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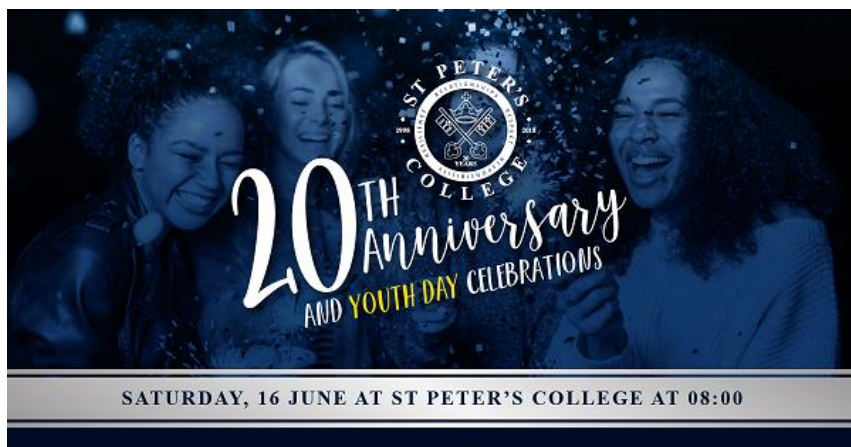
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## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents & Students,

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

I hereby extend an invitation to our greater St Peter's College Community to our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Youth Day Celebrations. On Saturday, 16 June you are invited to a Eucharist presided by the Bishop of the Diocese of Johannesburg, the **Right Reverend Steve Moreo**, which will also incorporate the blessing of the Administration Block, as well as, a celebration of sport and culture incorporating a derby day with Cornwall Hill College. Invitations have been sent out in a myriad of forums, such as, Facebook, email, etc and we kindly request that you [RSVP](#) to give us an indication of the numbers to expect on the day.



#### STAFF MATTERS:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Odelle Howard our Deputy Head of Student Affairs on being promoted to the Principal position at Reddam House Waterfall. This is a wonderful opportunity for Odelle and we wish her much success in her future role. In terms of the Deputy Head of Student Affairs position we have re-aligned the executive roles at the College, and I am happy to announce that Mr Brian Armitage will take over Mrs Howard's role with effect 01 September 2018, hence at the start of Term 3.

Ms Delene Theunissen our Afrikaans teacher has also resigned. I am happy to announce that Mrs Natania van Rooyen who is an Afrikaans teacher at Dominican Convent has accepted the Afrikaans position at the College.

Both Odelle and Delene have given a full term's notice and will depart at the end of Term 2.

#### SECURITY:

It was with a great deal of interest that I read our security report this past month which has some very interesting statistics. The following were reported as "**stolen**" to our security personnel during the period January to April:

- 14 Mobile phones
- 8 Laptops
- 1 iPad
- 2 Blazers

What is interesting is that all these items were **reported as stolen but were later found**. As a school we often are faced with very irate parents and students because of items that go missing. In most cases the school is blamed for the lack of security and the accountability for these "**stolen**" items are placed solely on the shoulders of the school.

It is concerning that 8 laptops were reported as either stolen or missing, when we installed state of the art pigeon holes which are all monitored by a camera security system. This means that our students are not making use of this facility which has been provided for **ALL** our students.

What is evident from the majority of these incidents is that in most cases, the student has actually misplaced the cell phone or laptop. Fortunately, we recently upgraded the security systems at the College and installed over 60 new high resolution cameras in strategic areas on our campus. This allows our security in **most** cases to be able to trace these items and to return them to the relevant owner. These cameras also serve as a deterrent to would be thieves and we have found a marked drop in the number of stolen items on our campus.

Over the same period the following items were reported but we have unfortunately not been able to trace their whereabouts:

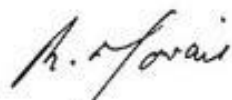
- 2 Mobile phones
- 1 Laptop charger
- 1 Matric jersey

In comparison I believe that this shows a marked improvement in our security systems at the College and I thank our Security Manager Mr Lance Camphor and his team on the wonderful role they have played in this process.

We are committed as a College to provide our students and parents with a safe environment.

**"In Futurum Fortiter"**

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster

## Drama Backstage Tour

On 25 April, some of the backstage crew, sound, and lighting team for this year’s production "The Great Gatsby" had the privilege and honour to get a backstage tour of the Teatro Theatre at Monte Casino, where currently The Sound of Music is being performed. We really got to see and learn all the ins and outs of the theatre as well as the history of the theatre and the productions that have been performed in the Teatro.

