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**ST PETER'S
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HEADMASTER'S FINAL SPEECH



The Right Reverend Dr. Steve Moreo Bishop of the Diocese of Johannesburg, Reverend Trevor Prince, our ISASA District Director, Mrs. Patti Blackhurst and Mr Paul Edey, Chair of the PA Ms Nosizwe Hude, Rector of the St Peter's Preparatory Schools, Mr Rob Macauley, members of council and the PA, former and current parents, our Alumni, staff and most importantly the students of St Peter's College – I am honoured by your presence today.

Reflecting on my 22-year journey with this incredible institution, I find a profound connection between my experiences and the beautiful words of our College song, "**Fill the World with Love.**"

In the morning of my career, much like the sunrise, I was filled with the excitement and promise of new beginnings. The world of education was fresh and full of possibilities. As the song beautifully expresses, I sought the blessing to be brave, strong, and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through. This early stage was about laying a foundation, not just for myself, but for the countless young minds that passed through these halls.

As I moved into the noontime of my tenure, symbolized by the bright, steady sunshine, I found my role evolving. The sky was blue, and my mission remained unchanged: to be brave, strong, and true. It was during these years that I saw the fruits of our collective labour – students achieving, teachers inspiring, and a community growing.

The song's refrain, to fill the world with love, became my daily mantra as we worked together to build a nurturing environment that fostered both academic excellence and personal growth.

Now, as I approach the evening of my professional life, I look to the sunset with a sense of fulfilment. The moments of night drawing near remind me of the natural closure that follows a day well spent. The poignant question the song poses, "Was I brave and strong and true? Did I fill the world with love my whole life through?" resonates deeply with me. Over the past 22 years, I have thrived to embody these values in every decision, every challenge, and every triumph we have faced together.

To our beloved students, remember that every morning of your life is a chance to look to the sunrise with hope and determination. Be brave, be strong, and be true in all your endeavours'. To my dedicated colleagues, continue to look to the sunshine, bringing light and warmth into the lives of those you teach. And to the entire St Peter's College community, may you always seek to fill the world with love, in every phase of life, just as our College song inspires us to do.

As I say goodbye, I carry with me the love and lessons we have shared. I am confident that this institution will continue to thrive and grow, guided by the timeless principles encapsulated in our song.

As I reach the closing chapter of this remarkable journey, I find myself looking back, cherishing the good times—the countless moments of laughter, growth, and inspiration. The bad times? We'll leave those behind. And now, like many of you, I think about the future. We start to wonder, "What's next? Where will I be in ten years?" But I say to you, "Please, don't worry too much about that."

Life moves fast, far quicker than we realize. My time here, just like yours, has been fleeting—a blink, really. But if you ever find yourself in a moment of uncertainty, look to the fields, the courts, the classrooms, where students still run, learn, and dream. Think of the joy, the lessons learned, and the countless lives touched.

And when you're overwhelmed, look to the evening sky. When the stars shine bright, and a shooting star streaks across the night, remember to make a wish. Think of our school and the community we built together. Remember the magic in these moments and make your life spectacular, as we all did here—through sports, through passion, through education, and through each other. I know I did and I'm grateful to have shared this journey with all of you.

It's hard to believe that this chapter is ending. Over the last 22 years, St Peter's College has become more than just a workplace—it's been my second home. Every corner of this campus holds a memory, every face has contributed to the story we've written together. As I prepare to leave, my heart is filled with immense gratitude for the journey I've had here, and I'd like to take a moment to thank the people who have shaped this path.

First and foremost, **Debbie Tudhope and Graham Howarth**. Over 22 years ago, you sat across from me in an interview and saw something in a young man filled with hope but tempered with some self-doubt. You believed in me, gave me an opportunity, and set in motion the most incredible journey of my career. Your trust became the foundation upon which I built my path at St Peter's College, and for that, I will always be profoundly grateful. Thank you for seeing the potential in me and for giving me the chance to serve this incredible community.

