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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 want to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the final term of 2016.

In my address to our students at the final Colours Assembly last term, I told the story of one of my favourite music bands, U2.

The 'Dream'

U2 was started in 1976 in Dublin, Ireland, when Larry Mullen, Jr., then a 14-year-old student at Mount Temple Comprehensive School, posted a note on the school's notice board in search of musicians for a new band. Setting up in his kitchen, Mullen was on drums, with Paul Hewson (Bono) on lead vocals, David Evans (The Edge) and Adam Clayton on bass guitar. Apart from being outstanding musicians, U2 are also renowned for their political and social activism, and their music often reflects their views.

U2 have written two songs dedicated to the American Civil Rights Activist, **Martin Luther King Jnr**, the first one being 'Pride - In The Name of Love', and 'MLK' which stands for Martin Luther King.

MLK is a short pensive piece with simple lyrics:

<i>Sleep</i>	<i>Sleep</i>
<i>Sleep tonight</i>	<i>Sleep tonight</i>
<i>And may your dreams</i>	<i>And may your</i>
<i>Be realized</i>	<i>dreams</i>
<i>If the thundercloud</i>	<i>Be realized</i>
<i>Passes rain</i>	<i>If the thundercloud</i>
<i>So let it rain</i>	<i>Passes rain</i>
<i>Rain down on him</i>	<i>So let it rain</i>
<i>Hmm-mmm-mm</i>	<i>Let it rain</i>
<i>So let it be</i>	<i>Rain on him</i>
<i>Hmm-mmm-mm</i>	<i>Rain on him</i>
<i>So let it be</i>	

The song MLK was U2's way of honouring Martin Luther King's message of Peaceful Protest and his ideals. I then made a reference to a phrase which I thought was extremely powerful and pertinent to the South African context:

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a **dream** today!"*

You can watch the YouTube clip

on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knPKC-JHT6c>

Campus Development

During the course of the August holidays, we took the opportunity to do a number of projects and maintenance at the school. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cecilia Neto, Mrs Zuzi Roy, Mr Isaac Ntjilo, Mr Mugochi Muchachari and their maintenance, cleaning and garden teams for the work done at St Peter's College.

Improvements made are as follows:

Carried out by **Maintenance** staff:

- Admin block painted
- Resource Centre wall painted
- All gum poles around campus were oiled
- Bag racks built
- Tak Hiemstra Pavilion ceiling painted
- Earth leakage testing carried out and all lights checked
- Various tasks conducted in the Science block and assisting with move

Contractual work:

- Science block refurbished
- Safety rails fitted along basketball courts and leading down to Mr Armitage's classroom
- Stairs added leading down to Mr Armitage's classroom
- Synthetic grass fitted in Tutu block
- Shade netting added to basketball court stands and new shading installed
- All railings, basketball stands and benches painted
- Paving from Wahoo to the school and along parking

I also want to thank Mrs Gwyn Zimmerman, as well as, Mr Brian Armitage for giving up their holidays to oversee these upgrade tasks.

Staff Matters

Due to the resignations of Ms Jodi Fraser (English), and Mr Charl Bloomberg (Afrikaans), who both left at the end of Term 2, we are pleased to advise that we have appointed Mrs Rykie Gaudin (English) from Hyde Park High School and Ms Delene Theunissen (Afrikaans) from Edenglen High School. They will both start on 1 October as they have to give a term's notice at their respective schools. In the interim, we welcome two locum teachers for the month of September, Ms Munene Khoza (English) and Mrs Nicolien Lehman (Afrikaans).

In Memoriam

It is with a great deal of sadness that I inform you of the passing of one of our founding fathers, and the first Chairman of the St Peter's College Council, **Mr Humphrey Power**.

To his wife Heather, his daughter Kerry and son Sean, who are both alumni of this wonderful school of which their father was an integral part in establishing, we send our most sincere condolences during their time of bereavement.

Annual Sports and Cultural Festival

Next weekend from 16-18 of September, St Peter's College will host our 13th Annual Invitational Soccer, Basketball, Netball, Chess and Cultural Festival for U19 boys and U19 girls at our St Peter's College Campus.

Our College will host 3,000 participants, 45 schools, plus parents, friends and families over the Festival. The teams on the day are diverse, and include independent schools, former model C schools and previously disadvantaged schools, as well as teams from neighbouring countries. This Festival is a true representation of the entire spectrum of South Africa's population, and we are the first school in South Africa to host an event of this nature where there are more than 150 teams participating in a myriad of activities.