Our tour included sights such as the backstage, the automotive booth, the stage managers station, the orchestra pit, the quick-change area, the sound and lighting booth as well as walking on the stage. In each section, we learned just how important each section was for the production to run smoothly.



This tour gave us all real insight into how much effort from so many people it takes to put a show together and for it to run smoothly. We were told about each job and how much focus and dedication each person needs to have – from backstage crew to lighting teams, and of course, the actors.

We had the privilege and bonus feature of being able to talk to the automotive controller who showed us how they program and run each automotive (these are the set changes that are programmed by a computer and carried out electronically as opposed to having real people move set on and off the stage).

We also learned a lot from the sound director. Our sound and lighting team were in heaven and practically drooling when they saw all the equipment used to execute the sound and lighting for the show.

Overall the tour was extremely eye-opening, and I believe each one of us learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed it.

*Tatum McCraw (Grade 11)*

*Stage Manager – The Great Gatsby*

## Operations News

### Kitchen

The kitchen gets audited termly by Food Consulting Services and has achieved an excellent overall score, again in April. Hearty congratulations to Sharon Rabibal and her team on the fantastic results. Below is a summary of the areas that were audited and a comparison from audit to audit:

Audit Date	Surface Swabs	Hand Swabs	Food Samples	Water Samples	Overall Micro Index	Symbol	Visual Cleanliness	Cleaning Procedures	Food Safety	Documentation	Symbol	Facilities	Symbol
06/4/2017	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	A+	85%	69%	76%	41%	B	77%	B
5/10/2017	89%	100%	100%	100%	94%	A+	82%	93%	84%	85%	A	81%	A
11/4/2018	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	A+	92%	100%	90%	86%	A+	83%	A

### Drivers

Mr Daniel Selekisho and Mr Tyson Banda attended a **Defensive Driving and Hijacking Course** in the April holidays and successfully completed the course with an overall score of **One** achieving excellent driving standards. Our drivers complete this course every two years. They also underwent their six-monthly medicals and have both been declared fit.

Good news all round!

*Ms Cecilia Neto*

*Operations Manager*

## Co-Curricular News

### Cross Country

Our team has competed in a few meetings over the past couple of weeks. Although we faced a few cold afternoons and new routes, our athletes came out shining and attained some pleasing results. Some of the highlights include:

#### St Stithian's Meet 1

Nicole Diepeveen	(Senior Girl) 12th
Joshua Cope	(Junior Boy) 18th
Warwick Meth	(Junior Boy) 28th *

#### Delta Park Meet

Nicole Diepeveen	(Senior Girl) 11th
Emilie Krog	(Senior Girl) 12th
Noluthando Ntlekeni	(Senior Girl) 30th *
Cameron Pentz	(Senior Boy) 34th
Antonio Tinkler	(Senior Boy) 35th *
Joshua Cope	(Junior Boy) 26th
Warwick Meth	(Junior Boy) 30th

#### Summit College Meet

Emilie Krog	(Senior Girl) 7th *
Nicole Diepeveen	(Senior Girl) 12th
Nicole Hepplewhite	(Senior Girl) 24th *
Cameron Pentz	(Senior Boy) 23rd *
Dane Groves	(Senior Boy) 22nd *
Trésor Kabamba	(Senior Boy) 29th *
Daniella Dal Medico	(Junior Girl) 42nd *
Jonathan Bajomo	(Junior Boy) 34th *
Craig Plumb	(Junior Boy) 39th
Adriaan Schroeder	(Junior Boy) 72nd *

#### St Stithian's Meet 2

Emilie Krog	(Senior Girl) 8th
Nicole Diepeveen	(Senior Girl) 9th *
Nicole Hepplewhite	(Senior Girl) 29th
Kaitlin Elliott	(Senior Girl) 71st *
Cameron Pentz	(Senior Boy) 31st
Dane Groves	(Senior Boy) 32nd
Adriano Costa	(Senior Boy) 40th *
Warwick Meth	(Junior Boy) 30th
Jonathan Bajomo	(Junior Boy) 35th
Craig Plumb	(Junior Boy) 39th *

#### Inter Districts

These will take place on Monday, 28 May. Nicole Diepeveen and Emilie Krog have qualified and will be representing St Peter's at the event.

\* Personal Best place for the season

*Mr Ryan Hammond*  
*MIC Athletics*

## Squash

The squash teams have had an excellent start to the season of 2018. The u19 squad faced King David Victory Park and had a convincing win. The final score was 14-1 to St Peter's College. The same week, they faced Greenside and played equally as well, with all players winning their matches. The final score was 14-2 to St Peter's.