Debbie, without you and Rick and the unwavering support and vision you both brought to the College, St Peter's would not be the exceptional institution it is today. The foundations you laid—both in spirit and in infrastructure—have left an indelible mark. Your vision for building the Wahoo Aquatics Centre was nothing short of transformative. It not only put St Peter's College on the map but also set a standard of excellence that continues to inspire us all. That legacy lives on to this day in the capable hands of **Mike van Hille**.

To **Father Trevor Prince**, my constant source of wisdom and spiritual guidance from the very beginning. Fr Trevor, you've been there for every triumph and every challenge, offering me support, encouragement, and unwavering faith. You've helped me to keep my feet on the ground, and in difficult times, you reminded me to lead with humility, compassion, and grace.

Throughout your time with us, you have shown unwavering dedication and your commitment to upholding the values of our faith has been a guiding light for us all. Your words of wisdom and compassionate guidance have touched the lives of countless individuals, offering solace in times of need and inspiring hope in times of challenge. I can attest to this on a personal level, and I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering support and spiritual guidance you provided to me and my family, especially during the challenging time during Miguel's cancer journey. Your wisdom and compassion were a guiding light for Vanessa and I, and we will forever be grateful for your presence in our lives.

To the late **Mike Ilsley**, the then-Chairman of Council, who believed in me when very few did. Mike, took a chance on me, appointing me as Headmaster almost 10 years ago. He saw something in me that, at times, I wasn't even sure of myself. His faith in my leadership gave me the opportunity to lead this College with purpose and pride. I am forever grateful for the confidence he placed in me, and I hope I have lived up to the trust he invested. I would like to take a moment to also sincerely thank **Jenny Leclezio**, who, as the Head of the College HR Subcommittee at the time, played a pivotal role in supporting my appointment as the Headmaster of St Peter's College. Jenny, your guidance, dedication, and collaboration with Mike Ilsley during that process meant the world to me and laid the foundation for what has been an incredible journey. Your belief in my vision and leadership made all the difference, and I will always be grateful for the trust and support you extended to me.

I want to give a special mention to **Lynda Kirkland** and **Cath Dracatos**. You both started this journey with me 22 years ago, and your unwavering support and friendship over the years have meant the world to me.

We've seen this College grow and evolve together, and I wouldn't have made it through many of the difficult days without your encouragement. You've stood by me through it all, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

To the iconic **Izak Botha**, a man I have had the privilege of journeying with across three schools. Izak, we began this adventure as two young, impressionable teachers, eager to make a difference in education. Through the years, your support and friendship have been constant, and you have truly been a gem—both as an educator and as a human being. Your integrity, your passion for education, and your kindness have made an immeasurable impact on me. You are one of the finest people I know, and I am incredibly fortunate to have shared this journey with you.

As I reflect on my incredible journey at St Peter's College, I would be remiss not to acknowledge one of the key pillars of my support and success during these years: **Shelly Matthews**. For two decades, Shelly walked this path with me, not only as an exceptional colleague but also as a cherished friend.

Shelly, your unwavering support, wise counsel, and genuine friendship have meant the world to me. You have been a steadfast presence through the triumphs and challenges, always leading with grace and integrity. As Deputy Headmistress of Academics, you set a benchmark of excellence that transformed the academic landscape of the College. Under your leadership, the academic standards at St Peter's College improved exponentially. Your tireless commitment to innovation, your meticulous attention to detail, and your dedication to our students' success have left an indelible mark on this institution.

It has been one of my greatest privileges to work alongside you, and I cannot thank you enough for the profound impact you have had on my journey and on the College. I will carry the memories of our partnership and friendship with me always.

I want to take a moment to recognize and thank **Brian Armitage**, who has walked alongside me for the past 18 years. Brian, you are, without a doubt, the finest Head of Student Affairs in South Africa. Your ability to connect with students, to understand them, and to guide them is unmatched. Not only are you a superb educator, but your sense of humour, wisdom, and insight have made this journey so much richer for me. And, of course, I can't forget to mention—you also happen to know a thing or two about rugby! Thank you for your unwavering support, your friendship, and for always being there when it mattered most.

