible and gave everyone many special memories to last a life time. A huge thank you to Ms Egling, Ms Balzer, Ms Braatvedt and the MDC committee, and all those who were involved in putting this amazing event together ... It wouldn't have been possible or nearly as fun without you guys!

Hannah Leatherbarrow (Gr 10)

The Pavement Drawing Competition at the Sports and Culture Festival

On the 18th of September, St Peter's College once again participated in the Pavement Drawing competition; an integral part of the annual Sports and Culture festival.

Our 5 talented teams consisted of:

Jemma Mould, Meghan Hoffmann, Zoe Swoboda, Amber MacDonald, Tristan Long, Iban Bester, Annie Morrel, Jemma Van Wyk, Mishailin Maharaj, Keenan Hurichund, Nikola Nikitov, Michelle Durow, Jessica Surmon, Emily Hewson, Matthew de Decker, Jessica de Castro and Amber Godsell.

The competition took place from 9:00 to 12:00, with over 50 teams taking part. This year's theme was "The Power of Education."

Each team took a different take; and the colourful illustrations lining the road paired with the music, sung by our own music students, made for an overall upbeat vibe.

Unfortunately, St Peter's didn't place this year, but everyone enjoyed the experience. Our teams had tremendous support from the rest of the school and enjoyed each other's company while painting and drawing in the sun.

Once the three hours were over, the teams dispersed to fetch some refreshments while they waited for the announcement of the winners.



The winning schools were as follows:

1st Place - St John's

2nd Place - Sutherland

3rd Place - St Mary's

4th Place - Sutherland

5th Place - Redhill

Next year's theme is 'Heritage', and the art students can't wait to get started with planning.

Thanks to all the students and Mrs Swanepoel for making the Pavement Drawing Competition, as usual, immensely successful and a great opportunity for everyone who took part.

Meghan Hoffmann

Music

National Eisteddfod

The St Peter's College Music Department hosted the first round of the National Eisteddfod competition on Monday, 28 and Tuesday, 29 September.

6 Ensembles and 15 soloists presented 39 items, achieving 6 Silver Certificates, 13 Gold Certificates and 20 Diplomas. Ruby Shih, Matthew Beekman and the Grade 10 Music Class Marimba Band also received Recommendations for their exceptional performances. We are incredibly proud of these students and commend them for the time and effort they dedicate to developing their musical talent.

Bokang Raselomane	Silver
Zanele Booï	Gold
Alessandro Gueli	Gold
Keeanne Jimmy	2 x Silver & Gold
Michelle Smorfitt	2 x Silver, Gold & Diploma (92%)
Chanel Thomas	Gold & Diploma (90%)
Erin Lyle	Gold & Diploma (93%)
Talia Rosengarten	Gold & Diploma (90%)
Christie Vemer	2 x Gold, Diploma (92%) & Diploma (95%)
David Malan	Gold & Diploma (90%)
Ivory Bekwa	Silver & Diploma (93%)
Dani Knight	Gold, Diploma (90%) & Diploma (92%)
Vuyo Tshwele	Gold & Diploma (96%)
Matthew Beekman	Silver, Diploma (93%) & Recommendation
Ruby Shih	Diploma (90%), Diploma (96%) & Recommendation
Khanyile Ndolvu & Zanele Booï	Gold
April Donnelly & Ifeoma Umeala	Diploma (90%)
Alessandro Gueli & Danielle Paul	Diploma (93%) & Diploma (95%)
St Peter's College Orchestra	Diploma (90%)
St Peter's College Jazz Band	Diploma (90%)
St Peter's College Marimba Band	Diploma (97%) & Recommendation

Ms Angie Mullins
HOD: Music

Drumming

Khama Modise and Ronewa Netshiswinzhe competed at the SA Drumming Championships this weekend at St Benedict's.

Khama placed 7th in Novice Tenor March and Ronewa placed 11th in Novice Snare March. This is a fantastic achievement considering the fact that these young lads were competing against other learners who have been playing for much longer, years in fact!