The schools that participate in this Festival have previously come from Zimbabwe, Durban, Cape Town, White River, Nelspruit, Mafikeng, Bloemfontein Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria, East London and African countries such as, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Swaziland.

We at St Peter's College are committed to making this the most prestigious school's Sports and Cultural Festival not only in South Africa, but in Africa.

We have made a strong commitment to host this annual Festival, as we firmly believe that the sports and cultural events on offer, are a true representation of what the majority of South Africans support and believe in and we take this opportunity to invite our St Peter's College parents, students and friends to come and join us in what will be a wonderful weekend of festivities.

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Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Academic News

Reflections from Term 2

As a College, we started winding down at the start of August, while concurrently we witnessed the start of the auspicious **Rio 2016 Olympic Games**. It was a privilege and inspiration to watch the various events. But on the morning of 14 August, the Rio Olympics was on the lips of every South African. **Wayde van Niekerk** had broken the World Record previously held by Michael Johnson since 1999. More impressively, Wayde van Niekerk was the first South African to win a gold medal for this track event in 96 years (previously won by Bevil Rudd). Following Wayde's success was easy as he is a fervent 'Tweeter' on '@WaydeDreamer'. Before his win Wayde had 10,700 Twitter followers, this skyrocketed to 34,000 after his win and continues to grow.



On 15 August, Wayde van Niekerk tweeted:

*"Years of Dreams
Years of Teamwork
Years of Dedication
Years of Tears
Years of losing
Years of winning"*

This **resonated with me as a teacher**. We can learn so much from this phenomenal athlete's attitude and journey. Interestingly, we can apply this to the **academic journey** that each of our students take during their College career. All students start Grade 8 with a dream. A dream of a fresh start, exciting new challenges and the potential to be the 'best' that they can be.

I believe that the **Grade 8s of 2016** have possibly for the first time this year, after writing July examinations, realised the dedication that high school academics demands. A number of examinations were written and each tested six months of content and a variety of new skills. Some of our students have met the challenge while others have not. For those who have coped, we were astounded by the excellent results and they are congratulated on this achievement. For the other students who did not meet the required academic standard, a compulsory academic programme has been set up to assist these students in preparation for the Final Examinations. The staff are available to assist any student who feels that additional input is required. Our dedicated teachers understand the 'years of teamwork' that result in a successful, well-rounded Grade 12 student. Please expect communication from the staff at the start of Term 3. This applies to all grades.

At the Final Assembly, I was privileged to award a number of **Grade 12s Colours and Honours for Academics**. These students have dreamt of this achievement, dedicated themselves to attaining excellence and have opted to work closely with the staff, understanding the benefits of teamwork. It has not always been easy, there have been tears and fears of losing but they remained focused and were able to win.

Their academic journey is no different to that of Wayde van Niekerk. He won a Bronze medal at the London Olympics in 2012. However, he dedicated himself to his dream and worked closely with his coach Ans Botha for the past four years and ultimately the teamwork has paid off. He tweeted *"she's played a huge role in where I am today, she really kept me focused and very disciplined on a goal and where I need to be"*. Ans Botha had the honour of coaching Wayde van Niekerk. So often I hear stories of how teachers are humbled when their past students acknowledge the role that the teacher has played in their academic success. We can't all start off as winners, most times the joy is in progressing, while building character and maturing into the young person they are destined to be.

In 2015, the Mathematics Department proposed that students wishing to study **Advanced Programme Mathematics** be grouped together. This has been a successful strategy. The Grade 11 AP Mathematics class has remained close to 30 students in a class and in the July examination; this class attained an **average of 79% for Mathematics**. This is no mean feat and we commend these students on a superb set of results. We expect great things from this class.

I would like to end with Wayde van Niekerk's post-race tweet *"I think the sky's the limit. There is no way that I am going to limit myself. I am going to try and better myself every time I have the opportunity to race"*.

If this is the advice of an exceptional athlete, I encourage the students of St Peter's College to take this to heart and follow his example as we enter into the final term of 2016.

Within the next couple of weeks we will honour the 'Top Ten' at a Headmaster's Assembly. May this be the inspiration for our students to **make the sky their limit**.

I wish all our students much academic success in Term 3.

Mrs Shelly Matthews

Deputy Headmistress: Academics

English Olympiad

I am delighted to inform you that our 27 English Olympiad entrants attained wonderful results this year!