To our incredible executive team, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude. To **Fr. Kabelo Motlhakane**, our Chaplain, Head of Transformation, and undisputed Head of Fashion at St Peter's College — thank you for your spiritual guidance and leadership in fostering inclusivity. Your wardrobe is as inspiring as your sermons, Father! St Peter's is blessed to have a Chaplain who can not only deliver the gospel but also serve looks that would make Paris Fashion Week jealous.

Sasha Govender, our Marketing Manager, your dedication and creativity have strengthened the St Peter's College brand and positioned us for continued growth. **Mervin Naidoo**, our Business Manager, thank you for your steady hand and strategic insight, which have ensured the College's financial stability. St Peter's College is in excellent hands, and I have no doubt the school will continue to thrive under your leadership.

A special word of thanks to **Toni Minnie**, our Human Resources Manager. Toni, your unwavering support of me as Headmaster has been a pillar of strength, but above all, I am profoundly grateful for your friendship. Your kindness and wisdom have made a lasting impact on me, and I will always cherish the bond we share.

Thank you, **Ryan Hammond**, for your unwavering commitment and passion for academics at St Peter's College. Your innovative approach and collaborative efforts have been instrumental in driving academic excellence and supporting both students and staff. Your dedication is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for the meaningful impact you continue to make.

Now, to two remarkable individuals who have served this College even longer than I have—**Dario Doneda** and **Lovemore Ngobene**. Dario, your passion for drama and the arts has inspired countless students over the years. Your creativity, dedication, and ability to bring out the best in everyone who steps onto the stage have made the **Dario Doneda Drama Studio** a cornerstone of our school's cultural life. Lovemore, you have quietly been the backbone behind so much of what we do at St Peter's. Your tireless work in the **Lovemore Ngobene Print Room** has ensured that everything runs smoothly, and you have been a constant, reliable presence for as long as I can remember. Both of you are true legends at this school, and your contributions will be remembered for generations to come.

As I reflect on my journey at St Peter's College, I cannot help but feel a deep sense of gratitude for the heart and soul of this campus—our facilities team. To our extraordinary Facilities Manager, **John Mabvira**, and the entire facilities team, I want you to know how much I respect and admire the work you do. You are the backbone of this College, ensuring that every corner of our campus runs smoothly, safely, and beautifully.

While every member of the team has played a vital role in the success of this College, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge three individuals who hold a special place in this community. **Bra Dumi and Victor Gumbo**, who has been here even longer than I have, your years of service and loyalty to St Peter's are nothing short of inspiring. And to **Ma Jo**, your passion for the College shines through in everything you do.

I want to take a moment to personally thank **Dave Short** for the many years of dedication and outstanding contribution you have made to St Peter's College. Your commitment and leadership in the Sports Department have been truly exceptional. The superb job that you, **Christelle** and your team are doing in taking our sports program to even greater heights is evident in the achievements of our students and the pride they have in representing the College.

Your vision and passion have not only enhanced our sports offering but also strengthened the values and spirit of our community.

Please know how much your hard work is valued and appreciated. I am confident that the future of sport at St Peter's College will continue to thrive under your guidance.

I am reminded of the early days when this wonderful space was just beginning to take shape. Those were fledgling times when we had very little but a vision and the determination to make it a reality. I had the privilege of sharing those formative years with two of our iconic and legendary founding members, **Lisa Ann Hayes and Adam Dobson**, our then Deputy Headmaster of Academics. What a long way we have all come since those days of humble beginnings, and how remarkable it has been to witness the transformation of St Peter's College into the institution it is today.

To Adam and Lisa, your friendship and unwavering support over the years have been invaluable to me. You have both been pillars of this community, shaping not only the school but also the lives of countless students and colleagues. You will always remain institutions at St Peter's College, and your impact will be felt for generations to come.

And Lisa, it would be remiss of me not to invoke a quote from your favourite, Winnie The Pooh, which feels so apt for this occasion: "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Truly, I am incredibly fortunate to have shared this journey with you.

And of course, to every **staff member** who has been part of this journey – there are too many to mention. Whether you've been here for a few months or for the entire two decades, your passion and dedication to St Peter's College have been the heartbeat of this community. I am proud of the incredible team we've built together, the challenges we've overcome, and the lives we've impacted. Each one of you has a story to tell with me—a moment shared, a lesson learned, or a challenge tackled together—and I am deeply grateful for the journey we have walked side by side. You have gone above and beyond for the students and for one another, and that is the legacy you will carry forward long after I'm gone.