Roger Davies (MADD Centre Architect), Khama Modise, Michael Langley, David Oosthuizen.



Ronewa Netshiswinzhe with David Oosthuizen

Co-Curricular News

Cricket

Over the long weekend, 25 – 27 September 2015, the St Peter's College 1st Team cricket boys had the opportunity to participate in the Crawford Lonehill Crazy Sixes tournament. The team displayed true prowess and put on a fantastic show for all the spectators. It was a highly successful event and I am proud to announce that we walked away with the first place prize after comprehensively winning every one of our games.

A special thanks goes to our manager Mr Brian Armitage, who supported us throughout the whole three days while educating us with his braaiing know how and feeding us on the third day of the tournament. And to our coach Mr Marsden Vickery for taking cricket at St Peter's College to the next level. It is great to see the standard of cricket at the school improving and we are all looking forward to a successful season ahead with many important fixtures against some of the most formidable teams in the country.

Anthony Keiser – 1st Team Cricket Captain



Dance

Congratulations to Dani Knight and Jemma van Wyk, both grade 10 students, for qualifying for the DanceStar World Masters 2016 in Croatia. This is a really exceptional achievement that only a few from each country, including South Africa, will achieve.

Head of Dance & Movement studies, Mr Izak Botha, says "if you can move you can dance!" Coming off the back of the Annual Inter – High School dance competition in September held in the new multimillion rand MADDITORIUM theatre at the College, these two students went on to represent St Peter's College at the Johannesburg DanceStar qualifiers held between 24 and 26 September 2015. All three of their entries in the contemporary modern category were selected by a panel of local and international Judges.



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Dani and Jemma spent many hours practicing in the school dance studio with their external choreographer Kim Rose-Mathew of Squeak-A-Takkie Productions. They are both looking forward to this unbelievable opportunity and can't stop smiling when they think about it!

Being part of the SA team is a lifetime opportunity. The girls will travel to Croatia in May 2016 to compete with dancers from around the world and this will give them an opportunity to broaden their dance vocabulary through attending workshops and learning cutting edge techniques and choreography taught by international choreographers all whilst experiencing different cultures and traditions. Who knows they may even bring a trophy home to St Peter's!

Netball

A big well done to our Ms Christelle Van Schalkwyk on making the Gauteng North Action netball IPT.

Soccer

29 September vs Dainfern College

1st Team boys: win 3 – 1

Juniors Boys: win 7 – 0

1st Team Girls: win 4 – 0 - Lulu Tsunga scored 4 goals for the 1st team girls

Junior Girls: win 1 – 0

Swimming



Well done to Sean Moodley who has been included in SA Junior swimming team competing in the Junior African Champs in October.



Well done to Yuvish Premlall who was medalled with 2nd place in the 400 IM and third place in the 1500 free style at the NTS gala hosted in Pretoria 24-25 September 2015.

Water Polo

Well done to both our junior teams on their results against **Beaulieu College on 7 October.**

Junior Girls: St Peter's beat Beaulieu 10-2.

Junior Boys: St Peter's beat Beaulieu 13-0.

3 October – Boys vs St Benedict's

SPC U14 Boys played SBC U14A. SPC lost 3 -6.

SPC U14 Boys played SBC U15B. SPC won 8 -2.

SPC 1st played SBC 2nds. SPC won 15 – 2.

SPC 2nds played SBC 1sts. SPC lost 4 – 10.

SPC 1sts played SBC 1sts. SPC won 8 – 4.

30 September – vs Crawford Lonehill

Junior girls lost 9-2 (the girls lost all 4 chukkas, but chukkas 2 and 4 were both only 2-1)

Girls 1st team won 8-6 (the girls won the 1st and 3rd chukkas and drew the 2nd and 4th; both teams had 7 man-ups each and both only managed to score in 1 of them only – from our side a sign of good defence, but poor attack)

The U14 boys played a close game, starting out slow but scoring a few goals in the last two chukkas to finish 4 -5.