Collectively they achieved **3 Golds; 10 Silvers; 10 Bronzes** and **4 Merits**.

A special well done to **Cheyan Davidson (Grade 12)**, who was among the top 50 in the country, and won a year's free tuition at Rhodes University!

The English Department members who assisted with preparing these students can be duly proud!

Mrs Charmaine Sandnes

HOD: English

Advanced Programme Maths Holiday Workshop

Five dedicated students with one amazing teacher, is how the Matric Advanced Programme Mathematics class completed the syllabus during the second week of the holidays.

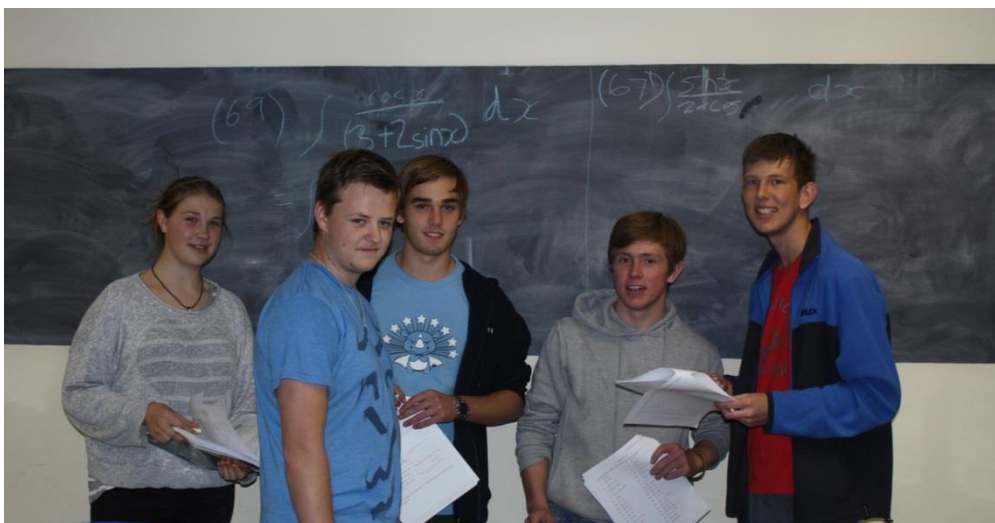
We warmed up our brains each morning by learning to question all facts and "Not to believe everything we are told" because people's perceptions are shaped by what they themselves believe. We explored some history about our amazing world as well as Maths and the Sciences.

With our brains all ready and warmed up, we went into the lesson questioning EVERYTHING that Mrs Louw taught us - especially the completely new sections which included Integration techniques and applications.

We had three sessions of work each day. Sessions were divided by different breaks: We had a uniquely designed basketball tournament each day to get fresh air and exercise our bodies after having fried our minds. We enjoyed sharing stories together over a delicious hot lunch kindly arranged for us.

We ended the day with a creative task to give our left brains a rest from 1 + 1's where we created a promotional video to inspire others to enjoy Maths and join the Advanced Programme.

But by the end of the week I would change nothing. We have learned so much from each other and had tremendous fun together, challenging each other... besides being ready for anything they can throw at us in our AP Maths exam, or on the basketball court.



Thank you to Mrs Louw for giving up a week of your holidays to teach us.

Nicholas Hofman (Grade 12)

Paint Night

The Visual Art Department in association with the Matric Dance Committee held its inaugural 'Paint Night' on 2 August 2016. Although it was still a chilly winter's night, many creatively inspired moms and teachers came out to support the initiative. The evening was warmed by the wine and hot chocolate we enjoyed together while painting brightly coloured sunflowers.

Thank you to Annette Wietzorrek, our guest artist/teacher, who guided us step by step through the process of painting the cheerful subject. The resulting artworks radiated colour and light of which Van Gogh would have been proud!

Mrs Avril Swanepoel

HOD: Creative Arts



School Shop News

2017 Textbooks

Grades 9, 10 and 11 have been given their quotes or order forms for their textbooks for 2017. The deadline for the return and payment of the books is **Thursday 15, September**. Please give this your urgent attention. Should you require a copy of the quote, form or letter, please email Nerina at deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za.

Current Grade 8s will get their quotes on Monday, 19 September and the deadline for the return and payment of the textbooks will be Monday, 26 September.

PLEASE ensure that your textbook payment is made into the correct bank account with your child's name and surname as reference – see details on your child's quote or order form.