To the **students**, past and present, you are the reason we do what we do. Your energy, curiosity, and growth have been the greatest reward of my career. Watching you develop from shy Grade 8s into confident young adults ready to take on the world has been a privilege. Each of you leaves a mark on this school, and I hope that in some way, I have left a mark on you too.

To the **entire St Peter's community**: parents, alumni, and everyone who has walked this journey with us. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your unwavering belief in what we stand for.

I now want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to my family, who have been my anchor throughout my journey at St Peter's College. To my wife, **Vanessa**, and my son, **Miguel**, thank you for your unwavering love, patience, and support. I know that my tenure here has required countless hours away from home—hours that should have been spent with you.

There were sacrifices made, moments missed, and times when my responsibilities here weighed heavily on all of us. But through it all, you stood by me, encouraging me to pursue my dreams and dedicate myself fully to this incredible school.

Now, as this chapter closes, it's time for me to give back to you—the family who has always been my foundation. It's time to be more present, to share more moments, and to give you the time and attention you so deeply deserve. Vanessa, your strength and understanding have been my rock. Miguel, your energy and joy have been a constant reminder of what truly matters in life. Without both of you, I could not have achieved what I did here at St Peter's College. You are my greatest blessing, and I am so grateful to now turn my focus back to the family that means everything to me. Thank you for walking this journey with me. This next chapter is for you.

As I step away from this role, my heart is full. Full of gratitude for the people who shaped me, full of pride for the legacy we've built together, and full of hope for the future of this incredible school. St Peter's College will always be a part of who I am, and though I may no longer walk these halls, a piece of me will always remain here. Thank you all for everything. I will miss you dearly, but I leave knowing that the spirit of St Peter's will continue to thrive, in each of you, for many years to come.

I have written this poem which reflects my deep pride in the relationships I have fostered, my gratitude for the staff and students, and my belief in the enduring power of the 4Rs and the Anglican foundation that guides St Peter's College forward.

"Where the Bells of St Peter's Ring"

In the halls of St Peter's, where sacred bells chime,
We've journeyed together, through heart, soul, and time.
With faith as our compass, and love as our guide,
We've nurtured a spirit that won't be denied.

Relationships first, the bonds that we share,
A family of hearts, in both joy and in care.
With each smile and embrace, we've built something strong,
A unity that will last, as life carries on.

Responsibility calls, in our hands it is held,
To lead and to serve, where wisdom has dwelled.
In classrooms, on fields, and beyond every wall,
We've learned to stand tall, when we stumble or fall.

With **Respect** as our mantle, we honour each name,
Every story, each voice, without fear or shame.
Through our **Anglican** roots, we've learned how to see,
The dignity in all, the strength to be free.

Resilience we've shown, when the road became tough,
Through trials and storms, we stayed strong enough.
In moments of doubt, we held to our faith,
And found in each other a shelter, a place.

Our **Anglican** heritage rich, in Christ we have found,
A foundation of hope, where love is unbound.
With hands raised in prayer, and hearts full of grace,
We've grown in His light; we've run a good race.

To the staff, who have given their wisdom and care,
You've lit every path with your kindness laid bare.
You've shaped every dream, you've nurtured each flame,
Your legacy here is more than a name.

To the students, now ready to rise and to soar,
Remember these values, they'll open each door.
Wherever you wander, wherever you roam,
These pillars of St Peter's will always be home.

Though I take my leave, my heart stays behind,
In the memories we've crafted, the futures we've signed.
So carry this torch, in your hands let it gleam,
For St Peter's lives on, in each hope, in each dream.

Our school motto, ***In Futurum Fortiter***—"Bravely into the Future"—perfectly captures the spirit of this remarkable school. It reminds us to step forward with courage, purpose, and unwavering determination, no matter the road ahead. St Peter's College has always been a place where we nurture bold thinkers, compassionate leaders, and resilient individuals who are unafraid to face the future with strength.