The U15 boys had a great game, winning 8 – 1.

Boys 1st team Won 9-4. Our boys played very well and controlled the game from start to finish.

Boys: 24 - 27 September - U15 Ian Melliari Tournament, Wynberg Boys High, Cape Town

Results:

24 September	Pool game	vs Wynberg	Lost	1-5
25 September	Pool game	vs Glenwood	Lost	0-16
25 September	Pool game	vs Affies	Lost	4-5
26 September	Pool game	vs Reddam	Lost	2-13
26 September	Playoffs	vs Westerford	Lost	2-3
27 September	19 th /20 th Play	vs Maritzburg	Won	4-3 Kosmas Joannou named Most Valued Player in match

St Peter's U15 Boys finished fifth in Pool D. Played the 5th placed school from Pool A. St Peter's lost the playoff match. They placed 19th overall at the Ian Melliari Cup at Wynberg Boys High School.

Girls: 24 – 27 September – Reddam House Tournament

1st team took part in the Reddam House U19 tournament in Constantia, Cape Town.

Our results were as follows:

Beat Wynberg 19-2 in a pool game

Beat Rustenburg 13-3 in a pool game

Beat Springfield 13-5 in a pool game

Lost 8-7 to Durban Girls College in a pool game (lost the game in the last 20 seconds of play)

We finished second in the pool.

Final results:

Lost 7-1 to Reddam in the quarterfinals (Reddam were eventual winners; We were only 3-0 down going into last chukka)

Lost 8-4 to Westerford in positional play semi-final (Westerford was leading 5-4 going into last chukka)

Lost 2-1 to Herschell to finish 8th in the tournament (Scores were tied going into last chukka)

Overall the tour was a success. The girls showed great spirit and determination. We learnt a lot about ourselves and what we need to work on. The logistics of the tour were fantastic; air travel, accommodation, transport and meals, and we would like to thank Mr Morais for his assistance in this regard.

Boys: 23 – 27 September - 1st Team Clifton Tournament, Durban

24 September	Pool game	vs Reddam	Lost	2-9
24 September	Pool game	vs Hilton	Lost	5-11
25 September	Pool game	vs St Alban's	Lost	5-11
26 September	Playoffs	vs St David's	Lost	4-15
26 September	Playoffs	vs Maritzburg College	Won	8-2
27 September	13 th /14 th Play	vs Kearsney	Lost	4-9

St Peter's finished fourth in Pool D. Played the loser of the cross pool playoffs. St Peter's won their next playoff match. They placed 14th overall.

Girls: 16 September vs Pretoria Girls High School

The girls and coaches used Gautrain to get there. The trip went well and the girls enjoyed the adventure. PGHS assisted with transport from Gautrain station at Hatfield to the school and back and we are grateful for that.

Not all players were available due to involvement with St Peter's Sports and Cultural Festival however our teams did great.

Junior team won 11-2

1st team won 8-3

Harry Joannou - Springbok Scout Award

During this past year Harry Joannou has engaged in and completed to a high standard all of the different tasks required of him as a Scout to attain the Springbok Scout Award.

The final step in Harry's journey to Springbok Scout was completed this past Sunday afternoon when he attended a panel interview headed by Sean Dickinson the Regional Team Coordinator, Scout Programme, Sean is also responsible for running the Springbok Scout program and ensuring that required standards are upheld.

Following a successful interview, attended by both Craig Hudson (Troop Scouter) and Justin Agar, Harry was commended by Sean for completing all set tasks and activities to a high standard. Harry was then formally advised that he has achieved his Springbok Scout Award. The formal presentation and badge ceremony will take place later in the year.

We are extremely proud of Harry and what he has achieved in Scouting through hard work and perseverance, he is also an excellent role model to all of the younger scouts who look up to him.

Mr Rui Morais

Deputy Headmaster: Co-Curricular