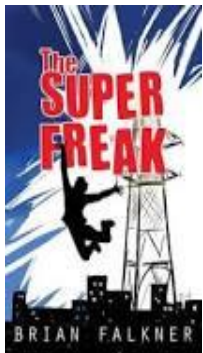


The u16 squad had their first match against Greenside. As a new team, they played with much heart and fire, but unfortunately lost 12-7 in the end, special mention to Tristan van den Heever who won his match. Well done to all the players.

*Mr Mathew Kirkland*  
*MIC Squash*

## Media Centre

Winter is here! Cuddle with a warm scarf and mug of coffee for the cold. Don't forget a **book** by your side. Pop in the Media Centre and pick up an interesting book that will keep you warm this winter. The Media Centre is open from 7:30 to 15:45, Monday to Friday.



### **This week's choice is The Super Freak by Brian Falkner**

Joseph discovers he has the power to get inside people's mind and make them do what he wants. Now he has to decide whether he will use his ability for good or evil. Joseph has good friends pushing him in one direction, but the school bully is making life tough for Joseph. Things come to head when the school is robbed, and Joseph is caught in the middle. (Goodreads, 2018).

*Ms Rachel Shika*  
*Librarian*

## Student Affairs

### Dale Carnegie Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who also attended and successfully completed the 2018 Dale Carnegie Course.



**Menzi Mahlangu**



**Mikhara Pather**



**Sicelo Mgaga**



**Jessica Frame**

*Mrs Odelle Howard*  
*Deputy Head: Student Affairs*



## Grade 10 Camp

Most of us expected Grade 10 camp to be like any other, having to 'rough it' in the woods for a few days and getting a few days to spend with friends and peers. I thought I would just long to get back to my warm bed and being able to order UberEats from my cell phone. However, the moment I embarked on that hike, I realised the experience would be a lot more than climbing mountain, it would be a mental journey.

The physical challenges were omnipresent from the moment we began. Having to lug around a heavy backpack while elevating yourself a few thousand metres takes a toll on the body. The descent was also a challenge with the slippery gravel requiring one to be extra cautious as one false step would lead to a tumbling down a mountain side. However, it was these temporary discomforts that gave me a new permanent mindset.

The mental challenges were a lot subtler, but they made camp incredibly memorable. Climbing the mountain showed physical strength, but to do so, one had to overcome a mental boulder. I believe the lessons I learnt can be best expressed through the College's 4 R's (Respect, Relationships, Resilience and Responsibility). Being stuck in the Drakensberg for a few days really teaches you the importance of relationships. Your friends and peers become more than just those mates you "skinner" with at lunch, you must depend on them for your survival. I believe that the painful yet rewarding experience of climbing a mountain brought us closer as a Grade, and as we are about to reach the midpoint of our high school career I do hope the Class of 2020 has become more united and stronger.

The DMC's (deep meaningful conversations) we had in our tents while it reached -10°C some nights, really taught us the value of respect. Carrying your own food, water and shelter doesn't only give you back problems but teaches the importance of responsibility.

Finally, the core value that was tested the most is Resilience. Being able to summit a mountain was a daunting but rewarding task. The experience was tumultuous, having a big backpack weigh on your shoulders, going up steep uphill's and the potential of slipping down the mountain, I questioned the necessity of continuing, but I kept putting one foot in front of the other. Eventually, I made it to the top. Now I believe, I can face any challenge.

So that was is the summary of my camp experience, I managed to **summit up!** Grade 8s and 9s, I hope I have not scared you away from Grade 10 Camp but rather inspired you to look forward to the challenges it holds because you will not regret it. One piece of advice that I would give to anyone is: Do not sweat the small stuff, because once you reach the top they will not matter.

### *Gathuku Matheri (Grade 10)*



## World Challenge Morocco Tour



What do you think when you hear the word Morocco? Stones, dust, sand, hot, desert. Well the challengers can attest that this was not really the case. We found lots of green areas beautiful oasis', extremely wintry weather and believe it or not even snow, yes snow! This is one of the highlights of our trip and one that none of the ten students who went on a World Challenge tour to Morocco during the April holidays will not soon forget.

Dressed in shorts and T-shirts we scrambled into warmer clothing when the bus stopped for a few minutes, then Snowball fight ensued, we took advantage of the unexpected weather. The cold and the wind made the trek phase more challenging, we covered 64km in four days. Congratulations to all the students who showed much resilience. We learnt that you can achieve more than what you think.

The Challengers were responsible for making the arrangements prior to and whilst on the trip thus allowing them to learn from their mistakes and were able to correct them without judgement. Organising accommodation, transport and working with a budget all proved to be challenging and many lessons were learnt. A new respect and appreciation for what parents manage and do daily was developed.