As I embark on a new chapter of my life, I take comfort in the words of Isaiah 40:31, my favourite Bible verse: "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." These words have carried me through difficult times and inspired me to keep going, trusting in the Lord's guidance and strength.

To the staff, students, parents, and everyone who has walked this journey with me—thank you. Thank you for your trust, your belief in our shared vision, and your commitment to making St Peter’s College the extraordinary place it is today. This is not goodbye but rather a heartfelt farewell as I leave with a deep sense of pride and an even deeper faith in the bright future that lies ahead for all of you.

May you continue to soar on wings like eagles, bravely into the future. ***In Futurum Fortiter.***

Rui Morais
Headmaster

THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



From the Chaplaincy, Transformation and Diversity Desk

As we approach the close of 2024, it is with gratitude and joy that we reflect on a year marked by meaningful worship, transformative learning and a deepened sense of community at St Peter's College. The journey of the Chaplaincy and Transformation & Diversity Office has been one of growth, resilience and celebration of our shared humanity.

Chapel Highlights

This year, the chapel became an even more dynamic space for spiritual connection with the introduction of a chapel band at all services. Their uplifting music and energy enriched our worship experiences, uniting the school community in moments of praise, reflection and joy. This addition brought a new vibrancy to our liturgical life, making each service an extraordinary encounter with God's presence.

The servers' group expanded to an impressive 65 students, exemplifying the enthusiasm for active participation in worship. We celebrated the baptism of one student and confirmation classes continued to grow with 13 candidates preparing for the next step in their faith journey. The inclusion of five staff members as lay ministers not only streamlined Eucharistic services but also deepened the sense of shared responsibility in our worship life.

THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



Transformation and Diversity Highlights

- In May, a four-part series on the nation's history encouraged us to engage with our collective past while looking toward unity and healing with Rev. Dr. Rudi Swanepoel reminding us of the transformative power of rebirth.
- Heritage Day brought cultural pride and celebration as Dr. Thebe Ikalfeng inspired us to build African excellence, complemented by a symbolic bread-sharing ceremony led by Grade 8 students
- Human Rights Day was a highlight with Caster Semenya sharing her inspiring story of resilience and advocacy
- Our investment in chapel resources, from new robes and chalices to advanced audio equipment, significantly enhanced the quality and inclusivity of worship
- Men's Mental Health and Social Analytics - June was dedicated to addressing men's mental health with efforts aimed at encouraging open dialogue and fostering understanding of young boys' mental health challenges

THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



As we celebrate this festive season, let us take time to reflect on the successes and lessons of the year. May we embrace the spirit of love, sharing and family, cherishing the bonds that unite us and the moments that have shaped us. This is a time to pause, celebrate our achievements and recommit to building a community grounded in compassion and hope. May the love of Christ fill your hearts, the joy of family and friends bring warmth to your homes, and the peace of this holy season renew your spirit.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

With gratitude and warm wishes,
Revd Kabelo Motlhakane

FOOTBALL



The Boys u15 Team winning the Plate section at Brebner High

St Peter's College Football: A Season of Growth and Achievement

St Peter's College has seen a significant uptick in its football programme this year with both boys' and girls' teams making notable strides. The programme, which kicked off with preseason training and friendly fixtures in the first two terms, has aimed to foster a love for the beautiful game, develop technical skills and instil a strong team ethic.

The St Stithians Easter Festival provided an excellent platform for both the boys' and girls' first teams to gain valuable experience against top schools. This exposure allowed the players to test their abilities and learn from their peers.

The Boys 1st Team at the St Stithians Easter Festival



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Our Girls Team crowned champions of the CEPSS League

The u15 boys' team impressed at the Brebner High School tournament, showcasing their resilience and determination by winning the plate section despite the cold weather conditions in Bloemfontein.

They carried this momentum into the St David's Challenge Cup where they continued to deliver strong performances.

The u14 boys' team narrowly missed out on the Parktown Boys High tournament final, reaching the semi-finals. Both the first boys' and girls' teams made their mark at the St Peter's College Sports and Cultural Festival with the boy's team finishing 8th in the tournament. This year saw our Girls' 1st Team, Boys' u15 Team and Boys' u14 Team win their respective age divisions in the Co-eds Private Schools Soccer League.