School Shop Accounts

Statements have been sent out to those who for some reason have a debit balance. Please check the statement and call Mrs Wheeler at the School Shop on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday if you have any queries or concerns regarding the statement or email at 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.

School Shop Hours

Please note that the School Shop hours are as follows:

Mon, Tues and Thurs 07:00 to 15:00

Wed and Fri 07:00 to 13:00

Students may only shop before school, during break, lunch and after school and not during their lesson or prep periods. Parents and students are requested not to disturb the staff once the shop is closed as this time is used for admin purposes should the staff still be in the shop.

Kind regards

Mrs Nerina Deeb and Mrs Cynthia Wheeler

St Peter's College School Shop

Sports News

Swimming

The **CGA Senior Short Course Champs** was held 29 - 31 July 2016 at Wahoo and St Peter's was well represented:

- Ethan Bainbridge, Nicole Hepplewhite Gold – Mixed 200m Medley Relay
- Alexander Krastanov – Gold 50m backstroke, Gold 100m backstroke, Silver 200m backstroke, Silver 200 metre Freestyle Relay
- Sean Moodley – Gold 50m backstroke, Gold 100m Fly, Silver 100m Free, Gold 200m Free Relay, Gold 50m Fly, Gold 100m backstroke, Gold 100m Free, Gold 200m Back, Bronze 200m Free
- Yuvish Premlall – Gold 200m Breast, Bronze 100m Breast, Silver 200m Free Relay, Silver 200m Medley relay
- Fadhil Saleh - Gold 200m Free Relay
- Nabil Saleh - Gold 200m Free Relay
- Kevin Shang – Silver 100m breast, Gold 200m Free Relay, Silver 50m breast
- Nicholas van Niekerk – Bronze 50m Backstroke, Gold 200m Free Relay, Silver 200m medley relay.

Some of our swimmers also made the times for the **Open SA Short Course Swimming Champs** in Pietermaritzburg held 25 August 2016 - 28 August 2016, with some of the swimmers achieving personal bests, namely:

- Ethan Bainbridge
- Jamie Edwards
- Nicole Hepplewhite
- Alexander Krastanov
- Sean Moodley
- Kevin Shang

News for 2016 Matrics

Intro to B Comm and Bridge Accounting Courses for 2016 Matrics - January 2017

BTG Consulting offers high impact Intro to B Comm and Bridge Accounting Courses to ex-matrics in January 2017, just before the students head off to university. Taking note of the fact that many matric students either do not take accounting or business studies at school, or in many cases neither of these subjects, but are planning to study a commerce degree, they have developed 2 courses in partnership with UCT, Maties, UJ, Wits and Tuks to address common problem topics in accounting, economics, statistics and management accounting.

Given the fact that South African universities are under immense pressure at the moment and certain cracks are appearing, these courses aim to support first year students by building a solid knowledge base and also to help reduce the large number of first year course changes that we are seeing in our universities.

The courses will be presented in the second week of January at St. John's College. All the information and registration steps can be found on www.btgconsulting.co.za

USA University Presentations

Students who are interested in studying overseas are invited to attend presentations by a number of international universities during September 2016 at Crawford College Sandton. Please contact Marion Hind on 083 444 5949 or mhind@crawfordschools.co.za or worldclassapplications@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: 14h30

Venue: Crawford College Sandton Media Centre

ST ANDREWS UNIVERSITY (SCOTLAND) Presented by Admissions Officers

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER: 19h00

Venue: Crawford College Sandton Hall

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, DUKE UNIVERSITY

<https://ugadmission.northwestern.edu/register/Johannesburg> - Presented by Admissions Officers

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: 18h00

Venue: Crawford College Sandton Hall

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

<https://apply.dartmouth.edu/register/joint-travel-johannesburg>

Presented by Admissions Officers

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: 14h30

Venue: Crawford College Sandton Media Centre

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Presented by Admissions Officers

The Link Literacy and Numeracy Support Programme

Volunteers Required



The banner features a collage of images showing children and adults engaged in reading and learning activities. On the left is the logo for 'the love trust' with the tagline 'A JOURNEY OF HOPE'. The main text describes the program as a literacy and numeracy support programme for children from underprivileged backgrounds in Grade 2 and 3, using volunteers for 1-on-1 or 2-on-1 sessions. It highlights the need for volunteers at Nokuphila School (President Park) and states that it only takes 2 hours a week to make a difference. Contact information for Sally du Plessis is provided, along with the website www.thelinkliteracyproject.co.za.