Living near ten other learners for two weeks proved challenging for many. The challengers learnt to compromise and the value of team work. The community project was an enormous success with Erin and Dimpho managing to negotiate a digger for free to help with the levelling of the ground. By the end of the project, a new playground for the children at the school was well on its way to completion.

Punctuality was a priority and so fines were handed out for tardiness. A total US\$25 was collected and this money was used to help pay for the final dinner. The R&R included a 2hr camel ride along the beach which was an enjoyable experience. Shopping was the order of the day and I can honestly say that I think the biggest shoppers were the boys who got gifts for mothers and other important people in their lives.

I would like to thank all the Challengers for a most memorable trip and to the parents for allowing their children to go on this tour. To everyone who assisted in this process with sponsorships and organising of visas a big thank you. Should you be interested in sending your son/daughter on a World Challenge expedition please contact me. [therons@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:therons@stpeterscollege.co.za). Destination 2019... NEPAL.

*Ms Sonja Theron*

*MIC World Challenge*



## World Challenge Information Evening

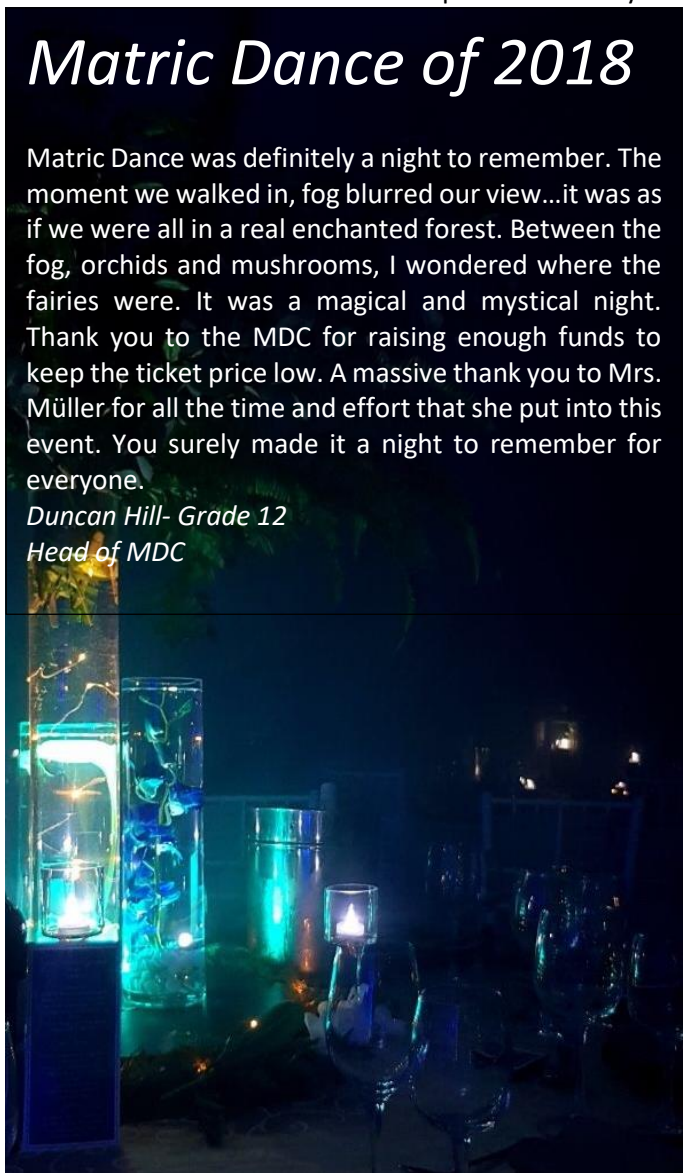
The 2019 World Challenge tour was launched during assembly on Wednesday 23 May. Destination NEPAL. There is a parent's information evening on Tuesday 29 May in the MADDitorium at 18:00 aimed at parents who have an interest in learning more about the World Challenge and may wish to send their child on the 2019 Destination NEPAL tour. Please contact me on [therons@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:therons@stpeterscollege.co.za) for any additional inquiries. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

*Ms Sonja Theron*

*MIC World Challenge*

### Matric Dance

The matrics had their dance last week Saturday. Once again, under the leadership of Mrs Anchen Müller, the committee delivered a spectacular event in honour of our senior students. Herewith a piece created by one of the senior students.



### The Great Gatsby Tickets

Tickets selling fast, so don't miss your opportunity to find out what makes Gatsby Great! Contact [milesc@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:milesc@stpeterscollege.co.za) to get your tickets.