Our Boys u14 Team are crowned champions of the CEPSS League



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The success of these teams is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both the coaching staff and the players. The programme's focus on player development, combined with a competitive spirit, has undoubtedly contributed to these achievements. As the season draws to a close, St Peter's College looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing to elevate its football programme in the years to come.



LIFE ORIENTATION

Over Term 3 the Life Orientation department have introduced some additions to our current syllabus and assessments rolled out.

We are seeing a greater value in having our seniors create study timetables and have had significant buy-in regarding the idea behind planning their studies well ahead of the examinations. The resulting feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from our students and parents alike.

We have also implemented online class tests to ascertain whether our students understand the value of learning the theory behind the subject and curriculum. Our revamped reflection has allowed for greater input from our students to look at areas that we are succeeding in and areas of improvement.

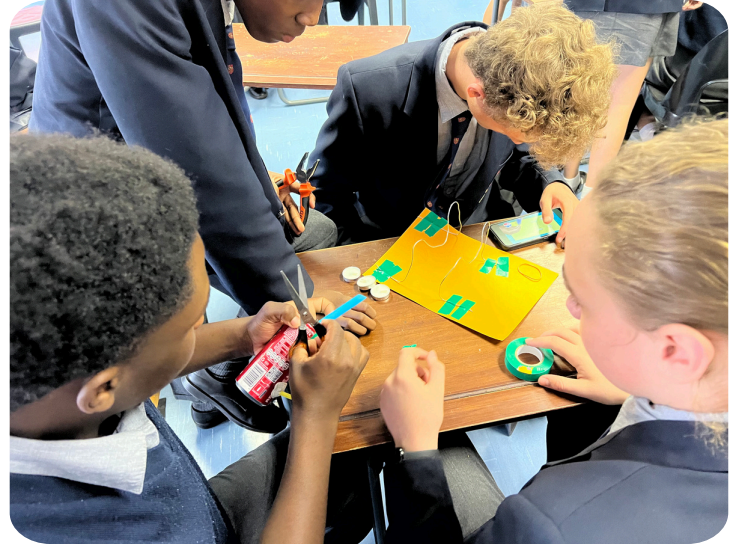
It has been a successful term with the subject gaining rigour and the impetus to make a lifelong impact.

BUSINESS STUDIES

2024 Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Day: a showcase of innovation and enterprise.

On the 20th and 21st of September 2024, our school came alive with energy and innovation as the Grade 9 learners hosted their much-anticipated Entrepreneurship Day. This annual event, a highlight of the EMS (Economic and Management Sciences) curriculum, proved to be a resounding success, showcasing the creativity, teamwork and business acumen of our young entrepreneurs.

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PA celebration of entrepreneurial spirit, the Entrepreneurship Day aimed to give learners a hands-on experience of starting and running a business. Over the two days, the Grade 9 students transformed the school grounds into a bustling marketplace, featuring a diverse array of stalls selling handmade crafts and entertainment services. From trendy accessories to toys and fun games, the learners displayed remarkable ingenuity in meeting customer needs and preferences.

The event drew an enthusiastic crowd including fellow students, teachers and parents, all eager to support the budding entrepreneurs. The atmosphere was vibrant with music and laughter as learners enthusiastically pitched their products to customers.

The success of Entrepreneurship Day serves as a reminder of the immense potential within our learners and the value of practical experiential learning.

SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Term 3 of 2024 has been a season of innovation, creativity and collaboration for the Sciences Department at St Peter's College. From engaging practicals to interdisciplinary projects, students and teachers alike have demonstrated a commitment to dynamic, hands-on learning.

Life Sciences: Hands-On Learning

The Life Sciences teachers made practical skills the focus this term, creating an immersive environment where students could connect theory to practice. Through detailed dissections, microscopy work and ecological investigations, learners honed their observational and analytical skills while exploring the wonders of the biological world.

A standout initiative for the Grade 9 Life Sciences team was their collaboration with the IT department for the One Problem One Week (OPOW) project. Students combined their understanding of the circulatory system with coding skills to develop arcade-style games. This interdisciplinary approach not only deepened their knowledge of biology but also allowed them to creatively apply their learning in an exciting and modern way.

Physical Sciences:

Leveraging technology and creativity, the Physical Sciences teachers embraced cutting-edge technology this term, utilizing PASCO equipment to conduct experiments exploring the principles of momentum and impulse. These investigations gave students a deeper understanding of how forces interact in real-world contexts, supported by accurate data collection and analysis tools.

Meanwhile, the Grade 8 OPOW project was a testament to the power of collaboration across disciplines. Partnering with the History department, students explored the Industrial Revolution by applying their Physical Sciences skills to build steam-powered fans using recyclable materials. This innovative project combined historical context with scientific inquiry, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and sustainable practices.

Celebrating Success and looking ahead, this term's achievements showcase the strength of St Peter's College's holistic approach to science education. By blending practical skills with interdisciplinary projects and modern technology, the Sciences Department continues to inspire curiosity and a love for discovery.



We are proud of our students for their enthusiasm and creativity and we applaud our dedicated teachers for their efforts in crafting such meaningful learning experiences. With a term full of accomplishments, we eagerly look forward to what the next chapter will bring!

The Technology Department

One of the topics of Technology is the section on processing. This section is included to create an awareness of the steps that products undergo before reaching the shelves in retail stores. This was the central theme of the Grade 8 Chocolate Project where students needed to investigate the process of melting chocolate and placing it in moulds. This is a skill, too quick, and the chocolate crystallises and turns to sugar. Additionally, students needed to find a creative idea that would make their product more marketable. This project was most successful and students had fun learning and making chocolates. Some groups even debuted on social media with created costumes. This project is the brainchild of the ingenious and multi-talented, Mr Dylan Cooper.

On the other hand, the Grade 9 IT students had the opportunity to engage in a project that allowed them to understand and interpret the technical specifications of computers and, thereby, mobile devices. Through a series of three tasks students were led to research the components that are essential to an ICT system and how these function together to allow for data to be input and then results to be output to the user.

They, then, needed to expand their knowledge to be able to compare systems and, thereafter, explored the various speeds and capabilities of these components. The last phase of the project saw them designing a presentation to propose a new computer model to replace the existing ones in the computer centre.

Grade 11 Geography Outing

On 17 October, the Grade 11 Geography students and some of the school's environmental club embarked on an exciting outing to the Cullinan Diamond Mine. This trip provided students with a unique opportunity to explore one of South Africa's most famous diamond mines and the charming town that developed around it. The visit allowed our students to witness the processes involved in diamond mining and enjoy the town of Cullinan which has a rich history tied to the mine.

IEB Marker and Moderator Appointments

A number of our teachers have been appointed to various roles by the IEB this year. Congratulations to our staff. This is of great value to the school as the teachers gain valuable understanding on aspects of assessment in their respective subjects. Here is a summary of staff selected for various roles:

Accounting: Marker

Afrikaans: 4 Markers; 4 Oral Moderators

Business Studies: Senior Marker, SBA Moderator and Marker

Dramatic Arts: Marker, PAT Moderator and SBA Moderator

English: Senior Marker and Marker

Further Studies English: Marker

Further Studies Mathematics: Marker

Geography: Markers, 2 SBA Moderators and National SBA Moderator

French: Senior Marker

History: Examiner (May Examination) and Senior Marker

isiZulu: 2 Markers

Information Technology: Marker

Mathematics: Senior Marker and 3 Markers

Mathematical Literacy: Marker

Life Sciences: Senior Marker, Marker and 2 PAT Moderators

Physical Science: 2 Markers and SBA Moderator

CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR TERM 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
6- 8 September	Music Bootcamp
7- 8 September	Debating Provincial championship (after many years' absence we broke to the level again in 2024!)
14- 15 September	Debating Provincial championship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
19 - 22 September	Sport and Cultural Festival
25 September	Inter-House Dance competition
27 September	Marimba and Jazz band festival

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
7 October	Music Department external event
16 October	Annual Art exhibition
4 November	Gr 8 Drama Showcase

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